

**MINUTES
CITY OF HARTFORD
APRIL 19, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Hartford, Alabama, met in the conference room in city hall at 6:00 pm on April 19, 2021. The following members were present: Mayor Neil Strickland, Councilman Ted Thompson, Councilman Zane Fowler, Councilman Paul Blount, and Councilman Ron Adams, Absent Councilmember Melissa Clements.

Others in attendance: Vicky Marsh, Annie Ward, Jackie Dillard, Vernon Alford, Jerry Sorrells, Jeffrey Hatcher, Gary Lee Enfinger, Kelli Brannon, Hayden Blount, Ronald Carpenter, Tommy Waters, Ronnie Peters, Ronnie Driskell, Russell Holland, Sylvia Williams, Alfreda Hilliard, Daniel Terry, Christina Hirschy, Haley Booth, Todd Walz, Adam Mevli and Marilyn Harris.

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

April 5, 2021 Minutes – Motion to approve by Councilman Blount, seconded by Councilman Fowler. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Marilynn Harris asked Chief Ward who owns burned house.
- Kelli Brannon announced business of the month is Landrum Customs, LLC. Car show still on for Saturday the 24th.
- Alfreda Hilliard addressed the Mayor on issue of limbs pilling up on Williams Circle.

AGENDA:

1. **OPEN IT SERVICE BIDS** – EnTech \$4537.50 per month, ITod \$13428.76 with monthly payment of \$8928.76 for first year, \$8400.00 second year and \$8300.00 third year, VC3 \$3743.39 per month, City Tech \$3760.00 per month, FoxHill \$4500.00 per month, and ACon Integrated Solutions \$100.00 per email and \$100.00 per location. Councilman Blount made a motion to table until next meeting, which motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.
2. **TOMMY WATERS** – Southeast Transportation Co., proposed to do random drug testing for city employees at percentage council decides. Cost per test is \$60.00. Mayor and council will take into consideration.
3. **RUSSELL HOLLAND DOT TAP GRANT** – State has grant money available. Capped at \$800,000.00 with an 80/20 match. Applications are due by May 28. Councilman Adams asked if money could be used for storm/flood related problems or Recreation Department.
4. **RONNIE DRISKELL – UPDATE PROJECTS** – Outfall line project can start getting bids for clearing land once all easements are signed. Flood elevation could be reduced. Would be cheaper to change back to open ditch instead of going back with pipe.

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5. **BACK-TO-SCHOOL SALES TAX HOLIDAY** – Councilman Adams made a motion to approve Resolution 04-19-21, which motion was seconded by Councilman Blount. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.
6. **AD VALOREM TAX RATE** – Councilman Adams made a motion to accept Ad Valorem Tax Rate of 6.8, which motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.
7. **BUDGET BILLING** – Councilman Fowler made a motion to go forward with budget billing, which motion was seconded by Councilman Adams. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Strickland

- Asked if council would like to do ad for Graduation, cost would be \$97.00, costing each councilmember \$17.00.
- ACCA County Commission CARES Act of \$480,000, has not been specified as where money can be spent.
- Emily Van still reviewing applications for EMS grant.
- Scott Farmer – 2 generators for Lagoon \$68,851 local share \$22952.50
- Text My Gov Web-Site – Citizens would be able to use the site to report potholes

Councilman Thompson

- Has area for dumpsters been designated for citizens to use during May Clean Up month.
- Old propane building on 3rd Avenue is an eye sore. Chief Ward will get in contact with owner.

Councilman Fowler

- Need to look at putting elevated roof on city hall. Councilman Blount made a motion to stop bid process, which motion was seconded by Councilman Adams. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilman Adams

- When can IT packets be picked up and could he contact bidders with questions. Mr. Hatcher said that would be fine, but he could not negotiate on bids.
- Pay scale for police department was emailed to Chief Ward, Mayor and council.
- Will get with Chief Enfinger on pay scale for Fire Rescue.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:

Annie Ward

- Keep Dothan Police Officer in prayers.

Jerry Sorrells

- Landfill on last cell needs to be expanded or purchase land. Property owner next to landfill is willing to sale 15 to 20 acres.

Vicky Marsh

- CMO Training

Gary Lee Enfinger

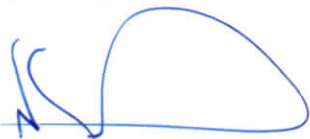
- Email on raise working on for next budget year.

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- Asked to enter contract with Zoll or Elevos. Zoll quote based on runs, Elevos is a flat rate. Councilman Adams made a motion to stay with Elevos and give Mayor Strickland authority to execute contract, which motion was seconded by Councilman Fowler. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.
- Contract with Emergency Reporting for new Fire software \$500.00 set up fee and yearly fee of \$1795.00. Councilman Blount made a motion to contract with Emergency Reporting, which motion was seconded by Councilman Adams. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.
- New sign will be in on Wednesday.
- Asked approval to give Daniel Terry a raise of .50. Councilman Blount made a motion to approve raise, which motion was seconded by Councilman Adams. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Thompson, seconded by Councilman Blount. Motion carried.

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Presiding Officer