

**CITY COMMON COUNCIL  
OF HARTFORD CITY, INDIANA  
JANUARY 3, 2023  
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 on January 3, 2023.

**ROLL CALL:** Members of the council present were Michael Wolfe, Dustin George, Ron Dudelston, and Ron Parrott. Tony Scaggs was absent. Also present were Mayor Dan Eckstein, Attorney Brandon Murphy, and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Diana Heishman.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Mr. Dudelston made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Parrott seconded the motion. The vote to approve the agenda was 4-0.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR 12/5/2022 & 12/20/2022:** Mr. George made a motion to approve both the minutes from 12/5/22 & 12/20/22 as submitted. Mr. Dudelston seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0-1. Mr. Wolfe abstained from voting as he did not attend the 12/20/22 meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**A.) ERIC WARREN WITH ORC REAL ESTATE SOLUTIONS – POWER LINE REBUILD EASEMENT REQUEST:** There was discussion regarding the city owned tracks of land and the BDC owned tracks of land. It was determined that BDC has set up a meeting to discuss their easements and requests they have. As for the easements that are city owned, Mr. Dudelston made a motion to approve the 171 track – Hwy 26 & Wabash Ave. Mr. Parrott seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 4-0.

Mr. Dudelston made a motion to approve the 219 track – East Water St. Mr. Parrott seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 4-0.

**B.) BILL SMITH – EMA:** Mr. Smith reminded everyone of the Comprehensive Emergency Plan meetings. He stated that they are required by state statute to be held annually. These meetings will be held in the Commissioner’s Room at the Blackford County Courthouse. Each session will last 90 minutes.

**C.) 1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE 2022-12 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CH 72 OF THE CITY OF HARTFORD CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS AND UTILITY TASK VEHICLES AND CH 72 PENALTIES:** There was discussion about this ordinance and both Attorney Murphy and Chief Crouse explained there were still a few more amendments that need to be made. Mr. Dudelston made a motion to table the 1<sup>st</sup> reading to the February Council meeting. Mr. Parrott seconded the motion. The vote to table was 4-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A.) CREDIT CARD LIMITS:** Several of the Department Superintendents requested to have their credit card limit raised from \$2,500 to \$5,000 permanently. Mr. George made a motion to raise all departmental credit cards to \$5,000. Mr. Wolfe seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 4-0.
- B.) TRAVIS WILLIAMSON – REQUEST TO CLOSE EAST WATER STREET AS PART OF THE AEP SEWER RELOCATION:** Mr. Williamson explained that Water Street will need to be closed from Monroe Street to Spring Street and to Mill Street. The closure will last 10-14 days in February. Mr. Dudelston made a motion to approve the road closures. Mr. George seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 4-0.
- C.) ANIMAL SHELTER FUNDING:** Mayor Eckstein explained to Council that the Board of Works has approved the service contract with the Animal Shelter and now Council needs to decide the amount to be funded for 2023. Clerk-Treasurer Whatley appropriated a ceiling amount of \$45,000 this year. The City funded \$40,000 in 2022. After much discussion, Mr. Parrott made a motion to fund \$40,000 for 2023. Mr. Dudelston seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 4-0.

**MAYOR’S REPORT:** Mayor Eckstein gave kudos to all the city employees who worked through the recent storm.

**CLERK-TREASURER’S REPORT:** NONE

**COUNCIL INPUT:**

- A.) DUSTIN GEORGE** – Mr. George asked the Council if they would be willing to have a special meeting to discuss the Hartford City Memorial Pool and the work needed to repair it. It was decided to have a special meeting on Monday, January 23, 2023 at 6:00pm at City Hall.
- B.) RON PARROTT** – He gave kudos to all our departments and the wonderful work they do. He said that we are fortunate to oversee our water/wastewater utility and trash collection, etc. and not have to outsource to private companies.
- C.) RON DUDELSTON** – He thanked Travis, Bill, Jeff, and their employees for all of their hard work during the recent storm.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** NONE

**ADJOURNMENT:** With there being no further business from the Common Council, Mr. Dudelston made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:12pm.

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