

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF HARTFORD**  
**June 21, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Hartford, Alabama, met in the conference room in city hall at 6:00 pm on June 21, 2021. The following members were present: Mayor Neil Strickland, Councilman Zane Fowler, Councilman Ron Adams, Councilman Ted Thompson, Councilwoman Melissa Clements and Councilman Paul Blount.

Others in attendance: Vicky Marsh, Annie Ward, Jackie Dillard, Jerry Sorrells, Jeffrey Hatcher, Zac Cooke, Vernon Alford, Gary Lee Enfinger, Hayden Blount, Ronald Carpenter, Wendy Strickland, Ricky Hall, Hope Hall, Donnie Adkinson, Khris Ballard, Lisa Cotton, Lauren Fountain, Diane Fulford, Eva Watkins, Marilyn Harris, Alfreda Hillard, and Larry Lee.

Mayor Strickland called the meeting to order, and Pastor Ricky Hall opened with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**June 7, 2021, Minutes** – Motion to approve by Councilman Adams, seconded by Councilman Blount. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- Larry Lee opposed to the golf cart law but understands why it is being enforced.
- Donnie Adkinson lives at Hwy. 52 and Field St. and is alarmed at the amount of golf carts being driven by children. In his opinion the law should not be changed.

**AGENDA:**

1. **RICKY HALL** – Shiloh Baptist Church would like to reserve the square December 19, 2021, from 4:30 till 6:30 p.m. for Christmas singing and worship service.
2. **ALL-STAR TEAM – MONEY FOR MEALS** – Mayor Strickland made a motion for the city to pay for meals for 4 coaches and 11 players, which motion was seconded by Councilman Blount. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof. Lisa Cotton thanked the Mayor, Council and community for their support. Councilman Fowler thanked Lisa Cotton and Lauren Fountain for helping Landon Lindsay. Wendy Strickland would like to send goody bags with the team from the Council.
3. **OPEN BIDS FOR CD** – First National Bank bid .50% and Friend Bank bid .20%. Councilman Adams made a motion to accept First National Bank bid of .50% which motion was seconded by Councilman Fowler. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Mayor Strickland**

- American Cares Act Grant could possibly be higher than the original amount quoted.
- Asked Mr. Hatcher for update of Attorney General letter. He has not received anything.

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●Resolution 06-21-21 Sale of Unneeded Property. Councilman Fowler made a motion to pass Resolution 06-21-21, declaring temporary fencing surplus, which motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

**Councilwoman Clements**

●Councilwoman Clements made a motion to increase Chief Wards salary by \$6000.00 per year effective immediately, which motion was seconded by Councilman Blount. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

**Councilman Thompson**

●Propane Gas property becoming an eye sore. Coming off Railroad there is a blind spot. Jerry said the city would cut what they can. Chief Ward will send out letter of abatement.

**Councilman Fowler**

●Resident contacted him about getting a petition started for clean up of a property. Mr. Hatcher stated no petition is needed give address to Chief so property owner can be contacted. Property is at corner of Field Street and Park Avenue.

**Councilman Blount**

- Thanked Jerry for working on sidewalk problems.
- Bailey property looks better.
- Asked about update on Alley Ways. Mr. Hatcher stated Jerry needs to find out if there are any electrical, water or sewer that runs thru them or if they would be needed in the future for that purpose.
- Alley behind police department needs to be closed to thru traffic and make a One Way Only.

**Councilman Adams**

- Thanked Jerry for letting him tour Barnes Building, looks totally different.
- Commended Chief Ward on drug bust police department was involved in. Thanked her for making citizens safe.
- Thanked Wendy for getting goody bags for All-Star Team.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:**

**Jerry Sorrells**

- Will have a list of equipment to surplus at next council meeting.
- Ronald Carpenter still no resolution of parking at Ketchums. Contact State about making it a 4 way stop.

**Chief Annie Ward**

- Five major drug dealers picked up in drug bust. Three are in Federal custody and two on State charges.

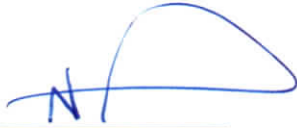
**Gary Lee Enfinger**

- Discussed E911 runs sheet.
- Councilman Fowler asked if he had it in his budget to add another person for 24-hour shift. Chief Enfinger said he would have to look at numbers and it would take time to get someone hired. Councilman Adams said to bring something to the table let the council worry about the money.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Fowler, seconded by Councilman Thompson. Motion carried.

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Presiding Officer