

**MINUTES
CITY OF HARTFORD
June 6, 2022**

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

Others in attendance: Vicky Marsh, Jerry Sorrells, Chief Annie Ward, Vernon Alford, Jackie Dillard, Jeff Hatcher, Phillip Herring, see attached list.

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

MAY 19, 2022, Minutes – Motion to approve by Councilman Fowler, seconded by Councilman Thompson. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

MAY 31, 2022, Special Meeting – Motion to approve by Councilman Fowler, seconded by Councilman Fondren. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

AGENDA:

1. **STATE REPRESENTATIVE JEFF SORRELLS** – Representative Sorrells stated what an excellent job City Clerk Vicky Marsh has done over the past 22 years. Representative Sorrells also discussed several projects that were completed in his tenure as Mayor for the City of Hartford. Also discussed proposed rate increase.
2. **JEANNA BRANNON** – Suggested the Mayor add an agenda item for future meetings for old business. Presented Mayor and Council an analysis she did of the proposed utility rate increase. Also discussed the fiscal year budget of 2022 and asked what the plan is for producing the fiscal year budget for 2023. Ms. Brannon also reported a tree by Hartford Tire needs to be trimmed and water leak in front of Tate's Grocery.
3. **DONNIE ADKINSON** - Voiced his concerns about the proposed rate increase. If the rate increase is necessary, can it be phased in. Appreciate your time and friendship.
4. **JANIE FONDREN – FOOD TRUCKS, FIREWORKS & FREEDOM** – Mrs. Fondren gave an update on event to be held July 2nd. There will be food trucks, games, face painting, and karaoke contest.
5. **RESOLUTION 06-06-22 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH ADOT FOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECT** – Councilman Fondren made a motion to adopt Resolution 06-06-22 authorizing the mayor to enter into agreement with ADOT for transportation project, which motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.
6. **ORDINANCE 06-06-22-1 AMEND SECTION 5 OF ORDINANCE 06-20-11** – Councilman Fondren made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration, which motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. Roll Call: Mayor Strickland yea, Councilwoman Clements yea, Councilman Thompson yea, Councilman Fowler yea,

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Councilman Fondren yea, and Councilman Adams yea. Motion carried. Councilman Fondren made a motion to adopt ordinance 06-06-22-1 to amend section 5 of ordinance 06-20-11, which motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. Roll Call: Mayor Strickland yea, Councilwoman Clements yea, Councilman Thompson yea, Councilman Fowler yea, Councilman Fondren yea, and Councilman Adams yea. Motion passed. June 21, 2022, council meeting will be in the Court Room at the Johnny Hughes Community Center at 6:00 p.m.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Strickland

●We do need to look at everything needed for the rate increase. Excellent idea on Donnie's part, changes do need to be incremental. Jeanna, you did an excellent job on breaking all this down, give us another meeting or so to get answers to your question, and Jeff you did a fantastic job as Mayor and doing great job as representative.

Councilwoman Clements

●Thanked everybody for comments tonight. Police and Fire Rescue you all have had a couple tough call this week, appreciate you all.

Councilman Thompson

●Discussed trash pickup at Prosperity Missionary Baptist Church that has been out for almost three weeks. Councilman Thompson stated he has asked several times for the trash to be picked up at the church. He is not sure if there needs to be a change in the ordinance, but if we have a knuckle boom truck and it has room for more trash it should be utilized. Asked if it was possible to have the trash removed.

●Some residents on Hillcrest Avenue have concerns about excessive speed. They would like speed limit signs put up.

●Infrastructure projects will be phased in or all at one time. Project he is asking about is Railroad Street Project.

●Potholes on Railroad and 3rd Avenue. If we can not get millage can concrete be used.

●Line Street needs a No Trash Dumping / \$1000 Fine sign.

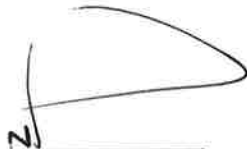
Councilman Fowler

●Area between Dogwood and Magnolia Avenue needs some lighting.

●Thanked Jerry and his department for the beautification done on the welcome signs and rec park sign. Looks a lot better.

ADJOURNMENT:

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



Presiding Officer