

**MINUTES
CITY OF HARTFORD
MARCH 4, 2019**

The City Council of the City of Hartford, Alabama, met in the conference room in city hall at 6:00 p.m. on March 4, 2019. The following members were present: Mayor Wendel Nolen, Jo Ann Lindsey, Bobby Burks, Ken Hales, Paul Fondren, and Eria Sorrells.

Others in attendance: Vicky Marsh, Annie Ward, Dennis Dorriety, Andy Hovey, Vernon Alford, Jason Eubanks, Sarah Hodges, Neil Strickland, Ted Thompson, and Channon Grooms.

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 19, 2019, Mayor Nolen asked the wishes of the council. Councilmember Fondren moved to approve the minutes of February 19, 2019, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Sorrells. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Ted Thompson stated that the council needs to investigate ways to resolve zoning ordinance issues including livestock. He stated that the horse is an issue and the residents feel it is unjustified. Mayor Nolen stated the council will see what can be done.

AGENDA:

1. **MILLAGE RATE** – Councilmember Hales moved to continue with the current millage rate of 6.8, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Sorrells. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.
2. **OPEN BIDS FOR CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT** – Mayor Nolen opened the following bids: FNB bid 0.95% APY and Friend Bank bid 0.75% APY. Councilmember Sorrells moved to accept the highest bid from FNB, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Fondren. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.
3. **APPOINT RECREATION DIRECTOR** – Based on interviews conducted, Mayor Nolen recommended appointing Skylar Bauman as Recreation Director. Councilmember Fondren moved to appoint Skylar Bauman as Recreation Director, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Hales. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENTS:

Councilmember Burks

•Councilmember Burks asked about repaving Kirkland and Ollie Glass Avenue. Mayor Nolen advised that once the sewer project is complete, the council will get with the engineer about a paving project. Each councilmember will submit a list of streets that need repaving. Councilmember Burks advised that he submitted a list to the former mayor.

- Councilmember Burks asked about finding out the property owner's name where the horse is located. Chief Ward advised that Max Griffin owns the property.

Councilmember Hales

- Councilmember Hales asked about the attorney sending Max Griffin a letter about the horse located on his property.
- Councilmember Hales also discussed vehicles being parked in the street.

Councilmember Fondren

- Councilmember Fondren stated that the EMA Director needed to be contacted about the Everbridge System. He feels the city is not getting what they paid for.
- Councilmember Fondren inquired about the weather sirens. Chief Ward stated that the former mayor told her not to test them since Everbridge was up and running. The council agreed to test sirens on the first and third Thursday of each month.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:

Chief Ward

- Chief Ward requested that the health insurance probation period be waived on Tony Smith and Curtis Smith. Curtis Smith currently has BCBS insurance. Councilmember Fondren moved to waive Curtis Smith's insurance since he currently has BCBS, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Hales. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

ADJOURNMENT:

With there being no other business to come before this meeting of March 4, 2019, Councilmember Fondren moved to adjourn, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Hales. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.



Presiding Officer