

**MINUTES
CITY OF HARTFORD
NOVEMBER 18, 2019**

The City Council of the City of Hartford, Alabama, met in the conference room in city hall at 6:00 p.m. on November 18, 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, Attorney Jeff Hatcher, Ashley Tate, Neil Strickland, Neil Outlaw, Stanley Tindell and Debbie Neal.

Mayor Nolen introduced and welcomed Attorney Jeff Hatcher.

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 November 4, 2019, Mayor Nolen asked the wishes of the council. Councilmember Sorrells moved to approve the minutes of November 4, 2019, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Hales. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

AGENDA:

1. **EVA WATKINS – CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** – Ms. Watkins was unable to attend.
2. **FENCE AT CEMETERY** – Mayor Nolen stated the fence between the cemetery and Anthony Glover's property needs replacing. The cost of the materials is \$3,480.00. Several years ago, the city paid for one-half the cost of materials and Mr. Glover installed the fence. Mr. Glover has asked if the city will do the same as before. Councilmember Fondren moved to pay \$1,740.00 towards the cost of materials, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Burks. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.
3. **ANNUAL SAFETY MEETING** – After discussing the matter, it was decided that the annual safety meeting will be held on December 11, 2019.
4. **ONE-TIME PAY INCREASE** – Last year's one-time pay increase was as follows:
 - 0 – 6 months \$100.00
 - 6 months – 1 year \$125.00
 - 1 year – 3 years \$150.00
 - 3 years – 5 years \$225.00
 - Over 5 years \$250.00Councilmember Lindsey moved to approve the same rate as last year, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Hales. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Nolen

●Mayor Nolen received a request to help with a sprinkler system on the girls' softball field at the city recreation park. Councilmember Hales moved to pay \$2,000 to help with the sprinkler system, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Fondren. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

●Mayor Nolen asked the council if they would like to continue to be a member of the Wiregrass Economic Development Association. Councilmember Hales moved to renew membership with Wiregrass Economic Development Association, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Fondren. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Burks

●Councilmember Burks asked if the owner of the dilapidated home on Ollie Glass agrees for it to be tore down will the city tear it down for her. Councilmember Burks was advised the city can not tear it down. Once it is abated the city will hire a contractor to tear it down and then a lien will be place on the property.


DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:

Chief Annie Ward

●Chief Ward advised she has dissolved the position of secretary and request the rate for that position be divided between 12 employees. She stated it excludes her and Greg Ward. Councilmember Lindsey stated everyone just got a raise. Councilmember Lindsey asked about the secretary's duties. Chief Ward said she will share the responsibilities with the four dispatchers. Councilmember Sorrells said the department head should have a say in how the money is dispersed since it is already budgeted. Councilmember Sorrells made a motion to divide the secretary's pay between 12 employees in the police department, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Hales. The vote was recorded to wit: Mayor Nolen yea, Councilmember Lindsey yea, Councilmember Burks yea, Councilmember Hales yea, Councilmember Fondren yea, Councilmember Sorrells yea. Mayor Nolen declared the motion carried by unanimous consent.

ADJOURNMENT:

With there being no other business to come before this meeting of November 18, 2019, Councilmember Sorrells moved to adjourn, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Hales. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.


Presiding Officer