

**MINUTES
CITY OF HARTFORD
DECEMBER 21, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Hartford, Alabama, met in the conference room in city hall at 6:00 pm on December 21, 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, Jerry Sorrells, Jackie Dillard, Anabella Ricardo, Phillip Herring, Tessie Dawson, and Tabitha Stanbrough.

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

December 6, 2021, Minutes – Motion to approve by Councilman Blount, seconded by Councilman Thompson. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

AGENDA:

1. **TESSIE DAWSON – AVE G** – Ms. Dawson asked the council to re-consider renaming Avenue G or from Hillcrest Avenue to Railroad Avenue in honor of Tessie Goynes. She was informed a public hearing would need to be scheduled for after the first of the year.
2. **DAVID SCHUTZ – INS RENEWAL** – Rescheduled for January 3, 2022, meeting.
3. **APPOINT LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER** – The McGregor – McKinney Public Library Board submitted the following recommendations of Board members for approval by the Hartford City Council: Mandie Dillard, to serve another term expiring on December 31, 2025. Councilman Blount made a motion to accept recommendation of Mandie Dillard to serve another term, which motion was seconded by Councilman Fowler. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Strickland

- Stephanie Riley received a quote from Weston Backhoe for handrails and concrete at the library in the amount of \$2775.00. Councilwoman Clements made a motion to accept quote from Weston Backhoe in the amount of \$2775.00, which motion was seconded by Councilman Fowler. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.
- Dave Rousseau contacted Mayor Strickland about having a fund raiser to collect things to send to Kentucky. Councilman Blount stated storage place in Slocomb was already doing that. Another way to give is through Samaritans First.
- A one-day course will be January 19, in Montgomery, let Vicky know to get you registered.
- Work Session has been scheduled for January 6, 2022, at 5:30 for final IT contract preliminary.

Councilwoman Clements

- Two residents have asked for LED light to be put up at Radford Street and Highway 123.

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- Sidewalks on Highway 123 the ends look good, but the middle is bad.

Councilman Thompson

- Great work on Line Street.

Councilman Fowler

- Asked when rate study might start.

Councilman Adams

- Asked for update on food drive. Chief Herring stated everything went well.
- Could not attend safety meeting asked how it went.
- Thanked the Police Department again for Angel Tree. It means a lot to him.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:

Chief Ward

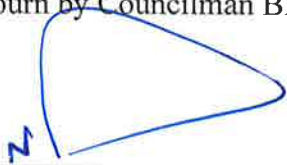
- On behalf of Chief Ward, Mayor Strickland gave an update on recent burglaries. They have excellent leads, still doing surveillance and looking at ring doorbells.

Chief Phillip Herring

- Applying for assistance to fire fighter grant for a 3000-gallon tanker approximate cost \$309750.00 with the city agreeing to pay 5% match of \$15487.50. Councilman Fowler made a motion to pay 5% match of \$15487.50, which motion was seconded by Councilman Adams. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

ADJOURNMENT:

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



Presiding Officer