

## **MINUTES**

**CITY OF HARTFORD, ALABAMA**

**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**

**JUNE 5, 2023**

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

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

**OTHERS IF ATTENDANCE:** Fire and Rescue Assistant Chief Joh Burton, 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 6:00 p.m.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 1, 2023** – Council member Melissa Clements made a motion to approve the minutes. Council member Paul Fondren made the second to the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 15, 2023** – Council member Melissa Clements made a comment that the executive session on who made the motion and second to the motion to enter into executive session was missing and who made the motion to come back into the regular meeting and seconded motions were missing. Council member Ron Adams stated Paul Fondren made the motion to enter into executive session and Council member Ron Adams seconded the motion. Ron Adams also stated Council member Zane Fowler made the motion to go back into the regular meeting and adjourn the meeting while Council member Paul Fondren seconded both motions and both were passed unanimously. Council member Paul Fondren made a motion to approve the minutes with the stated corrections. Council member Ted Thompson made the second to the motion with the stated corrections. The motion was passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF CLOSING CITY HALL TO THE PUBLIC ON TUESDAYS UNTIL WE ARE BACK TO FULL OFFICE STAFF** – Council member Melissa Clements made a motion to close city hall on Tuesdays until the city is back to full office staffing. The motion was seconded by Council member Paul Fondren. The motion was passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF ALCOHOL SALES FOR SOUTHWEST GA OIL, INC. (INLAND)** – Council member Ted Thompson made a motion to approve alcohol sales for the Inland.

The motion was seconded by Council member Ron Adams. The motion was passed unanimously.

**COMMENTS FROM JEANNA BRANNON** – Jeanna Brannon asked for updates on various projects, financial updates, and matters that she has addressed in the past. Jeanna also asked if the Friend Bank loan had been paid during the public comments and the mayor stated yes it had been paid.

**COMMENTS FROM JUSTIN BROCK** – Justin Brock did not show up for the meeting.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** – Ms. Cynthia asked about a streetlight out and road patch sinking on Circle Drive. The mayor made a note and stated we would look at it.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS** – Mayor Nolan stated that city hall will be closed on Monday, 19th of June for Juneteenth Holiday and the next council meeting would be held on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> of June. Also, he hired a payroll clerk, and she would start Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> of June.

Council member Melissa Clements comments: Could Lisa get training on the Cougar Mountain Software. Also, Page 14 and 15 of the city's handbook concerning Holiday pay needs to be looked at because it says two different things. Job descriptions need to be addressed. Council member Melissa Clements made a motion to nominate Jerry Sorrells as Utility Superintendent as she stated Mr. Jeff Hatcher recommended it. Council Member Ted Thompson seconded it. Council member Paul Fondren and Mayor Nolan wanted a legal opinion. Council member Melissa Clements withdrew her motion. Council member Melissa Clements made a comment concerning fire and rescue overtime and wants to put a limit on it. Melissa also commented that the flags looked great around the city.

Council member Ted Thompson comments: Council member Ted Thompson stated that 40% of the city was not represented with water. He stated district 2 has water issues and Kenny Copelands house had red water at this house. Mayor Nolan stated we will check into this.

**CHIEF ANNIE WARD COMMENTS** – Rec park has issues with kids since school is out. Chief Ward wants signs out at the Rec park if possible. Chief Ward wanted to take the police out of the 7K just like the fire and rescue. Chief Ward wants the police to be paid for anything over forty hours. Council member Ted Thompson made a motion to change the police to 40-hour work week with overtime after 40 hours. Council member Melissa Clements seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

**MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Council member Ron Adams made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss good name and character. The motion was seconded by Council member Paul Fondren. The motion was passed unanimously. Mayor Nolan stated there would be no further meeting items after the executive session.

**MOTION TO ENTER BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION** – Council member Ted Thompson made a motion to enter into regular session. The motion was seconded by Council member Melissa Clements. 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 Ted Thompson. The motion was passed unanimously.



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Presiding Officer