

**MINUTES
CITY OF HARTFORD
MARCH 16, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Hartford, Alabama, met in the conference room in city hall at 6:00 p.m. on March 16, 2020. 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, Attorney Jeff Hatcher, Andy Hovey, Ashley Tate, Derrick Tate, Jason Greenwood, Ronnie Driskell, Eva Watkins, Neil Strickland, and Donna McClain.

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 March 2, 2020, Mayor Nolen asked the wishes of the council. Councilmember Lindsey moved to approve the minutes of March 2, 2020, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Sorrells. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

AGENDA:

1. **DONNA MCCLAIN – COMPLAINT ABOUT HORSES** – Ms. McClain, manager of Hartford Apartments, presented a petition with 70 signatures to have the horses and cow removed from the property on Line Street due to the flies and odor. Attorney Hatcher instructed her to file a report with the police department. Once the report is filed, she will need to meet with Mr. Alford to sign the citation. Once the court system is opened back up, she will receive notice of the court date.
2. **EVA WATKINS – CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** – Ms. Watkins announced the car show has been moved from the armory to the square. It will be held on April 25th.
3. **PURCHASE OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS** – Mayor Nolen stated the cost for ten AEDs and three wall mount boxes is \$10,625.96. Councilmember Sorrells moved to purchase the AEDs and boxes for \$10,625.96, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Fondren. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.
4. **APPOINT UTILITY SUPERINTENDENT** – Mayor Nolen stated Jerry Sorrells was the most qualified therefore he recommended appointing Jerry Sorrells as Utility Superintendent. Councilmember Burks asked about the other two applicants. Attorney Hatcher stated the council will need to go into executive session to discuss good name and character of the other applicants. Councilmember Sorrells stated that he and Jerry are third cousins and asked Attorney Hatcher if he could vote on the matter. Attorney Hatcher stated he can if they do not live in the same household or have a business entity together. Councilmember Hales stated he and Jerry are related by marriage. Councilmember Hales' sister is married to Jerry's brother. Attorney Hatcher stated he can vote if they do not live in the same household or have a business entity together.

Councilmember Fondren stated that Jerry is married to his first cousin. Attorney Hatcher stated he can vote if they do not live in the same household or have a business entity together. Councilmember Fondren moved to appoint Jerry Sorrells, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Hales. Councilmember Burks asked about the other two applicants. Attorney Hatcher stated a vote must be carried out since there is a motion and seconded. 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.

5. **AWARD BID FOR 2020 STREET RESURFACING** – Sealed bids were opened on March 10, 2020 for 2020 Street Improvements. Wiregrass Construction Co bid \$424,859.40 and Midsouth Paving bid \$428,909.85. Engineer Ronnie Driskell recommended awarding the bid to Wiregrass Construction. Resolution 03-16-20 awarding the bid to Wiregrass Construction for \$424,859.40 was presented for approval. Councilmember Sorrells moved to adopt said resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Lindsey. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

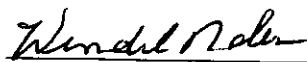
MAYOR NOLEN

- Mayor Nolen presented a proclamation proclaiming a State of Emergency relating to the Coronavirus Pandemic. Councilmember Fondren moved to approve said proclamation, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Hales. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

- Mayor Nolen stated that all activities at the park have been postponed to a later date.

ADJOURNMENT:

With there being no other business to come before this meeting of March 16, 2020, Councilmember Fondren moved to adjourn, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Hales. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.



Presiding Officer