

MINUTES
CITY OF HARTFORD
May 18, 2021

The City Council of the City of Hartford, Alabama, met in the conference room in city hall at 6:00 pm on May 18, 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, John Burton, Kelli Brannon, Jerry Moring, Zac Cooke, Noah Cobb, Kim Curenton, Khris Ballard, Vernon Alford, Wendy Strickland, Aubriana Renton, Scott Farmer, Ronnie Driskell, Josh Thurston and Sarah Hodge.

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

May 3, 2021 Minutes – Motion to approve by Councilman Blount, seconded by Councilman Adams. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

●Kelli Brannon announced Rousseau Law Firm as business of the month. Announced luncheon on May 27 at Wiregrass Electric Cooperative Conference room. Speaker will be Melody Hicks with Like My Marketing. She will be speaking on how to grow your business thru Facebook and Instagram.

AGENDA:

1. **SCOTT FARMER – HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT** – City was approved for two lagoon generators. Councilman Adams made a motion to adopt Resolution 05-18-21 designating Mayor Strickland as representative of the City of Hartford, which motion was seconded by Councilwoman Clements. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.
2. **MWPP RESOLUTION** – Ronnie Driskell explained MWPP report. Mayor Strickland made a motion to adopt a MWPP Resolution based on City Engineer recommendation, which motion was seconded by Councilman Fowler. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof. Mr. Driskell also gave an update on easements; he has contacted all but two property owners. Update on storm drain project, \$50,000 for cross sectional survey and engineering fee. Councilman Blount made a motion to move forward with survey, which motion was seconded by Councilman Fowler. Roll Call Mayor Strickland yea, Councilman

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Thompson yea, Councilman Fowler yea, Councilman Adams yea and Councilwoman Clement nay. Motion carried.

3. **BUSINESS LICENSE** – Cheri Orr had issue with flower van and horse and carriage vendors having to buy business license on short notice. No changes to the Business License Ordinance will be made at this time.
4. **AG OPINION** – Mayor Strickland request AG Opinion on bidding IT Service for hardware and software and request Ethics Commission opinion on whether Councilman Fowler can vote if IT Service is awarded to someone associated with his employer. Mayor Strickland requested that the council review request before submitting. Mr. Hatcher stated he would need a signed resolution before submitting request to AG and Ethics Commission. Mayor Strickland very receptive to abide by AG ruling. Mayor Strickland made a motion to do a Resolution to submit requests to AG and Ethics Commission, which motion was seconded by Councilman Adams. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Strickland

- Announced fish fry at Slocomb Fire to raise money for Slocomb, Hartford and Malvern.
- Several department heads got a bogus email from Mayor Strickland. Dale Whittle was notified.
- Complaint about cars parking at storage building on Strickland and Hillcrest.
- Asked Scott Farmer about EMS Grant. Mr. Farmer stated applications are still being reviewed.

Councilman Fowler

- Jason Saunders requested \$2,000 for sprinkler system at girl's softball field. Funds will be issued to Geneva County Board of Education. Councilman Fowler made a motion to give \$2,000 to Geneva County Board of Education for sprinkler system, which motion was seconded by Councilman Adams. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.
- Received complaint from business owner about vehicles parking wrong on the square.

Councilman Adams

- Will be in touch with Armory Commission.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:

Jerry Sorrells

- Vehicle is ready to be picked up.
- Dumpsters stay full.

John Burton

- Found vehicle for Fire Rescue, \$10,900. Councilman Adams made a motion to purchase vehicle, \$5,000 from truck maintenance and \$5,900 from transfer in, which motion was seconded by Councilman Blount. Mayor Strickland, Councilman Fowler, Councilman Blount and Councilman Adams voted yea. Councilwoman Clements and Councilman Thompson voted nay.
- Requested approval for eight people to get physical for Volunteer Fire class. Councilman Blount made a motion to approve physicals, which motion was seconded by Councilman Fowler. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Vicky Marsh

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●Requested appeal on letter received. Councilman Adams made a motion to go into executive session at 7:45, which motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof. No minutes are recorded in executive session. Councilman Thompson made a motion to go back to regular meeting, which motion was seconded by Councilman Blount. 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