

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

The City Council of the City of Hartford, Alabama, met in the conference room in city hall at 6:00 pm on April 18, 2022. The following members were present: Mayor Neil Strickland, Councilwoman Melissa Clements, Councilman Ted Thompson, Councilman Zane Fowler, and Councilman Ron Adams.

Others in attendance: Vicky Marsh, Jerry Sorrells, Chief Annie Ward, Vernon Alford, Jackie Dillard, Anabelle Ricardo, Chief Phillip Herring, Brandon Watford, Jeff Hatcher, Todd Walz, Margaret Justice, Jesse McQuillan.

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

APRIL 4, 2022, Minutes – Motion to approve by Councilman Thompson, seconded by Councilwoman Clements, Councilman Fowler opposed, Councilman Adams opposed stating he wanted City Clerk's exact words in Department Head Comments, and Mayor Strickland opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Jesse McQuillan with Wiregrass Economic Development stated FEMA still has Covid money available. He will get information to the mayor.
- Glenda Wright asked if Hartford has a leash law. Ms. Wright stated she lives at 218 Hillcrest Avenue, and she is tired of dogs, cats and goats coming on her property and hocken.

AGENDA:

1. **DECLARE COUNCIL SEAT DISTRICT 4 VACANT** – Councilman Fowler made a motion to declare District 4 seat vacant, which motion was seconded by Councilman Adams. Mayor Strickland abstained, Councilwoman Clements yea, Councilman Thompson yea, Councilman Fowler yea, and Councilman Adams yea. Motion carried.
2. **TODD WALZ – ENTECH** – Discussed the three proposals submitted for the purchase of hardware. Option one is hardware as a service, which is where we put in a server instead of the city buying it out right. This will be an extra charge on your monthly bill. If anything happens to the server, we need to upgrade, swap a drive, or add a drive, or any thing goes wrong we execute a warranty or upgrade, and it does not effect your monthly bill. We can add workstations as well with an additional monthly fee. Option two: buy the hardware out right. I have sent over Entech pricing for server, server storage, workstations, and monitors. Option three: bid hardware out. I emailed a spec list to the mayor, Vicky, and Attorney Hatcher.
3. **RESOLUTION 04-18-22 – SURPLUS PROPERTY** – Chief Ward recommended donating the two Crown Victoria's to City of Slocomb and taking sealed bids for the Ford F150. Mr. Hatcher stated it is legal to transfer between government entities. You will

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- Asked Chief Ward about lawn mower deal with Mr. Gibbs. Chief Ward stated father-in-law of the guy that rides lawn mower will take him from yard to yard. She then contacted Mr. Gibbs and let him know.
- Whatever came of Mr. Dowling doing a complaint, he says he has not heard anything about a court date. Mr. Alford stated the case has been resolved. Councilman Adams asked, should he have been notified. Mr. Hatcher stated no unless it had gone to trial.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:

Chief Phillip Herring

- Finishing getting Zole EMS charts set up. Go live date hopefully will be next Monday the 25th.
- Currently on track for having highest month this fiscal year.
- Getting updated quotes for ambulance and power load stretchers. Build time on ambulance is 12 to 18 months.
- Terry Jackson is in Geneva at a special called Geneva County Volunteer Fire Fighters Association meeting where our department was presented with a check for \$1958.76 from the Alabama Forestry.
- We did not get the Fire House Sub Grant we applied for to get turn out gear.

Jerry Sorrells

- Bid packets will go out end of this week for the Railroad Avenue project and Slocomb Road lift station project.

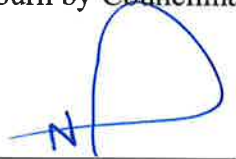
Jeff Hatcher

- Asked to go into executive session after regular council meeting. Councilman Thompson made a motion to go into executive session, which motion was seconded by Councilwoman Clements. Roll Call: Mayor Strickland yea, Councilwoman Clements yea, Councilman Thompson yea, Councilman Fowler yea, and Councilman Adams yea. Motion passed.

Council went into executive session at 7:18 p.m. No minutes are recorded in executive session. Councilman Fowler made a motion to return to regular meeting, which motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

ADJOURNMENT:

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



Presiding Officer