

**MINUTES
CITY OF HARTFORD
FEBRUARY 18, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Hartford, Alabama, met in the conference room in city hall at 6:00 p.m. on February 18, 2020. The following members were present: Mayor Wendel Nolen, Jo Ann Lindsey, Bobby Burks, Ken Hales, Paul Fondren and Eria Sorrells.

Others in attendance: Annie Ward, Dennis Dorriety, Attorney Jeff Hatcher, Ashley Tate, Darrell Terry, Ronnie Driskell, Larry Hillard, Zane Fowler, Eva Watkins, Glenda Bennett, Burley Thames, Ann Palmer and Sarah Blackburn.

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

With the council having read the minutes from the regular meeting of February 3, 2020, Mayor Nolen asked the wishes of the council. Councilmember Fondren moved to approve the minutes of February 3, 2020, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Sorrells. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Larry Hillard Sr., 110 Hillcrest Avenue, stated there is a drainage issue at his house and asked for a blacktop berm at his driveway.

Mrs. Ann Palmer complained about horses, dogs and chickens in her neighborhood.

AGENDA:

1. **PUBLIC HEARING – REZONE R1 TO R2 ORDINANCE**– Adjoining landowners addressed concerns such as tenants and drainage issues. Mayor Nolen explained it will be a retirement age rental, not Section 8 housing. Attorney Hatcher stated covenants will need to be adopted to include age limit. Ordinance 02-18-20-1 to amend Zoning Ordinance was presented for the first reading.
2. **SEND TURNER SHELLEY TO FIRE SCHOOL** – Chief Andy Hovey requested permission to send Turner Shelley to rookie school. Chief Hovey asked that \$900 be reallocated to pay for the school. He also wants to pay him 40 hours a week while in school. Upon completion Turner Shelley will sign a two-year contract. Councilmember Fondren made a motion to pay Turner Shelley 40 hours a week while in school, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Sorrells. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof. Councilmember Fondren moved to create line item to reallocate funds for school, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Hales. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

3. **NEW CITY WEB SITE** – A discussion was held on changing web site provider to Municode. Mayor Nolen advised the council of issues with the current web site. The cost will be \$4600 for design and \$1800 annually for hosting fee. Councilmember Hales moved to contract with Municode for web site services, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Lindsey. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.
4. **FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE** – Ordinance 02-18-20-2 Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance was presented for approval. Councilmember Sorrells asked if we have similar ordinance. Attorney Hatcher stated it is required to be renewed every three years to be eligible for FEMA funds. He stated the Mayor enforces it or he can delegate those duties to someone else. Councilmember Fondren moved to adopt said ordinance, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Sorrells. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

MAYOR NOLEN

- Mayor Nolen presented two letters from the auditor for the councils review and signature.
- Mayor Nolen advised the Wiregrass Economic Development Annual Investors' Luncheon will be held on Monday, March 2nd at 11:30.

COUNCILMEMBER LINDSEY

- Councilmember Lindsey asked Dennis Dorriety to check lights around the square.

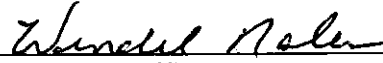
COUNCILMEMBER BURKS

- Councilmember Burks asked if sirens are working and he was advised all are working.

Mayor Nolen requested motion to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation and advised the audience there would be no more business discussed after executive session. Councilmember Fondren moved to go into executive session, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Hales. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof. No minutes are recorded during executive session. Councilmember Fondren moved to return to regular session, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Sorrells. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

ADJOURNMENT:

With there being no other business to come before this meeting of February 18, 2020, Councilmember Fondren moved to adjourn, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Sorrells. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.


Presiding Officer