

**MINUTES
CITY OF HARTFORD
FEBRUARY 16, 2016**

The City Council of the City of Hartford, Alabama, met in regular session in the conference room in city hall at 6:00 p.m. on February 16, 2016. The following members were present: Mayor Jeff Sorrells, Jo Ann Lindsey, Paul Fondren and Wendel Nolen. Absent: Michael Langford and Ted Thompson.

Others in attendance: Vicky Marsh, Zack Cooke, Dennis Dorriety, Jason Eubanks, Yolanda Watkins and Mr. & Mrs. William Gibbs.

Mayor Sorrells called the meeting to order and opened with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

With the council having read the minutes from the regular meeting of February 1, 2016, Mayor Sorrells asked the wishes of the council. Councilmember Fondren moved to approve the minutes of February 1, 2016, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Nolen. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Gibbs addressed the council concerning debris removal. He stated that he was advised by Mr. Dorriety that businesses must haul off clippings and bushes. He stated that city workers have side jobs on the weekend and they put the debris out by the road for the city to pick up. Mr. Dorriety stated that the city will pick up grass clippings but will not pick up bushes or trees that are cut by the contractor. Mr. Gibbs also stated that people are blowing the grass clippings into the storm drain causing draining issues. Mayor Sorrells asked him to call the police department when he saw someone blowing the clippings in the storm drain.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **YOLANDA WATKINS, RDS**– Mrs. Watkins discussed the benefits of Business License Discovery and Recovery. Since 2004 RDS has discovered 211,850 escaped business licenses in Alabama totaling more than \$38 million in delinquent business license fees for 298 jurisdictions in Alabama.
2. **JEAN SPIKES DRIVEWAY** – Councilmember Fondren moved to table until the next meeting, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Nolen. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.
3. **CONTRACT TO NEGOTIATE WHOLESALE POWER** – Attorney Eubanks stated that there are several firms in Birmingham that are experienced in negotiating this type of contract. He suggested getting a copy of the contract from another city.
4. **ABATEMENT OF PROPERTY 410 WEST COMMERCE** – Attorney Eubanks stated that letters need to be sent to last recorded owner and lien holder.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Sorrells

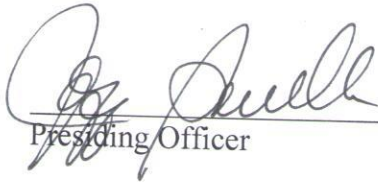
- Mayor Sorrells announced that Representative Donnie Chesteen will hold a town hall meeting on March 3rd, 6:00 pm at the Tea Room.

Councilmember Nolen

- Councilmember Nolen stated that several street lights are out on Highway 123 between the city shop and Railroad Avenue.

ADJOURNMENT:

With there being no other business to come before this regular meeting of February 16, 2016, Councilmember Nolen moved to adjourn, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Fondren. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.



Presiding Officer