

**MINUTES
CITY OF HARTFORD
JULY 19, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Hartford, Alabama, met in the conference room in city hall at 6:00 pm on July 19, 2021. The following members were present: Mayor Neil Strickland, Councilman Zane Fowler, Councilman Ron Adams, Councilwoman Melissa Clements, Councilman Paul Blount and Councilman Ted Thompson.

Others in attendance: Jerry Sorrells, Vernon Alford, Annie Ward, Vicky Marsh, Jackie Dillard, Noah Cobb, Zac Cooke, Cody Harvison, Daniel Terry, Darren Batchelor, Sara Hodge, Gary Enfinger, Sylvia Williams, Alfreda Hilliard, Hayden Blount, Jynicka Roberts, Jeff Hatcher and Keri Klemptner.

Mayor Strickland called the meeting to order, and Councilman Adams opened with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

July 6, 2021, Minutes – Motion to approve by Councilman Blount, seconded by Councilman Fowler. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

July 12, 2021, Work Session Minutes – Motion to approve by Councilman Blount, seconded by Councilman Fowler. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

•Sylvia Williams requested limbs that was cut on right of way be picked up. Big potholes on Circle Drive.

AGENDA:

1. **DISCUSS LANDFILL ACQUISITION** – Discussion was held on Landfill Acquisition. Mr. Hatcher stated the highest liability would be driving back and forth on Highway 52. Mayor Strickland suggested adding an extra \$150,000 to line of credit to purchase property from Mr. Skinner. Mayor Strickland made a motion to approve line of credit, which motion was seconded by Councilman Adams. Roll call: Mayor Strickland yea, Councilman Adams yea, Councilman Fowler yea, Councilwoman Clements nay, Councilman Blount nay, and Councilman Thompson nay. Motion died.
2. **RESCUE PAY SCALE** – Councilman Adams made a motion to adopt pay scale for Rescue, (see attached), starting at step one and take funds from General Fund to cover Rescue pay increase, which motion was seconded by Councilman Blount. Roll Call: Mayor Strickland yea, Councilman Thompson yea, Councilman Fowler yea, Councilman Blount yea, Councilman Adams yea, and Councilwoman Clements nay. Motion passed.
3. **TRASH DEPARTMENT NEW POSITION** – Councilman Fowler made a motion to hire a new employee for trash department, which motion was seconded by Councilman Blount. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

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4. **RESOLUTION 07-19-21 ARP CHECKING ACCOUNT** – Councilman Adams made a motion to approve Resolution 07-19-21 ARP Checking Account, which motion was seconded by Councilman Blount. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.
5. **RESOLUTION BANCORPSOUTH EQUIPMENT FINANCE** – Financing Street Sweeper. Councilman Blount made a motion to give Mayor Strickland authority to execute contract with Bancorpsouth, to lease street sweeper, which motion was seconded by Councilman Adams. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Strickland

- Possible business interested in coming to Hartford.
- Met with Jerry Sorrells and Jenna Hazelel with SERVLIN on water leak insurance.
- Discussed if Chief Enfinger's vehicle should stay at Fire Rescue Building or his house. Councilman Blount made a motion for vehicle to stay with Chief Enfinger, which motion was seconded by Councilman Adams. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.
- Letter to purchase Armory will go out Tuesday.

Councilman Clements

- Announced a grant writer is interested in writing grants for the city.

Councilman Thompson

- Made a motion to make Juneteenth a City Holiday, which motion was seconded by Councilman Adams. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilman Fowler

- Councilman Fowler made a motion to give \$1000 to 8U baseball team for meals, which motion was seconded by Councilman Blount. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.
- Recreation Director Landon Lindsay will be in charge of the money.
- Asked when budget billing would start.
- Suggested the city start evaluating the Boards and look at their terms.

Councilman Blount

- Excellent video on face book for Hartford Small Businesses.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:

Jerry Sorrells

- The alley behind police department will be made a one way with stripe. One lane will be for Dalton Pharmacy drive-thru and the other for police, utility and for parking for employees.
- Gloria Graddy requested alley beside her be vacated.
- 811 should be set up and ready for use August 1st. Councilman Blount made a motion to give Mayor Strickland authority to contract with 811, which motion was seconded by Councilman Adams.

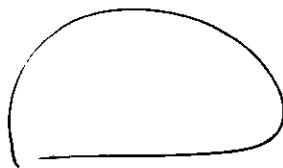
ADJOURNMENT:

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

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Presiding Officer

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