

**MINUTES
CITY OF HARTFORD
JUNE 15, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Hartford, Alabama, met in the conference room in city hall at 6:00 p.m. on June 15, 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, Vernon Alford, Andy Hovey, Bruce Adkinson, Neil Strickland, Mark Smith, Darrell Terry, Kelli Brannon, Ronnie Driskell, and Melissa Clements.

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 June 1, 2020, Mayor Nolen asked the wishes of the council. Councilmember Fondren moved to approve the minutes of June 1, 2020, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Lindsey. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

AGENDA:

1. **MARK SMITH – AUDIT REPORT** – Mark Smith presented the September 30, 2019 audit report. Mr. Smith stated the financials look good and the city's net position increased by \$1,073,364, which was in part due to the receipt of grant funds.
2. **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** – Kelli Brannon stated there have been a few problems with this year's 4th of July event, but they are continuing to push forward. All spectators must remain in their vehicle. She also announced candidates for city office can speak at the July 23, 2020 meeting if they wish to.
3. **CDBG GRANT RESOLUTION 06-15-20-1** – A Resolution authorizing Driskell Engineering and Ewing-Conner and Associates, Inc. to proceed with preliminary engineering and application development of the City's proposed 2020 CDBG application was presented for approval. Councilmember Lindsey moved to approve said resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Fondren. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

MAYOR NOLEN

- Mayor Nolen stated the two employees involved in an accident are doing good.
- Mayor Nolen received a request from the Athletic Club to help with cool sealing the bleachers at the football field.
- Mayor Nolen announced interviews for rec director will be held on Thursday at 5:00 p.m.

COUNCILMEMBER LINDSEY

- Councilmember Lindsey commended the city clerk on doing a good job.

COUNCILMEMBER BURKS

- Councilmember Burks asked why Hartford has not had a COVID testing site. Mayor Nolen explained the health department selects the sites, not the city.
- Councilmember Burks stated he received a call from someone wanting a load of sand. Attorney Hatcher stated the city can only deliver on the ROW. Councilmember Burks stated the city has delivered sandbags in the past. Attorney Hatcher advised the EMA can provide the bags, but the homeowner will need to buy the sand.

COUNCILMEMBER FONDREN

- Councilmember Fondren asked about the cost of the sewer project. Ronnie Driskell stated it will probably be over \$700,000. The camera crew found sand in the line on Third Avenue.
- Councilmember Fondren asked Chief Ward about the house on Commerce Street. Chief Ward stated the owner has hired someone to tear the house down.

ADJOURNMENT:

With there being no other business to come before this meeting of June 15, 2020, Councilmember Fondren moved to adjourn, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Hales. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.



Presiding Officer