

**MINUTES  
CITY OF HARTFORD  
MAY 18, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Hartford, Alabama, met in the conference room in city hall at 6:00 p.m. on May 18, 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, Jerry Sorrells, Attorney Jeff Hatcher, Andy Hovey, Vernon Alford, Ashley Tate, Kelli Brannon, Eva Watkins, Neil Strickland, and Darrell Terry.

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 16, 2020, Mayor Nolen asked the wishes of the council. Councilmember Fondren moved to approve the minutes of March 16, 2020, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Sorrells. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Darrell Terry stated several street signs and stops signs have faded and need to be replaced. Mr. Terry asked when the newly resurfaced streets will be striped. Mayor Nolen stated the contractor is finished with the job. Only streets that were striped prior to the project was restriped. Mr. Terry asked if an all clear siren warning was set off after the storm passes. Chief Ward stated we have never set off an all clear warning. Attorney Hatcher stated weather radios are available.

**AGENDA:**

1. **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** – Kelli Brannon advised that chamber members are busy visiting local merchants and letting them know how to apply for loans before funds run out. She announced Freedom Fest will be held on Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. No food will be served this year, but spectators are welcome to bring their own food. Entertainment and fireworks will be provided. Mrs. Brannon also announced the car show has been moved to October.
2. **FIVE STAR CREDIT UNION – CHANGE CARD HOLDER** – Councilmember Hales made a motion to remove Dennis Dorriety and add Jerry Sorrells to the Five Star Credit Union credit card, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Sorrells. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.
3. **RECREATION DIRECTOR** – Mayor Nolen advised we need to go ahead and advertise for the position of recreation director.
4. **MEDSERVICE AGREEMENT** – An agreement with Medservice was presented for approval. Attorney Hatcher stated he had no opposition or changes to the agreement. Councilmember Fondren moved to enter into an agreement with Medservice, which

motion was seconded by Councilmember Hales. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

5. **MWPP REPORT AND RESOLUTION** – The annual MWPP report and resolution was presented for approval. Councilmember Lindsey moved to adopt said resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Hales. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.
6. **SUBMIT CDBG APPLICATION FOR SEWER OUTFLOW LINE** – Mayor Nolen recommended applying for a grant to repair/replace the outflow lines going to the lagoon. He stated there will be some upfront cost to clear and camera the lines. Councilmember Lindsey made a motion to proceed with the project, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Fondren. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

#### **MAYOR NOLEN**

- Mayor Nolen stated the paving project is complete.
- Mayor Nolen asked Attorney Hatcher if the city can resume to normal utility cut-off procedures. Attorney Hatcher said the city can if notice has been given.

#### **COUNCILMEMBER BURKS**

- Councilmember Burks asked if the sewer outflow project included the drainpipe off Williams Circle. He stated the drain ditch stops on his property. Mr. Burks was advised the project was for wastewater not storm water. Mayor Nolen stated the city will look and see if the ditch needs to be cleaned out.

#### **COUNCILMEMBER HALES**

- Councilmember Hales commented on the number of junk yards behind residences in every neighborhood.

#### **COUNCILMEMBER FONDREN**

- Councilmember Fondren asked Chief Ward to contact the owner of the house that burnt on Commerce Street.

#### **CHIEF ANNIE WARD**

- Chief Ward introduced Dustin Reed to the council. She stated he is certified in Florida and will be attending a refresher course in June to become certified in Alabama.

#### **CHIEF ANDY HOVEY**

- Chief Hovey stated he currently has seven full-time positions and asked the council to consider adding an additional full-time position. Councilmember Hales moved to increase rescue full-time positions from seven to eight, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Fondren. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

**CLERK VICKY MARSH**

●Clerk Vicky Marsh stated baseball participants parents are calling about a refund. She advised that personalized jerseys were ordered for the Dixie Youth baseball teams before the state canceled all activities. No t-ball jerseys were ordered. She suggested refunding money for t-ball age group and giving the other age groups their jersey and hat. Attorney Hatcher stated the city can do that if we do not give some the jersey and hat and others in the same group a refund.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With there being no other business to come before this meeting of May 18, 2020, Councilmember Fondren moved to adjourn, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Hales. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

  
Presiding Officer