

**MINUTES  
CITY OF HARTFORD  
JANUARY 3, 2022**

The City Council of the City of Hartford, Alabama, met in the conference room in city hall at 6:00 pm on January 3, 2022. The following members were present: Mayor Neil Strickland, Councilwoman Melissa Clements, Councilman Ted Thompson, Councilman Zane Fowler, Councilman Paul Blount, and Councilman Ron Adams.

Others in attendance: Vicky Marsh, Annie Ward, Attorney Jeff Hatcher, Phillip Herring, Anna Ricardo, David Schutz, Donald Carroll, Daniel Terry, Chris Bedsole, and Jesse Quillen,

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

**December 20, 2021, Minutes** – Motion to approve by Councilman Blount, seconded by Councilman Fowler. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Donald Carroll advised that the Hartford Lake Property was for sale and would be a great opportunity for Hartford to draw people to the community.

**AGENDA:**

1. **DAVID SCHUTZ – INSURANCE RENEWAL** – Mr. Schutz discussed the insurance renewal policy. He stated the increase is because of the claims filed the previous year and new equipment added. Councilman Thompson asked if the city could shop around for a cheaper rate. Mr. Schutz stated there are only four companies that will insure municipalities. AMIC and Travelers Insurance are the only two that submitted a quote. Councilmember Adams moved to renew policy with Schutz Insurance, which motion was seconded by Mayor Strickland. The vote was recorded as follows: Mayor Strickland yea, Councilwoman Clements yea, Councilman Thompson yea, Councilman Fowler yea, Councilman Blount abstained, and Councilman Adams yea. Mayor Strickland declared the motion carried.
2. **SET PUBLIC HEARING TO REZONE 305 AVENUE G** – Councilman Adams moved to set a public hearing on January 18, 2022, at 5:30 pm to rezone 305 Avenue G from M-1 to R-1, which motion was seconded by Councilman Blount. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.
3. **RESOLUTION 01-03-22** – Resolution 01-03-22 authorizing the acceptance of the American Rescue Plan Act Federal Funds was presented for approval. Councilman Adams moved to approve said resolution, which motion was seconded by Mayor Strickland. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

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## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

### **Mayor Strickland**

- Reminded everyone about the work session on January 6, 2022.

### **Councilman Fowler**

- Discussed wet/dry petition
- Thanked Mr. Carroll for attending the meeting.

### **Councilman Adams**

- Asked Chief Ward about the property on Newton Street. She stated the property has been sold and the new owner is getting it cleaned up.

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**

### **Chief Ward**

- Recognized Zac Cooke for his hard work on the recent robbery cases. She stated the stolen truck and some of the stolen guns have been recovered.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn by Councilwoman Clements, seconded by Councilman Adams. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.



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Presiding Officer