

**MINUTES
CITY OF HARTFORD
June 21, 2022**

The City Council of the City of Hartford, Alabama, met at the Johnny Hughes Community Center at 6:00 pm on June 21, 2022. The following members were present: Mayor Neil Strickland, Councilwoman Melissa Clements, Councilman Ted Thompson, Councilman Zane Fowler, Councilman Paul Fondren, and Councilman Ron 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.

JUNE 6, 2022, Minutes – Motion to approve by Councilman Adams with correction that he was not present, seconded by Councilman Fondren. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Mayor Strickland congratulated Bo Miller on Governorship at Boys State.

AGENDA:

1. **GARY HENRIKSEN – MOBILE HOME DENIED ON LEON AVE** – Mr. Henriksen asked how he could get power and water restored to his mobile home on Leon Avenue. Mr. Hatcher stated you have to get a variance from the Board of Adjustments, being denied you will have to submit a letter of appeal.
2. **APPOINT RECREATION DIRECTOR** – Councilman Fondren made a motion to nominate Nick Holley recreation director, which motion was seconded by Councilman Fowler. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof. Councilman Fondren made a motion to appoint Nick Holley as recreation director, which motion was seconded by Councilman Fowler. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.
3. **APPOINT ABSENTEE ELECTION MANAGER FOR MUNICIPAL OPTION ELECTION JULY 26, 2022** – Mayor Strickland made a motion to appoint Jackie Dillard absentee election manger for municipal option election July 26, 2022, which motion was seconded by Councilwoman Clements. The council voted unanimously in favor thereof.
4. **ARMORY PURCHASE** – Mayor Strickland received a letter from Mark Weeks on June 16th stating the Army Commission met on June 1st and accepted offer of \$60,000.00 to purchase the Armory property as is, where is.
5. **CARR RIGGS & INGRAM – AGREEMENT** – Councilman Fondren made a motion to hire Carr Riggs & Ingram, motion died for lack of second. Mr. Hatcher recommended using an experienced city clerk instead of an auditor and recommended contracting with

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Vicky Marsh. Vicky stated she is agreeable to that and could be reached anytime by phone.

6. **JEANNA BRANNON – FOLLOW UP TO COMMENTS FROM JUNE 6, 2022, MEETING** – Discussed rate increase proposal, Jackson Thornton contract, fiscal responsibility, and public comments section of council meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Strickland

- Announced WTVY will interview myself and Chief Ward in the square July 29th.

Councilwoman Clements

- Reminded everyone to come out to the Food Truck, Fireworks and Freedom Festival July 2nd.

Councilman Thompson


- Reminded everyone June is clean up month. Dumpster is still available or put debris out by curb.

Councilman Fowler

- Announced welcome sign from Slocomb has been trimmed and lights are working.

ADJOURNMENT:

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



Presiding Officer