

**MINUTES  
CITY OF HARTFORD  
AUGUST 21, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Hartford, Alabama, met in the court room in the Johnny Hughes Community Center at 6:00 pm on August 21, 2023. The following members were present: Mayor Wendell Nolen, Councilwoman Melissa Clements, Councilman Ted Thompson, Councilman Zane Fowler, Councilman Paul Fondren, and Councilman Ron Adams.

Others in attendance: See attached.

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

**August 7, 2023 Minutes** – Motion to approve by Councilman Fowler, seconded by Councilman Fondren. Motion carried by majority vote. Councilwoman Clements did not vote.

Mayor Nolen asked for a motion to remove agenda item 2 and add appointment of a Recreation Director. Councilman Fowler moved to amend the agenda, which motion was seconded by Councilman Fondren. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

**AGENDA:**

1. **JEANNA BRANNON – CITY FINANCES AND BUDGET, CITY PROJECTS, OUTSTANDING MATTERS DISCUSSED IN PRIOR MEETING** - Jeanna Brannon voiced concerns about the past year's budget, funding and update of projects, matters she has addressed in the past, and commented on the Recreation Director position.
2. **APPOINT RECREATION DIRECTOR** – Mayor Nolen recommended appointing Rashadd Smith as Recreation Director for \$35,000 per year. Councilman Thompson questioned Mayor Nolen about the salary amount and asked if he had talked with Rashadd. Mayor Nolen stated yes, and he is ready to go. It was discussed that Landon Lindsey made \$37,500. Councilman Thompson asked again if Rashadd agreed to the salary amount. Mayor Nolen stated yes. Councilman Fondren moved to appoint Rashadd as Recreation Director, which motion was seconded by Councilman Adams. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

●Jeanna Brannon asked to speak. Mayor Nolen told her she already had time to speak. She argued that she did have the right to speak during public comments. She asked if he would answer the questions she emailed. Mayor Nolen said no ma'am I will not. She asked about financial documents, and outfall rehab project. Mayor Nolen said he is waiting on engineer to check off. She asked about pending lawsuits or claims. Mayor Nolen said there are none.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Councilwoman Clements**

●Asked Mayor Nolen why he asked her to take the minutes when she told him earlier that she would not take the minutes.

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- Stated rescue wages were over \$2,000 a week in overtime.

**Councilman Thompson**

- Wants to get the zoning and the planning board to fill positions. Would like to have a work session to discuss this. Also asked the public to let council members know if they would like to serve on a board.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

  
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Presiding Officer