

**CITY COMMON COUNCIL
OF HARTFORD CITY, INDIANA
JULY 6, 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, July 6, 2021.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mr. Lytle made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Mr. Dudelston seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 4-0-1.

During the meeting it was noticed that Ordinance 2021-10 amending life guard salary was listed twice on the agenda and the first reading of Ordinance 2021-11 was left off inadvertently. Mr. Wolfe made a motion to rescind the previous motion and vote. Mr. Dudelston seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-1.

Mr. Wolfe made a motion to amend the agenda to make the appropriate changes. Mr. Lytle seconded the motion. The vote to amend was 4-0-1.

Mr. Wolfe made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Lytle seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 4-0-1.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 7, 2021: Mr. Lytle made a motion to accept the minutes of June 7, 2021 meeting as submitted. Mr. George seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 4-0-1.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A.) ERIC WOODMANSEE w/ AME CONSULTING – OCRA STUDY UPDATE:** Mr. Woodmansee stated that the Master Utility Planning Grant committee has met with himself and Mr. Paul Vincent. Meetings started in March and have met 7 times. They also took a field trip to look at green infrastructure that could be used for storm water issues. This study includes drinking water and storm water. This study is looking at the long term control plan. He explained the next steps and then at the end there will be a comprehensive final report and a public hearing will be held. He stated that we can utilize some grant funding for upcoming projects that are a result of this study. Mr. Woodmansee said that he will continue to update both Board of Works and City Council with written monthly summaries.

B.) PERMANENT ELECTRICAL FOR DOWNTOWN EVENTS & FESTIVALS: Mr. John Oxley explained to Council that we have two electrical boxes, at the Newberry building. One box is for street lights and the other is for festivals. Mr. Oxley stated that the construction company would like to move them to the back of the building and run a line underground to a light pole for use during festivals. They would like to take the electrical line down in the alley. This was just informational. There was no vote taken.

C.) TEMPORARY SIGNAGE IN FRONT OF THE BEAUTY SHOP DURING LIBRARY NATURE PLAY CONSTRUCTION: It was stated that there had been no contact with the owner of the beauty shop. Mr. Dudelston made a motion to table this subject until the August meeting. Mr. Lytle seconded the motion. The vote to table this topic was 4-0-1.

D.) READI INITIATIVE: Mr. Oxley addressed Council in the absence of Mr. Warren Brown. He talked about a resolution City Council will need to pass and that the County Council already had passed it. Mr. Dudelston made a motion to table this topic until the August 2, 2021 meeting. Mr. George seconded the motion. The vote to table was 4-0-1.

NEW BUSINESS:

A.) MR. DOUG HUTSON – ALLEY PAVING REQUEST: Mr. Hutson approached council with a petition from the residents that live along East Commercial Street and E. Chestnut Street that all share a common alley known as Reed Lane. The complaint is the rough conditions of the alley and since this is the only way to access their garages and parking they are requesting for this alley to be paved. It had been paved decades ago and is now in disrepair due to years of neglect. After much discussion and brainstorming, it was decided to have the Street Department run the patch machine down the entire alley to see if this would help the condition. Mr. Hutson stated that this solution would be acceptable to him.

B.) ANNE OWEN – WEILER PLAZA EVENT: Ms. Owen stated that on July 14th the Mississinewa Valley Band will be playing and on Saturday, July 24th there will be an all-day event. She asked the council to approve the closure of Jefferson St. between Franklin St. and Main St. and the closure of Main St. between High St. and Jefferson St. from 10am to 10pm on July 24th. The topic of street closures was brought up and how do the first responders find out about these ahead of time in case they have emergency runs? It was decided that the Mayor's assistant will notify all emergency services after each meeting where road closures are approved.

Ms. Owen also said that she's been in contact with the State of Indiana regarding the Weiler Plaza placement and the platform that is there. She stated that the state official

said that the platform that was built for performances is just that a platform. It is not a stage. The State agency also said that as long as all state codes and local ordinances are followed the Weiler Plaza is fine where it is.

C.) RATIFY EMERGENCY EXPENDITURE OVER \$5,000 FOR POOL VACUUM:

Mr. Lytle made a motion to approve the expenditure of over \$5,000 for the Parks Department. Mr. Wolfe seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 4-0-1.

