

**MINUTES  
CITY OF HARTFORD  
June 7, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Hartford, Alabama, met in the conference room in city hall at 6:00 pm on June 7, 2021. The following members were present: Mayor Neil Strickland, Councilman Zane Fowler, Councilman Paul Blount, Councilman Ron Adams, Councilwoman Melissa Clements and Councilman Ted Thompson

Others in attendance: Vicky Marsh, Annie Ward, Jackie Dillard, Jerry Sorrells, Jeffrey Hatcher, Kim Curenton, Kelli Brannon, Jerry Moring, Zac Cooke, Noah Cobb, Vernon Alford, Brandon Landrum, Gary Lee Enfinger, Hayden Blount, Brent Parrish, Sarah Hodge, Garrett Parrish, Cody Luke and Jonathan Ayers.

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

**May 18, 2021, Minutes** – Motion to approve by Councilman Blount, seconded by Councilman Fowler. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- Kim Curenton gave an update on Johnny Hughes Community Center, had floors jacked up and found major work needs to be done on floor joists and other issues. Approved to get estimate from company that does foundation work.
- Brandon Landrum requested alley behind his business needs No Thru Traffic sign.
- Councilman Blount asked who maintains alleys in the city? Can the city abandon the ones that do not have any utilities that need to be maintained?
- Kelli Brannon requested to reserve the Recreation Park, Sunday July 4<sup>th</sup> for firework display. Councilman Fowler made a motion to approve use of Recreation Park for firework display, which motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

**AGENDA:**

1. **ARMORY – DISCUSS MOVING FORWARD** – Mayor Strickland made a motion to move forward and get an estimate of repairs, which motion was seconded by Councilman Adams. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.
2. **LANDFILL EXPANSION** – Robert Earl Skinner agrees to sell twenty acres at \$7500 per acre. Councilman Blount suggested negotiating price and look for other land to purchase.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Mayor Strickland**

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- Asked Mr. Hatcher if he had Attorney General and Ethics Commission question ready to be submitted. Councilman Fowler stated he had the answer for Ethics Commission, which says he can vote. Mr. Hatcher will only send to Attorney General.
- American Rescue Act Grant – Paperwork to be signed Tuesday for EMS Grant.
- Brent Cook with Royal Boats interested in bringing business to Hartford.
- Deann Tindell called to get permission for gospel group, Band of Angels, to use the square on June 27 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Will contact her to do application to reserve the square.

**Councilman Thompson**

- May be missing out on a lot of grants by not have a grant writer for just the city.
- Infrastructure needs looking at in District 2, water runs slow possibly because of lead pipes. Jerry Sorrells commented the city must have a plan in place to identify and remove lead pipes by 2024.

**Councilman Fowler**

- Discussed Kevin Lamb's estimate of roof repair. Estimate is \$3250.00.
- Discussed how much cleanup work has been done at Recreation Park. Still a lot of littering at park suggest litter ordinance with penalty. Mr. Alford stated there was an ordinance already in place. Police can not write ticket unless officer witnesses.

**Councilman Adams**

- Received text about right of way at Kennedy and Slocomb Road, stop sign covered with trees.
- Received a letter from Patty Lynn Guilford about signing up for neighborhood watch at next door Hartford.com, asked Chief Ward to check into it to make sure it is not a scam.
- Sent pay scale on Utility Department to Jerry Sorrells.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:**

**Vicky Marsh**

- Zoning Board of Adjustments approved new cell tower to be constructed at 196 East Lily Street.
- Revised Work Session dates.

**Chief Annie Ward**

- Requested to move money from budget, \$5000.00 from building maintenance to vehicle maintenance. Councilman Blount made a motion to move \$5000.00 of budget from building maintenance to vehicle maintenance, which motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.
- Received complaints on Strickland and Hillcrest about generator running, owners insulated generator and said they were selling the lot.
- Talked to Danny Bailey about property on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, gave him 10 days to get yards cleaned up. Mr. Bailey's plan is to tear house down.
- Requested permission to join County wide CAD System, would be billed in October and funding would be split between Police Department and Utility Department. Councilman Blount made a motion to join County Wide CAD System, which motion was seconded by Mayor Strickland. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.
- Complaints about golf carts not getting tickets. Will start issuing warnings for 30 days then issue tickets.

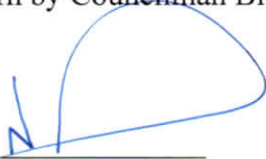
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**Gary Lee Enfinger**

- Presented quote for lights and split radio system. Funds will be taken out of equipment fire budget.
- Kyle Hovey requested the city reimburse Slocomb for their overtime in the amount of \$327.00. Chief Enfinger stated he had Hartford covered and had informed Mr. Hovey he would not need Slocomb to backup. Councilman Blount made a motion to table until records could be checked, which motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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Presiding Officer