

**MINUTES
CITY OF HARTFORD
DECEMBER 6, 2021**

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

Others in attendance: Vicky Marsh, Annie Ward, Jerry Sorrells, Jackie Dillard, Sylvia Williams, Marilyn Harris, Anabella Ricardo, Phillip Herring, Fred Ward, Brandon Watford, Vernon Alford, Hayden Blount, and Chris Templar.

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

November 15, 2021, Minutes – Motion to approve by Councilman Blount, seconded by Councilman Fowler. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

December 2, 2021, Work Session Minutes – Motion to approve by Councilwoman Clements seconded by Councilman Blount. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

●Marilyn Harris thanked everyone who stopped by booth at Hometown Holidays, asked that the road be patched where leak was on Williams Circle.

AGENDA:

1. OPEN BIDS –

- a. **Fence Panels** – Annabella Ricardo bid \$75.00. Councilman Fowler made a motion to accept bid from Annabella Ricardo in the amount of \$75.00, which motion was seconded by Councilman Blount. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.
- b. **Ditch Witch** – Chris Templar bid \$350.00, and Ben Ballard bid \$575.00. Councilman Adams made a motion to accept bid from Ben Ballard in the amount of \$575.00, which motion was seconded by Councilman Fowler. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.
- c. **Side Cutter** – Chris Templar bid \$250.00. Councilman Fowler made a motion to accept bid from Chris Templar in the amount of \$250.00, which motion was seconded by Councilman Adams. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.
- d. **Bucket Truck** – Chris Templar bid \$1500.00 and Rich Brannon bid \$1100.00. Councilman Adams made a motion to accept bid from Chris Templar in the amount of \$1500.00, which motion was seconded by Councilwoman Clements. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

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2. **APPOINT BOARD MEMBERS** – Councilman Fowler made a motion to reappoint board members as listed, which motion was seconded by Councilman Blount. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.
3. **ONE TIME PAY INCREASE** – Councilman Adams made a motion to leave one time pay increase the same as last year, which motion was seconded by Councilwoman Clements. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.
4. **CHANGE DECEMBER 20TH MEETING TO DECEMBER 21ST** – Councilman Adams made a motion to change December 20th meeting to December 21st, which motion was seconded by Councilman Blount. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.
5. **UTILIZATION OF COUNTY ARP FUNDS TO SUBSIDIZE EMS** – Tabled until next meeting.
6. **RESOLUTION 12-6-21 MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN** – Councilman Blount made a motion to adopt Resolution 12-6-21 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation, which motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.
7. **IT SERVICE** – Mayor Strickland made a motion to hire company and bid out equipment. Mayor Strickland made a motion to appoint Entec for IT Service, which motion was seconded by Councilman Adams. Roll call Mayor Strickland yea, Councilwoman Clements yea, Councilman Thompson yea, Councilman Fowler yea, Councilman Blount yea, and Councilman Adams yea.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Strickland

● Brandon Watford requested mileage reimbursement for 156 miles. Councilman Fowler made a motion to reimburse Brandon Watford for 156 miles, which motion was seconded by Councilman Blount. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

● Johnnie Yeomans asked about closure of Alley.

Councilwoman Clements

● Thanked Brandon Watford and Paul Spivey for all the work they did for Hometown Holidays.

● Publicly apologize for breaking parade rules.

Councilman Fowler

● Apologized for miscommunication about the parade, he never seen the form. Councilman Fowler made a motion to change form to allow candy to be thrown, which motion was seconded by Councilman Blount. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

● Weeds taller & thicker at 6th Avenue and West Burch Street and is blocking view. Corner needs to be cut. Street crew should be able to weed eat that corner since it is on right of way.

● Score board and mower are in at the recreation park. Lean to has been ordered. Landon is waiting on quote for painting.

Councilman Blount

● Thanked Jerry Sorrells for changing lights.

● Thanked Chief Ward for property cleanup.

● Thanked Chris Templar for cleaning up around his business.

Councilman Adams

● Christmas Tea was set up nice, did not have a big turnout. Hometown Holiday's went really well.

● Can Fred Ward move forward on getting his property rezoned.

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- Reminded the Senior Center is still taking donations for the food drive.
- Thanked the Police Department for Angel Tree.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:

Chief Ward

- Ricky Hall at Shiloh Baptist Church will be having a sing on the square December 19, will also have horse and buggy rides and has requested street be blocked off. Mayor Strickland made a motion to allow police department to block street off, which motion was seconded by Councilman Adams. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.
- Riley Seibenhener has started demolition of house on Newton Street.

Chief Phillip Herring

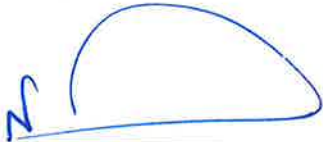
- Checked all hydrants and found forty more. Hydrants have been tagged and will get with Jerry.
- Not receiving Florida Medi-cade because no one signed up to be able to receive. Will need to go to Panama City and get fingerprinted and background check which will take 30 days.
- To put fire training tower on empty lot on 3rd Avenue would need a hydrant on that side of road and property would need to be fenced. Councilman Fowler suggested checking with residents before moving forward. Councilman Adams suggested coordinating with Slocomb to rent their tower or pay to train with them. Councilman Adams also suggested sending two people to get fingerprinted and background checks.
- Contacted Verizon about trackers for ambulance. No one has gotten back to him.
- Councilman Adams asked if hydrants would be marked with new mapping that was approved in Jerry Sorrells budget.

Jerry Sorrells

- Shout out to Marty Wright, Jonathan Webb, and Jackson Ingram for getting water back on in about 30 minutes after contractors busted a line.

ADJOURNMENT:

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



Presiding Officer