

## **MINUTES**

**CITY OF HARTFORD, ALABAMA**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**JULY 3, 2023**

**JOHNNY HUGHES COMMUNITY CENTER COURTROOM, 405 SOUTH THIRD AVENUE, HARTFORD, ALABAMA 36344**

**ATTENDANCE:** Mayor Wendel Nolan, Councilmembers Ted Thompson, Zane Fowler, Paul Fondren and Ron Adams.

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Police Chief Annie Ward, and City Magistrate Vernon Alford. See Attachment for others present.

**CALL TO ORDER-** The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**PRAYER AND PLEDGE-** Councilmember Ted Thompson led the prayer which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 20, 2023** – Council member Paul Fondren made a motion to approve the minutes. Council member Zane Fowler made the second to the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

**UTILITY CD RENEWAL** – Mayor Nolan opened the bids for the 6 month CD. Friend Bank's rate was 4.25%, First National Bank of Hartford rate was 4.9%. Council member Ron Adams made a motion to accept the First National Bank of Hartford rate of 4.9%. The motion was seconded by Council member Paul Fondren. The motion was passed unanimously.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** – No comments were made.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS** – Council member Ron Adams comments: Invited everyone to come join us at the recreation park for Freedom Fest following the meeting.

**CITY MAGISTRATE VERNON ALFORD COMMENTS** – Vernon asked the council to increase his budget by 42,000.00 for the court to purchase a transport vehicle. He stated due to the Hartford police and the ETA on-line driving school, funds have increased by 41,000.00 and the court could afford this purchase. He also explained the ETA on-line driving school to the council. Council member Paul Fondren made a motion to increase the courts budget by 42,000.00. Council member Ted Thompson seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT-** Mayor Nolan asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council member Paul Fondren made the motion which was seconded by Council member Zane Fowler. The motion was passed unanimously.

*Wendell Nolan*

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Presiding Officer