

**CITY COMMON COUNCIL
OF HARTFORD CITY, INDIANA
AUGUST 2, 2021
MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME: Mayor Eckstein called to order a meeting of the Common Council of the City of Hartford City at 6:00pm, August 2, 2021.

ROLL CALL Members of the council present were Dustin George, Ron Dudelston, Jimmy Lytle, Michael Wolfe and Tony Scaggs. Also in attendance were Mayor Dan Eckstein, Attorney, Brandon Murphy and Clerk-Treasurer, Dana Whatley.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mr. Scaggs made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Mr. Lytle seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 6, 2021: Mr. Lytle made a motion to accept the minutes of July 6, 2021 meeting as submitted. Mr. Dudelston seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

A.) 2ND READING OF ORDINANCE 2021-11 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING

SECTION 10.16.040 OF THE CITY CODE: Mr. Lytle made a motion to accept Ordinance 2021-11. Mr. George seconded the motion. The vote to accept was 5-0.

B.) WARREN BROWN – RESOLUTION 2021-27 READI PROGRAM: Mr. Warren Brown addressed Council. He explained that this grant is for a 7 county region. They have presented proposals for a housing project, broadband, disc golf, comprehensive county wide trails, hotel project, Grant/Blackford Mental Health project and Innovate Within (entrepreneurial high school program). Mr. Brown explained that the Blackford County Commissioners have already approved this resolution. He's also asking County Council and Montpelier to approve it as well. Mr. Dudelston made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-27. Mr. Wolfe seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 5-0.

C.) NEWBERRY BUILDING – SPRINKLER SYSTEM DISCUSSION: There was much discussion about the fire suppression options, at the Newberry Building. Mr. Dudelston made a motion to move forward with firewall suppression which was approved by the State of Indiana. Mr. Lytle seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 4-1.

D.) ERIC WOODMANSEE/AME CONSULTING – GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE:

Mr. Woodmansee explained that at the last meeting of the OCRA Master Utility Planning Grant Committee, they finalized four areas where the group wants to focus with green infrastructure and plan on putting it into the first round of CCMG in 2022.

He explained that PHASE I consists of submitting a proposal so they can get started with the pre-design phase of CCMG and allow them to start building it, get the geotechnical services completed and preliminary engineering, cost estimates and the scope of work for the application process.

Mr. Woodmansee stated that PHASE II (if we are awarded the CCMG funds) will be obtaining the final design work and construction documents. They will then put it out to bid and select the contractor. He reminded everyone that with CCMG we have 18 months to complete the project. Someone from AME Consulting will do construction observation during the installation of the green infrastructure.

E.) TEMPORARY SIGNAGE IN FRONT OF BEAUTY SHOP DURING LIBRARY

NATURE PLAY CONSTRUCTION: Ms. Risinger from the Library stated that the contractor has been storing the steel in the parking lot by Weiler Plaza and there have not been the parking issues that were originally anticipated. Mr. George made a motion that no further action was needed. Mr. Lytle seconded the motion. The vote to remove this item was 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

A.) CF-1/PP TRU FORM STEEL & WIRE, INC. (2015-14): Mr. Lytle made a motion to approve the 10 year CF-1 personal property tax abatement for Tru Form Steel & Wire, Inc. Mr. George seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 5-0.

B.) CF-1 3M TAX ABATEMENT:

- 1.) **CF-1 2021-30** – Mr. Dudelston made a motion to approve CF-1 2021-30 for 3M. Mr. George seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 4-0-1 (Mr. Lytle abstained from voting)
- 2.) **CF-1 2021-31** – Mr. Dudelston made a motion to approve CF-1 2021-31 for 3M. Mr. Scaggs seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 4-0-1.
- 3.) **CF-1 2021-32** – Mr. Dudelston made a motion to approve CF-1 2021-32 for 3M. Mr. Scaggs seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 4-0-1.
- 4.) **CF-1 2021-33** – Mr. Dudelston made a motion to approve CF-1 2021-33 for 3M. Mr. Scaggs seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 4-0-1.
- 5.) **CF-1 2021-34** – Mr. Dudelston made a motion to approve CF-1 2021-34 for 3M. Mr. Scaggs seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 4-0-1.
- 6.) **CF-1 2021-35** – Mr. Dudelston made a motion to approve CF-1 2021-35 for 3M. Mr. Scaggs seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 4-0-1

- 7.) **CF-1 2021-36** – Mr. Dudelston made a motion to approve CF-1 2021-36 for 3M. Mr. Scaggs seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 4-0-1.
- 8.) **CF-1 2021-37** – Mr. Dudelston made a motion to approve CF-1 2021-37 for 3M. Mr. Scaggs seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 4-0-1.
- 9.) **CF-1 2021-38** – Mr. Dudelston made a motion to approve CF-1 2021-38 for 3M. Mr. Scaggs seconded the motion. The vote to approve 4-0-1.

C.) RESOLUTION 2021-29 – A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE POLICY BY WHICH MEMBERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL MAY PARTICIPATE BY ELECTRONIC MEANS OF COMMUNICATION: Mr. Wolfe made a motion to approve resolution 2021-29. Mr. George seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 5-0.

MAYOR’S REPORT: Mayor Eckstein reported that the City has received the deed to the AEP building. He invited everyone to a ribbon cutting on August 17, 2021 at noon.

CLERK-TREASURER’S REPORT: Clerk Treasurer Whatley reported that she had applied for the City’s allocation of the ARPA grant money. The application was approved and the first disbursement of this money will be received within 7-10 days.

COUNCIL INPUT: The topic of public comment during City Council meetings was discussed. It was decided to continue to allow public comment. Council asked Attorney Murphy to draft a resolution regarding public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Norm Farnham addressed the Council regarding the topic of noise level at events at Weiler Plaza, parking and traffic pattern issues during Heritage Days. Council listened to Mr. Farnham’s concerns. They stated that this year Heritage Days was a learning process and they will take all lessons learned into next year’s celebration. As far as Weiler Plaza is concerned, the placement of this plaza and its platform has been approved by the State of Indiana and as long as the local ordinances are being adhered to then no changes need to be made.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, Mr. Dudelston made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

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