

**COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF HARTFORD CITY, INDIANA
MARCH 2, 2020
MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME: Mayor Eckstein called to order the Common Council at 6PM.

ROLL CALL: Members of the council present were Michael Wolfe, Dustin George, Tony Scaggs, and Ron Dudelston. Mayor Dan Eckstein, City Attorney Brandon Murphy, and Clerk Treasurer Pam Fancher were also present. Councilman Jimmy Lytle was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ron Dudelston made a motion to approve the agenda with an amendment to include under New Business: J) Bill Smith, Community Emergency Plan and K) Jeff Thomas, Street Paving Project; Mayor Eckstein seconded. Council Approved 4-0-1.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. George made a motion to approve minutes; Mr. Wolfe seconded. Council Approved 4-0-1.

OLD BUSINESS:

A.) REQUEST TO VACATE AT END OF FIRST STREET- Dustin George Motioned again for this to be tabled until the next meeting; Mr. Dudelston seconded. Tabled 4-0-1.

B.) ORDINANCE 2019-14, CREDIT CARD USE – Not adopted by council

C.) ORDINANCE 2019-15, TRAVEL & MEAL EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT – Not adopted by council

NEW BUSINESS:

A.) RICK ANDERSON FROM JMS proposed the use of JMS to assess the energy use of the city's facilities at no cost, with intent to utilize their services to update the energy efficiency of our buildings to reduce our operating costs. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Dudelston; Seconded by Mr. George. Approved 4-0-1.

B.) GOLF CART ORDINANCE- Police Chief McKissack will review the Golf Cart Ordinance and make suggestions. Motion to table was made by Mr. George; Seconded by Mr. Scaggs. Tabled 4-0-1.

**C.) ANNE OWEN, PARADE COORDINATOR OF THE HERITAGE DAYS FESTIVAL:
REQUEST ROAD CLOSURES.** Ms. Owen presented a map to mark the road closures needed for the Heritage Days Festival, Jeff Thomas agreed to have the road closures up Tues. May 12th at noon for the vendors to begin setting up. The Parade route was marked on the map to go from the Armory to Franklyn St. on Sat. at 11AM. Mr. George made a motion to accept the parade route and road closers; Mr. Scaggs seconded. Approved 4-0-1.

D.) TRAVIS WILLIAMSON- DISCUSS THE WWTP RE-ENROLLING IN ELECTRICAL DEMAND RESPONSE PROGRAM- The electric company sent correspondence Mr. Williamson to inform him that Hartford City Solid Waste Dept. is now eligible to participate in this program that pays the city to be an "on-call" back-up service for power with the use of the facilities generators in the event of an emergency. Mr. George made a motion to approve; Mr. Dudelston seconded. Approved 4-0-1.

E.) WARREN BROWN-

1. HOUSING STUDY- Mr. Brown made a proposal to have a housing study done for Blackford County by Purdue. Hartford City's portion of the cost would be approx. \$3,000. Mr. George made motion to move forward with the study; Seconded by Mr. Scaggs. Motion to precede carried 4-0-1.

2. HOTEL STUDY- Mr. Brown proposed this study that will see if it is feasible for our city to get a hotel that is from a "known/recognizable hotel chain." The cost is \$15,000; Hartford City's portion would be \$3,000. Mr. George motioned to approve; Mr. Wolfe seconded. Approved 4-0-1.

3. CONTRACT- Mr. Brown wanted to know if Hartford City will consider their portion of financial support for the Economic Development department. Funds have been allocated to support Community Development; these departments work together. Motion to consider support made by Mr. George; Seconded by Mr. Scaggs. Motion carried 4-0-1.

4. ADOPT 523 RESOLUTION- This resolution was presented by Mr. Brown as the best way to finance our projects. Mr. Wolfe motioned to approve; Seconded by Mr. George. Resolution adopted 4-0-1.

City attorney Brandon Murphy suggested that the Mayor appoint who will sit on the 523 Resolution Committee (three are needed). Warren Brown, Mayor Eckstein, and Ron Dudelston were appointed. A motion to accept appointments was made by Mr. George; Seconded by Mr. Wolfe. Motion carried 4-0-1.

5. TAX ABATEMENT- Warren Brown asked for tax abatements to be given to Petoskey Plastics, and also to Mayco Corp. Motion to approve was made by Mr. George; Seconded by Mr. Dudelston. Motion carried 4-0-1.

F.) GARY FOLTZ- MAYCO TAX ABATEMENTS- Already discussed by Mr. Brown and council approved Item E.) 5.

G.) GARY RHOTON- 1978 ARMY ROAD GRADER- City Attorney will research to make sure we can sell since it had been donated to the Police Dept. from the Military. Motion to table was made by Mr. George; Seconded by Mr. Scaggs. Tabled 4-0-1.

H.) MAYOR ECKSTEIN DISCUSSION ABOUT TRUCKS DRIVING ON RESTRICTED ROADS- The Mayor expressed his grievance with the situation of citizen's yards being torn up because semi-trucks are not following truck routes. Mr. George stated that this has been a topic of concern for many years and Council have explored many possible a number of possible solutions to no avail. The Mayor suggests that we change the name of the street that the business is located (Spring St.) to make Google maps work differently, but Anne Owen stated that that won't work. GPS will still choose that street even if we re-name it. If drivers would use truck route GPS, this route would not be taken and this would not be an issue. Mr. Scaggs suggests we increase the fine.

I.) TERESA HENDERSON, PARKS DEPT. -

PERMISSION TO PURCHASE A TRUCK- Mr. Scaggs made a motion to grant permission; Seconded by Mr. Dudelston. Approved 4-0-1.

J.) BILL SMITH- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT- Mr. Smith presented a book to be kept at City Hall "2019 Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan" This book contains plans to be followed in case of emergency. It will be kept in the Clerk Treasurer's Office.

Police Chief McKissack made mention that police are not entering homes if at all possible. They are asking citizens to use the phone or come outside to practice social distancing as much as possible.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Eckstein adjourned the meeting at 6:50PM.