

CITY OF HARTFORD
COMBINED WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 15, 2010

Mayor Ted Johnson called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Members present: Rodney Austin; Frank Dockter; Rick Hall; Leo Latus; John Miller; John Pleyer and Ted Johnson.

Staff present: Akinwale; Beltran; Gray; Rodney-Isbrecht and Staunton

Motion by Hall, supported by Miller, to approve the agenda as amended to include a budget amendment.

Motion carried 7 – 0

Swearing in of 2010 Elected Officials: Rodney Austin, Frank Dockter and John Miller

Guests:

- ✓ Mickey Bittner – Wightman & Associates – Bid opening for the Well #6 took place November at City Hall, bids came in higher than expected, option one would be to award the contract at a higher cost to low bidder Concord Excavating & Grading, Inc. for \$712,420.59. Option two would be to scale back the scope of the project for the budgeted amount of \$499,368.00. Option three would be to reject all bids and re-bid the whole project. Recommends awarding the project to the low bidder Concord Excavating & Grading for \$712,420.59 and approving change order no. one at a reduced price of \$499,368.00, eliminating some items and scaling back on others. The grant award was \$441,000.00 for this project. June 7, 2011 is the completion date set for construction.

Public Comment: David Dill, 17 South Maple Street, complaint about the Community Center at 15 South Maple Street, concerning sound, snow and water run off. The City Manager had already talked with a contact representing the Center.

Communications were:

- a. Suggestion from Commissioner Austin to have a time set aside where two Commissioners were available to hear concerns or complaints other than Council Meeting times.
- b. November 29, 3:00pm Judge Buhl, Van Buren County Court, will hear the lawsuit that has been filed between the owners of 29 West Main Street, contractors and insurance companies.
- c. Utility companies have gotten together to promote energy efficiency by giving away 9 light bulbs, customers can apply by phone or web site.
- d. The date for the City's year in review has been set for January 8, 2011 at 8:00am, and combine the Workshop & Regular Commission meeting on January 17.

Approval of Commission Minutes:

Motion by Dockter, supported by Pleyer, to approve the minutes of the **October 25, 2010** regular meeting of the Hartford City Commission as presented and place them on file.

Motion carried 7 – 0

Goals/Objectives: Working on a grant application to extend the lighting system to East Main Street, changing the lights from double light posts to a single light post, changing the bulbs to make them energy efficient and replacing or extending sidewalk from Spaulding to Olds Ave.

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Approval of Reports:

Motion by Latus, supported by Miller, to approve the **October** departmental reports as presented and place them on file.

Motion carried 7 – 0

Motion by Hall, supported by Pleyer, to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of **\$114,687.26**

Motion carried 7 – 0

Old Business: 2nd Reading proposed amendment to Ordinance 92.03 Leash Requirements.

New Business:

- Call for a motion to change the Commissions workshop/regular meeting agenda format failed for lack of motion & support.

Motion by Dockter, supported by Pleyer, to accept Dora Portillo's resignation from the board of review.

Motion carried 7 – 0

Motion by Hall, supported by Miller, to amend the employee benefit's section XIV adding Subsection 1(a).

Motion carried 7 – 0

Motion by Hall, supported by Miller, to authorize a notice of intent for downtown infrastructure grant and approve the City's match commitment of \$56,040.00 from general & street funds for lighting and sidewalks.

Motion carried 7 – 0

Motion by Hall, supported by Latus, to award and approve contract revision no. 001 for the Well #6 project to Concord Excavating & Grading for \$499,368.00.

Motion carried 6 – 0 (Miller Abstained)

Motion by Austin, supported by Hall to approve budget amendment 001 increasing property replacement revenue by \$17,900; increasing sewer fund revenue by \$13,650 and increasing water fund revenue by \$11,850.00.

Motion carried 7 – 0

Motion by Miller, supported by Austin, to amend ordinance 92.03.

Resolutions: None

Motion by Hall, supported by Pleyer, to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 p.m.

Motion carried 6 – 1 (Austin)

Respectfully Submitted,

RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, City Clerk