

**MINUTES
CITY OF HARTFORD
AUGUST 2, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Hartford, Alabama, met in the conference room in city hall at 6:00 pm on August 2, 2021. 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, Jerry Sorrells, Attorney Jeff Hatcher, Vernon Alford, Gary Enfinger, Zac Cooke, Noah Cobb, Anna Ricardo, Sylvia Williams, Christine Wheeler, Marilyn Harris, Shannon Grooms and Alfreda Hilliard.

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

July 19, 2021, Minutes – Motion to approve by Councilman Blount, seconded by Councilman Fowler. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Sylvia Williams complained about roads not being repaired in her district. Also stated limbs are on the power line going to her house.

Marilyn Harris complained about limbs covering the 25-mph speed sign on Line Street.

Alfreda Hilliard complained about leaks on William Circle.

AGENDA:

1. **DISCUSS LANDFILL ACQUISITION** – Jerry Sorrells stated ADEM has not permitted a new landfill in five years. Mayor Strickland moved to purchase property from Mr. Skinner for \$150,000 and increase the current line of credit at First National Bank of Hartford to buy the property. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Clements. The vote was recorded as follows: Mayor Strickland yea, Councilwoman Clements yea, Councilman Thompson nay, Councilman Fowler yea, Councilman Blount, nay, and Councilman Adams yea. Mayor Strickland declared the motion carried.
2. **CITY BOARDS** – Discussed city boards and conflicts of interest of board members.
3. **OPEN SEALED BIDS FOR MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS** – Mayor Strickland stated only one bid was received for the street sweeper. Zac Cooke bid \$80.00. Councilman Adams moved to reject the bid. Motion died for lack of second. Councilman Fowler moved to accept the bid of \$80.00, which motion was seconded by Councilwoman Clements. Mayor Strickland, Councilwoman Clements, Councilman Thompson, Councilman Fowler, and Councilman Blount voted yea. Councilman Adams voted nay. Mayor Strickland declared the motion carried. Mayor Strickland stated only one bid was received for the chain link fence panels. Zac Cooke bid \$40.00. Councilman Fowler moved to reject the bid, which motion was seconded by Councilman Adams. The council

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voted unanimously in favor thereof. Councilman Blount made a motion to rebid chain link fence panels and other items that have been declared surplus, which motion was seconded by Councilman Adams. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilwoman Clements

● Councilwoman Clements moved to put eight to ten garbage cans at the football field, which motion was seconded by Councilman Adams. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilman Thompson

● Stated the problem with potholes is a growing concern with his constituents. Also discussed cutting and maintaining ROW to protect city services. Suggested hiring contractor to repair water leaks on William Circle so leaks can be fixed correctly and efficiently.

Councilman Adams

Asked about water rate study.

City Clerk Vicky Marsh stated the council needs to adopt a policy concerning budget billing before advertising it.

Councilwoman Clements moved to go into executive session at 6:50 to discuss good name and character of an employee, which motion was seconded by Councilman Adams. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof. No minutes are recorded during executive session. Councilman Fowler moved to return to regular session, which motion was seconded by Councilman Blount. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Blount, seconded by Councilman Fowler. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.



Presiding Officer