

**MINUTES
CITY OF HARTFORD
JULY 2, 2018**

The City Council of the City of Hartford, Alabama, met in the conference room in city hall at 6:00 p.m. on July 2, 2018. The following members were present: Mayor Jeff Sorrells, Jo Ann Lindsey, Bobby Burks, Ken Hales, Paul Fondren and Wendel Nolen.

Others in attendance: Annie Ward, Dennis Dorriety, Jason Eubanks, Vernon Alford, Neil Strickland, Sara Hodge, Randall Baker, Jane Meadows, and Darrell Terry.

Mayor Sorrells 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 June 18, 2018, Mayor Sorrells asked the wishes of the council. Councilmember Lindsey moved to approve the minutes of June 18, 2018, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Burks. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

AGENDA:

1. **JANE MEADOWS** – Ms. Meadows addressed the council with an idea to make the yards in Hartford more appealing. She would like volunteers and students to work with seniors to help beautify their yards. She said after completing a number of projects (5) the volunteer or student would receive a good citizenship award from the city. Mayor Sorrells said it is an admirable idea that would require a joint effort between the schools, the city and others in the community.
2. **OPEN BIDS FOR CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT** – Two bids were received for renewal of certificates of deposit. Friend Bank bid .4 % for 6 months on both CD's and First National Bank bid .75 % for 6 months on both CD's. Councilmember Hales moved to accept the bid from First National Bank, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Nolen. Mayor Sorrells abstained from voting. All other members voted yea. Mayor Sorrells declared the motion carried.
3. **AMEND PERSONNEL POLICY** – Mayor Sorrells recommended an amendment to the personnel manual under relatives and local government. As it is written no city employee can hire or supervise any member of their immediate family. Sorrells wanted it amended to say "without prior council approval". This would give the city council a chance to review the matter on a case by case basis. Councilmember Fondren moved to amend the policy as recommended by Mayor Sorrells, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Nolen. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.
4. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING & APPROVING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH BANCORPSOUTH** – A resolution authorizing Mayor Sorrells to enter into an agreement with BancorpSouth for the lease/purchase of a new street sweeper was presented for approval. Councilmember Lindsey moved to approve the resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Fondren. All members voted yea. Mayor Sorrells declared the motion carried by unanimous consent.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Mayor Sorrells

● Mayor Sorrells recommended going into executive session to discuss good name and character of an individual. Councilmember Fondren moved to go into executive session, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Nolen. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof. No minutes are recorded during executive session. Councilmember Nolen moved to return to regular session, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Fondren. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

● Mayor Sorrells advised that wastewater project will be out for bids soon.

● Mayor Sorrells asked the council to consider amending the personnel policy at the next meeting to include Presidents Day and Columbus Day.

Councilmember Lindsey

● Councilmember Lindsey asked Chief Ward to contact Peggy Hatcher concerning her neighbor's fence falling over.

Councilmember Hales

● Councilmember Hales asked about deadline for garbage pickup. No action was taken by council.

Councilmember Fondren

● Councilmember Fondren commended Dennis Dorriety and his crew for the work performed after the storm. Mr. Dorriety stated that Wiregrass Electric came out around 2:30 a.m. to help.

Department Head Comments:

Mr. Dorriety advised the council that the cost to replace the sidewalk on South 2nd Ave will be \$2250.00. No action was taken by the council.

ADJOURNMENT:

With there being no other business to come before this meeting of July 2, 2018, Councilmember Fondren moved to adjourn, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Nolen. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.



Presiding Officer