

**CITY COMMON COUNCIL  
OF HARTFORD CITY, INDIANA  
FEBRUARY 7, 2022  
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 February 7, 2022.

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Mr. George asked to amend the agenda and add Dr. Tom Lee for 2022 Heritage Days as letter “G” under new business. Mr. George made a motion to amend the agenda. Mr. Scaggs seconded the motion. The vote to amend was 5-0.

Mr. Dudelston made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. George seconded the motion. The vote to approve the amended agenda was 5-0.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM JANUARY 4, 2022:** Mr. George made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Mr. Wolfe seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 5-0.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**A.) SEWER TAP FEE DISCUSSION:** Mr. Dudelston stated that the Council needs to work on this topic. There currently is no plan so Mr. Dudelston made a motion to table this topic until the March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. George seconded the motion. The vote to table was 5-0.

**B.) HUGGINS DRIVE OWNERSHIP:** Clerk-Treasurer, Whatley while working on the City’s Capital Assets found a report that listed Huggins Drive as a City Capital Asset. There was much discussion on how to proceed. Mayor Eckstein suggested taking this to the Redevelopment Commission to see if they would be willing to pay for any closing costs to obtain the proper documents to show this ownership. Mr. George pointed out that there are a couple of other streets listed on the Capital Assets report that we have the same scenario. Mr. Dudelston requested that Ms. Whatley send him a copy of the Capital Assets report so that it can be reviewed by the Redevelopment Commission. Mr. Dudelston made a motion to take this to the Redevelopment Commission for review. Mr. George seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 5-0.

**C.) AEP COST SHARING AGREEMENT:** Mr. Williamson stated that AEP has not come to any conclusion on this topic. Mr. Dudelston made a motion to table until the March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. George seconded the motion. The vote to table was 5-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A.) KELLY GARDNER – ALLIANCE OF INDIANA RURAL WATER -**

**PRESENTATION OF GRADUATION CERTIFICATES:** Mr. Williamson explained that Mr. Cory Stanley and Mr. Jordan Massey participated in Alliance of Indiana Rural Water's Apprentice Program. They have completed all course work and testing. Mr. Williamson introduced Ms. Kelly Gardner, Director of the Apprentice Program. Ms. Gardner addressed Council and introduced Mr. Jim McGoff from the Indiana Finance Authority Environmental Program that funded Cory's salary. Ms. Gardner presented the graduation certificates to both gentlemen. Both she and Mr. McGoff thanked the Council for allowing these employees the opportunity to participate in the program.

### **B.) 1<sup>st</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE 2022-01 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING**

**ORDINANCE 2021-07:** Mr. George made the motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2022-01. Mr. Dudelston seconded the motion. The vote to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading was 5-0.

### **C.) 1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE 2022-02 – REMOVAL OF STOP SIGN AT**

**MONROE STREET AND 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET:** Mr. Dudelston made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2022-02. Mr. Scaggs seconded the motion. The vote to approve the first reading was 5-0.

Mr. Parrott made a motion to suspend the rules and move on to the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance 2022-02. Mr. George seconded the motion. The vote to suspend the rules was 5-0.

Mr. Parrott made the motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance 2022-02. Mr. George seconded the motion. The vote to approve Ordinance 2022-02 was 5-0.

### **D.) RESOLUTION 2022-01 – CF-1/RP FOR THE VILLAGES OF VAN CLEVE, L.P.:**

Mr. George made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-01. Mr. Wolfe seconded the motion. The vote to approve Resolution 2022-01 was 5-0.

### **E.) HCFD – PERMISSION TO SPEND OVER \$5,000 FIR HVAC UNIT:** Fire Chief, Nick Parrott explained that he has obtained a quote from SubZero for a high efficiency HVAC unit for the upstairs at the Fire Station. They have also quoted for an exhaust fan in the public restroom and the A/C unit on the roof. Chief Parrott explained that SubZero has done previous work at the Fire Station and he wanted to keep the continuity with the same vendor. The total quote is for \$8,100 and he plans to pay for it out of the building maintenance line item.

Mr. Dudelston made a motion to approve spending over \$5,000 for an HVAC unit. Mr. Scaggs seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 5-0.

**F.) TRAVIS WILLIAMSON:**

**1.) EMERGENCY REPAIR OF FLYGT PUMP AT THE OLD LIFT STATION:**

Mr. Williamson explained that he was coming to Council as a formality to spend over \$5,000 for an emergency repair of the Flygt Pump. He reminded them that he reached out to the Council members individually before the repair was done. He had received a majority approval before pursuing the repair. He's asking for a retroactive approval for the \$9,385.70 Flygt Pump repair.

Mr. Dudelston made a motion to approve the expenditure over \$5,000 for the Flygt Pump repair. Mr. Parrott seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 5-0.

**2.) PERMISSION TO SPEND OVER \$5,000 FOR AERATION TANK DIFFUSER REPLACEMENT:**

Mr. Williamson stated that it is his plan to do one major in-house project annually to hopefully prevent major expenditures down the road. The project he's proposing for 2022 is to replace the inner workings of the diffuser. He explained that the WWTP currently has ceramic diffusers and they require annual and expensive cleaning. He stated that the current diffusers are 22 years old and have only been cleaned 3 times. He is suggesting that we replace the ceramic with membrane diffusers. He submitted quotes and asked Council to consider the quote from BL Anderson. He explained that he plans to pay for this project out of the 609 improvement fund.

Mr. Scaggs made a motion to approve the expenditure of more than \$5,000. Mr. Parrott seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 5-0.

**G.) DR. TOM LEE – HERITAGE DAYS 2022:** Dr. Lee asked the Council for permission to hold Heritage Days May 18-21, 2022. He explained what the plans are for the festival this year. He asked if the Council would be so kind as to allocate some funds as they have done in the past.

Mr. George made a motion to allocate \$5,000 plus also pay for the electrical bill for Heritage Days, as well. Mr. Scaggs seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 5-0.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Eckstein stated that the Gillman's Grand Opening will be April 1-3, 2022. The Police Department and Fire Department will be cooking hotdogs that are provided by Gillman's on Saturday 4/2. Gillman's is going donate funds to Shop with a Cop and the Fire Department's Toy Drive.

Mayor Eckstein gave kudos to the Street Department and the Water Department for the great job they did on clearing all the snow we received in the big storm.

**CLERK-TREASURER REPORT:** NONE

**COUNCIL INPUT:** Mr. Parrott asked how the street ownership question came about. He asked what can be done in the future to prevent this problem. Attorney Murphy gave some ideas and there was some discussion.

Mr. Jeff Thomas gave a large trash collection update now that the program has been going for 4 months. He stated that is going good. He explained that he expects for the quantity of items to increase as we enter the spring season.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Ms. Cheri Brown introduced Meg Elliott from Taylor University. She is working with Purdue Extension for the next couple of months. Ms. Elliott gave us her 1<sup>st</sup> impressions of Hartford City. Ms. Brown stated they have a couple of good ideas to get our young people involved & engaged in our community.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With there being no further business, Mr. Scaggs made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:01pm

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