

**MINUTES
CITY OF HARTFORD
May 2, 2022**

The City Council of the City of Hartford, Alabama, met in the conference room in city hall at 6:00 pm on May 2, 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, Brandon Watford, Jeff Hatcher, Ronald Carpenter, Wendy Strickland, William Gibbs, Ryan Hales, Kim Curenton, Rich Brannon, Jo Brannon, Zac Cooke, Paul Blount, John Burton, Wendel Nolen, Heather Bradshaw, Donnie Adkinson, Noah Cobb, Gloria Graddy, Jeanna Brannon, Gene Brannon, Darren Batchelor, Chris Brown, Grant Sorrells, Allen Langford, Lindsay Langford, and Darrell Terry.

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

APRIL 4, 2022, Minutes – Motion to approve by Councilman Fowler, seconded by Councilwoman Clements. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

APRIL 18, 2022, Minutes – Motion to approve by Councilman Fowler, seconded by Councilman Adams. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

APRIL 25, 2022, Work Session Minutes – Motion to approve by Councilman Adams, seconded by Councilman Thompson. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- William Gibbs stated he is still having issues with sewer/stormwater backing up on his property and lawn mower issue. Jerry stated we need to let Ronnie Driskell look at sewer/stormwater issue. Chief Ward stated police department has made ten to twelve traffic stops pertaining to lawn mowers since the meeting Mr. Gibbs was at the last time with this issue.
- Darrell Terry inquiring about lawn mower issue, cannot ride it to gas station. Chief Ward stated you cannot ride lawn mower on city street. Mr. Terry asked is there a city ordinance stating that. Mr. Hatcher replied no that it falls under the State law. Asked if tractor trailer with just a bob tail can park on the street for the night, is there an ordinance against that. Mr. Hatcher stated there is not as long as it is parked legally and not blocking traffic.

AGENDA:

1. **COMPUTERS FOR CITY HALL** – Councilman Adams made a motion to lease hardware from Entech, which motion was seconded by Councilman Fowler. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

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2. **RATE COMPARISON** – Jerry Sorrells discussed raising minimum bill for electric to \$15.00, and water and sewer to \$12.00. Also raise the per kw hour by .01 and water and sewer by .40 per thousand gallons.
3. **ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF RECREATION DIRECTOR** – Mayor Strickland stated Landon is resigning to spend more time with his family and continue his education to become a teacher. Ryan Hales stated the main reason Landon resigned is because he was being micro-managed by a council member. Councilman Adams made a motion to accept resignation from Landon Lindsay as recreation director, which motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.
4. **DISTRICT 4 SEAT VACANCY** – Councilman Adams made a motion to appoint Paul Fondren, which motion was seconded by Councilman Fowler. Roll call vote: Mayor Strickland nay, Councilwoman Clements nay, Councilman Thompson nay, Councilman Fowler yea, and Councilman Adams yea. Motion died for lack of majority vote.
5. **CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS FRANCHISE** – Tabled until contract is finalized.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Strickland

- Carra Stallman with Grant Management, LLC will be at meeting in June.

Councilwoman Clements

- Asked Chief Ward if she has gotten the Crown Vic's to Slocomb, Chief Ward stated no
- Asked where the money will go from the sale of the Ford F150. Money will be put back in General Fund.

Councilman Thompson

- Councilman Thompson made a motion to consider moving city council meeting to the Johnny Hughes Community Center, which motion was seconded by Councilman Adams. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof. The ordinance will need to be amended.

Councilman Fowler

- Asked Vicky if the grant for \$2500 had been applied for. Vicky said no she has to know a specific date to put on application. The deadline for the grant is June 1, 2022

Councilman Adams

- Would like to consider Resolution on Fire Protection Service Cost Recovery. Councilwoman Clement made a motion to adopt Resolution 05-02-22 To Authorize Fire Protection Service Cost Recovery, which motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:

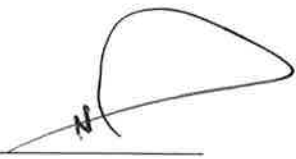
Assistant Chief John Burton

- As of April 29, at midnight new protocols for Alabama went into effect, now advanced EMT's can push cardiac medications.
- Cardiac monitor ordered from grant some time back is on the way.
- New computer system Zoll EMS charting system is up and running.

ADJOURNMENT:

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Motion to adjourn by Councilman Thompson, seconded by Councilwoman Clements. Motion carried.

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Presiding Officer