D.) ORDINANCE 2021-10 – ORDINANCE TO AMEND SALARY FOR

LIFEGUARDS: Clerk-Treasurer Dana Whatley told Council that due to the pool being closed in 2020 due to COVID-19 and the fact that she was brand new to her job, the life guard salaries were overlooked at budget time for the 2021 budget. Ms. Whatley asked Council to please consider amending the salaries as follows:

1. Experienced Life Guard - \$11.89 per hour
2. New Life Guard - \$9.27 per hour

Mr. Lytle made a motion to amend the salary ordinance to increase the lifeguard pay. Mr. Wolfe seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 4-0-1.

E.) B.BACON – MCDONALD STREET WATER TOWER: Mr. Bacon explained that Suez was inspecting the water tower a week ago and found that several pieces of the old rigging inside the tank had come off and were lying in the bottom of the tank. It is causing a mixing error and needs to be removed. The pieces were too large for the inspection team to take out. They will have a different team of people come in and cut up and remove this debris.

Mr. Bacon wanted to remind everyone that we had talked about putting our water towers on the asset management plan with Suez. This will keep the towers painted inside and out in a timely fashion and keep all water towers inspected and up to date.

F.) ORDINANCE 2021-11 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 10.16.040 OF THE CITY CODE – STOP SIGNS AT FRANKLIN ST. & RICHMOND ST. AND FRANKLIN ST. & MAPLE ST.: Mr. George made a motion to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 2021-11. Mr. Lytle seconded the motion. The vote to approve the 1st reading was 4-0-1. The 2nd reading will be held at the August 2, 2021 meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Eckstein reminded everyone that the 4-H Fair parade will be on Monday, 7/12/21 at 6pm. He asked the department heads to please have representation in the parade. Mayor Eckstein said that he along with City Council members and the Clerk-Treasurer will be in the parade as well.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: NONE

COUNCIL INPUT:

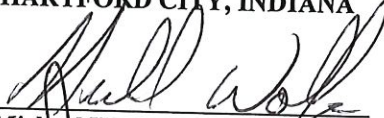
- 1.) Mr. George personally thanked Mr. B. Maddox, the entire Parks Department and Fire Department for a fantastic job with Saturday in the Park and the Fireworks display.
- 2.) Mr. Lytle stated that he's had several conversations with constituents, in his district, about the speeding along Jefferson St. as a result of the Highway 3 south project. He asked what the feasibility of putting temporary 3-way stops at Hackney St. & Jefferson St. and also at Ritter Road & Jefferson St. After some discussion, it was decided that Attorney Murphy would need to draft an ordinance to install these temporary stop signs.
- 3.) Mr. Lytle also had some complaints about the stop sign at Highway 26 & Mill St. Due to a large tree, the stop sign cannot be seen until you are at the intersection. He asked what can be done to move the sign or make it more visible? Mr. J. Thomas, DPW Supervisor said that this is an INDOT problem because it is on a state highway.


ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, Mr. Wolfe made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:16pm

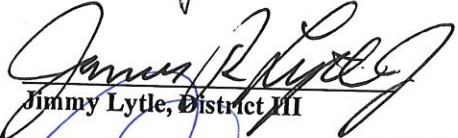
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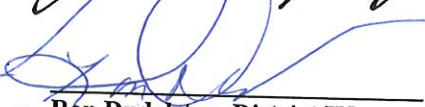
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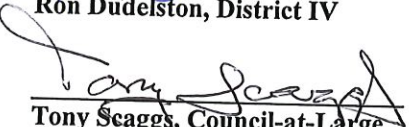
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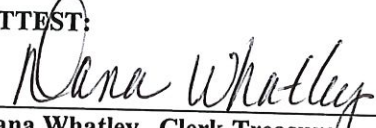

Michael Wolfe, District I


Dustin George, District II

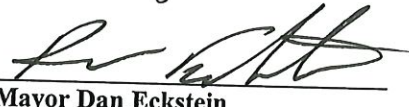

Jimmy Lytle, District III


Ron Dudelston, District IV


Tony Scaggs, Council-at-Large

ATTEST:

Dana Whatley, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved by me this 2nd
day of August, 2021.


Mayor Dan Eckstein

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Dana Whatley, Clerk-Treasurer