

**MINUTES
CITY OF HARTFORD
AUGUST 19, 2019**

The City Council of the City of Hartford, Alabama, met in the conference room in city hall at 6:00 p.m. on August 19, 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, Zac Cooke, Greg Ward, Mark Coe, Jason Eubanks, Neil Strickland, Ashley Tate, Stanley Tindell, Tyler Gay, Coleen Guilford, Brooke Miller, Steve Tolver, Lester Williams, and Melinda Williams.

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 August 5, 2019, Mayor Nolen asked the wishes of the council. Councilmember Lindsey moved to approve the minutes of August 5, 2019, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Hales. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Zac Cooke stated on behalf of Principle Ann Stafford and Superintendent Becky Birdsong, kids that live in the neighborhood across from school will be released at 3:15 or after the car line ends. Kids that do not live in the neighborhood must ride the bus or parents will need to pick up in car line.

Steve Tolver addressed the council concerning the property located at 208 N 3rd Avenue. A tree fell on the house during Hurricane Michael and the owner is not going to repair it. Chief Ward stated she will start the abatement process.

AGENDA:

1. **COLEEN GUILFORD** – Mrs. Guilford read a statement concerning parking on Alvin Street and Regal Street to pick up kids after school. She stated there is a no parking sign on Lily Street but not on Regal and Alvin. She feels she is being penalized for living in the neighborhood and that she should not have to sit in car line for 30 minutes. She stated there needs to be a clear plan because it only applies to after school pick up and not basketball or football games. Councilmember Fondren stated because of the lack of resources maybe a parent or volunteer can serve as a crossing guard. Vernon Alford stated we have been very fortunate because he has observed parents standing across the street while kids run through three lanes of traffic.

2. **CHANGE SEPTEMBER 2ND MEETING** – Councilmember Hales moved to change the September 2nd meeting to Tuesday, September 3rd. Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.
3. **APPROVE ANNUAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN** – Mayor Nolen stated the Rebuild Alabama Act requires the city of adopt an annual transportation plan. A plan was submitted for council approval. Councilmember Fondren moved to adopt said plan, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Sorrells. All members voted yea except for Councilmember Burks who voted nay.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Burks

- Councilmember Burks asked why the transportation plan was different from the first list of streets to be paved. Mayor Nolen stated the plan was not the final plan.
- Councilmember Burks stated at the last meeting Mayor Nolen was supposed to get with him on the paving project. Mayor Nolen stated that Councilmember Burks never called him.
- Councilmember Burks asked what districts the streets to be paved are in. Clerk Vicky Marsh advised him to get with her.
- Councilmember Burks asked about the engineer working on the paving plan. Councilmember Fondren stated he has been the city engineer for over 25 years. He has all the maps that shows when the streets have been paved.

Councilmember Hales

- Councilmember Hales asked how the abatement on N 3rd Avenue will be handled. Chief Ward stated if the property owner does not abate it the city will have it torn down and will place a lien on the property.

Chief Ward asked about setting trick-or-treat. She stated Harford Baptist Church will hold truck-a-treat on Wednesday, October 30th. Chief Ward advised the football game will be on Thursday, October 31st. Council tabled setting trick-or-treat.

Attorney Eubanks stated the council needs to terminate the lease agreement with Wiregrass Family Clinic. Councilmember Fondren moved to authorize Mayor Nolen to proceed with the termination of lease with Wiregrass Family Clinic, 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 August 19, 2019, Councilmember Fondren moved to adjourn, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Burks. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.



Presiding Officer