

**MINUTES
CITY OF HARTFORD
JANUARY 18, 2022**

The City Council of the City of Hartford, Alabama, met in the conference room in city hall at 6:00 pm on January 18, 2022. 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, Annie Ward, Jackie Dillard, Anabella Ricardo, Phillip Herring, Marilyn Harris, Jeff Hatcher, and Vernon Alford.

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

January 3, 2022, Minutes – Motion to approve by Councilman Adams, seconded by Councilman Thompson. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

January 12, 2022, Work Session Minutes – Councilman Blount request minutes be changed to show he was at meeting via telephone. Councilman Adams request minutes to reflect Mr. Hatcher stating there were numerous options to enter into IT Service agreement. Councilman Adams made a motion to approve work session minutes with noted changes, which motion was seconded by Councilman Blount. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Marilyn Harris requested big hole be fixed on N 9th Avenue and Line Street.

AGENDA:

1. **SEVERE WEATHER TAX HOLIDAY RESOLUTION** – Councilman Adams made a motion to approve severe weather preparedness tax holiday, which motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.
2. **ORDINANCE 01-18-22 AMEND ZONING ORDINANCE** – Councilman Fowler made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration, which motion was seconded by Councilman Adams. Roll Call: Mayor Strickland yea, Councilwoman Clements yea, Councilman Thompson yea, Councilman Fowler yea, Councilman Adams yea, and Councilman Blount yea. Motion carried. Councilman Adams made a motion to approve recommendations to change from District M1 to District R1, Ordinance 01-18-22, which motion was seconded by Mayor Strickland. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.
3. **RESCUE EMS** – Mr. Jones did not attend the meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Strickland

- Councilwoman Clements, Councilman Fowler and I will be in Montgomery Wednesday.

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Councilman Thompson

- Re-visit grant writer for Hartford.

Councilman Fowler

- Asked Jerry for update on mapping, Jerry stated Vicky is preparing bid packet.
- Update on rate study, Jim Marshall will be at February 7th meeting to discuss.
- Lean-to for Recreation Park has not come in.

Councilman Blount

- Asked for update on landfill, Jerry stated still in the process of getting testing done to get approved from ADEM.
- Update on outfall line, Jerry stated contractors are still clearing ROW. Bid packets are ready to go.
- Thanked utility department for replacing transformer so quickly in his neighborhood during the holidays.

Councilman Adams

- Thanked utility department for work done on Azalea Avenue. Has helped with voltage surges and made it safer.
- Asked about budget billing. Vicky stated only a couple of people have inquired.
- Asked how basketball season was going. Mayor Strickland stated it was going well. Councilman Adams asked if we needed to start cleaning again due to Covid.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:

Chief Ward

- Requested approval to purchase eight laptop computers for vehicles. Chief will purchase three from her budget, Vernon will purchase four from court budget and Kirk Adams will purchase one. Chief requested to move \$12,235.00 from maintenance budget to equipment budget. Mr. Alford requested to increase revenue budget \$20,000.00 and increase miscellaneous budget \$20,000. Councilman Adams made a motion to amend police department budget and court budget, which motion was seconded by Mayor Strickland. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.
- Stolen firearm was recovered.

Chief Phillip Herring

- Stated he has three out with Covid.
- Fire House Subs grant is complete.
- AFG grant for tanker should be finished Wednesday or Thursday.
- SAFER Grant is due in a couple of weeks. Requested approval to apply. Mayor Strickland made a motion to move forward with application with it having a no match, which motion was seconded by Councilwoman Clements. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.
- Interviewed two applicants, a medic and an advanced.
- Requested Mr. Hatcher look at contract with Elevos to see if there is an escape clause for breach of contract.

Jeff Hatcher

- Mr. Hatcher stated he has been contacted about getting the city of do a Resolution for low-speed vehicles. Senator and Representative said they would present a local act to be passed, however they will only present if all four cities adopt a resolution. Councilman Fowler made a motion for Mr. Hatcher to draft a resolution for low-speed vehicles, which motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. Roll Call: Mayor Strickland yea, Councilwoman Clements yea,

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Councilman Thompson yea, Councilman Fowler yea, Councilman Blount yea and Councilman Adams yea. Motion carried.

- Stated there may be more funds coming from American Rescue Plan.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by Mayor Strickland, seconded by Councilwoman Clements. Motion carried.

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Presiding Officer