

**MINUTES
CITY OF HARTFORD
FEBRUARY 22, 2022**

The City Council of the City of Hartford, Alabama, met in the conference room in city hall at 6:00 pm on February 22, 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, Vernon Alford, Anabella Ricardo, John Burton, Jeff Hatcher, William Gibbs, Shan Harley, Marilyn Harris, Sylvia Williams, Alfreda Hilliard, Jeffrey Chancellor, Jesse McQuillan.

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

February 7, 2022, Minutes – Motion to approve by Councilman Blount, seconded by Councilman Fowler. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Marilyn Harris reported potholes off Line Street and Sherwood. City can not patch because those are private roads.
- Sylvia Williams reported holes on Ollie Glass and Kirkland Street. Jerry Sorrells replied he is waiting on patch.
- Alfreda Hilliard talked about having fund raisers to help pay for entry fees for kids playing in recreation activities. She also discussed the smell in the kitchen area at the Johnny Hughes Community Center.

AGENDA:

1. **OPEN BIDS FOR GIS MAPPING** – Mayor Strickland opened and read aloud the bids received from Patterson & Dewar, Davey Resource Group and CDG Engineers. Award will be made at March 7th meeting.
2. **WILLIAM GIBBS** – Mr. Gibbs addressed the mayor and council about sewer problems on Commerce Street and overgrown property that is causing rats and snakes.
3. **APPOINT LEAGUE VOTING DELEGATE** – Councilman Blount made a motion to appoint Mayor Strickland as primary voting delegate and Councilwoman Clements as alternate voting delegate, which motion was seconded by Councilman Adams. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.
4. **RESOLUTION 02-22-22-1 SUPPORT LEGISLATION TO AUTHORIZE THE OPERATION OF LOW-SPEED VEHICLES** – Mr. Hatcher stated no motion was needed because resolution had already been voted on, all he needed was the signatures on Resolution 02-22-22-1.
5. **WET/DRY PETITION CERTIFICATION** – City Clerk Vicky Marsh certified enough registered voters have signed petition for alcohol sales to be voted on by the citizens.

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COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Strickland

- Entech on sight as of today.
- Asked Jeff Hatcher if he has researched property lines for Harrell Milling? Mr. Hatcher stated looking at Alabama GSI it is not a city street to maintain.
- Parking is still an issue on Highway 123 and Third Avenue. Chief Ward stated without parking ordinance there is nothing she can do.
- Poly Engineering will be at March 7th meeting.
- Ms. Dawson called about historical marker sign.

Councilwoman Clements

- Resident has asked for speed bumps to be put on North 4th Avenue. Chief Ward stated she will increase patrol in that area.

Councilman Thompson

- Issue on Williams Circle, is it a subdivision or industrial area?

Councilman Fowler

- Welcome signs coming into town are looking dull. Plant something with color and minimal maintenance.
- Asked Chief Ward if there is a state law on direction to park. Chief Ward said there is no state law.

Councilman Blount

- Requested work session meeting with Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustments. Meeting will be March 10th at 5:00 pm.

Councilman Adams

- Ms. Shirley called him for update on property on her street being cleaned up.
- Thanked police and fire department for quick response to fire on Shiloh Road.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:

Vernon Alford

- Requested to increase court miscellaneous budget \$8000.00 to make two small offices in the court room. Councilman Blount made a motion to increase court miscellaneous budget by \$8000.00, which motion was seconded by Councilman Adams. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Assistant Fire/Rescue Chief John Burton

- Rescue 4 was taken to shop on Friday, should be ready this week.
- Allison Adkison moved up from Advanced EMT to Paramedic.

Jerry Sorrells

- Bids for Sewer Outfall will be opened Tuesday, March 1st at 2 pm.
- Planned power outage for March 13th to replace power lines. Outage will be for about eight hours and will affect East side of town.

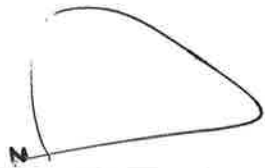
Jeff Hatcher

- Gave update on EMS money from the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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Presiding Officer