

**CITY OF HARTFORD
COMMON COUNCIL
July 12, 2022**

The Common Council of the City of Hartford, Washington and Dodge Counties, Wisconsin, met for its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 7:00 p.m., in the Common Council Chambers of Hartford City Hall, 109 North Main Street, Mayor Timothy Michalak presiding.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Michalak led the Common Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The Mayor and all Alderpersons were present, except Alderpersons Kohler, Sikora and Webb who were absent and excused. Alderperson Garza was also absent.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Alderperson Hegy, seconded by Alderperson Turchi approving the following items:

1. The Common Council minutes of June 28, 2022.
2. Authorizing appropriate City officials to transfer the Hangar Land Lease for Hanger No. 2 at the Hartford Municipal Airport from David Wolbrink to Ben Gultch, Rubicon, by Assignment of Lease.

A vote was taken, however is null and void due to a lack of quorum.

COMMUNICATIONS

City Clerk Lori Hetzel advised the City had received a letter from Steve Girard regarding Chapter 21, Section 8 of the Municipal Code. Mayor Michalak and Alderperson Fulop commented about the thoroughness of the letter.

APPEARANCES/CITIZEN COMMENTS

Parks and Rec Director Mike Hermann explained that he received a call about 3 months ago from John Nightingale regarding some ideas about wanting to make a donation to the Parks Department. He then introduced John to make the presentation.

John explained that he and his brother grew up on Lincoln Avenue and that his father, Larry was Director of Public Works for a number of years. After John's parents passed away, he and his brother discussed making a donation to the Parks Department in memory of his parents. He discussed this with Mike Hermann and they decided upon Candy Cane Park as the location for the donation. He and his brother would like to donate \$50,000 toward updated play equipment for the park.

Jimmy Dennis, 34 Church St, appeared to discuss an issue regarding property maintenance standards, Section 29.04(3)(b), which refers to solid waste containers. Mr. Dennis stated that at 52 S Main St, the location of Domino's Pizza and St. Vincent DePaul, the dumpsters are placed outside next to his garage and there is a rodent problem developing. Mr. Dennis stated that the dumpsters are not following the municipal ordinance, which is causing the problem to continue. He is requesting the Common Council to investigate and provided pictures to City Administrator Volkert.

John Kassen, 1731 Redtail Dr, appeared to support amending the Municipal Ordinance to allow backyard chickens in the city. He stated that his children and other neighborhood children are already engaged with his large vegetable garden and would like to add chickens to produce his own eggs along with the vegetables.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Michalak announced that with the issue of inflation affecting everyone, he wants to make sure that the city is spending within the budget. He then stated he will veto any budget that raises taxes.

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ALDERMANIC REQUESTS

Aldersperson Hegy thanked the Nightingale family for the generous donation. He also suggested checking in with West Bend as they have recently changed their ordinance to allow for chickens. He reminded everyone of Maxwell Street Day going on July 13th.

Alderspersons Rusniak, Carroll and Fulop also thanked the Nightingale family for their donation.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Personnel

1. Discussion and consideration of the addition of one new fulltime Parks Cemetery Equipment Operator position as part of the 2023 City budget.
 - a. City Administrator Steve Volkert began by explaining the Parks Department is one of four departments that need an increase in staff. Director of Parks & Rec Mike Hermann stood up to speak, and Mayor Michalak advised him that the Council members are very thorough in reading through the information provided, and the information provided was very thorough. He also commented that he assumed there would be a unanimous vote to approve, and no need for a lengthy presentation. Director Hermann then explained the problems created by understaffing, and how important the additional staff member will be. Director Hermann also explained that his successor, Randy Wojtasiak, has good experience working in the parks and will be well-equipped to take over.
 - b. Aldersperson Turchi asked if the work up until now was supplemented with part-time employees, could those positions be reduced with the addition of the full-time position, in terms of the budget for 2023. City Administrator Volkert explained that this is something the city will look at as far as the budget is concerned.
 - c. Aldersperson Fulop pointed out that a full-time employee will provide more dedication and efficiency than a seasonal employee. City Administrator Volkert also commented that there are projects that he believes can be completed internally rather than hiring an outside contractor, which would also save money. Aldersperson Fulop is in support of offsetting external contract expenses with internal employees.

MOTION by Aldersperson Fulop, seconded by Aldersperson Rusniak approving the addition of one new fulltime Parks Cemetery Equipment Operator position as part of the 2023 City budget.

A vote was taken, however is null and void due to a lack of quorum.

RESOLUTIONS AND POSSIBLE ACTION THEREON

1. Resolution No. 3633 – A resolution approving the 2023 Budget Policy.
 - a. City Administrator Steve Volkert explained the Budget Policy is presented to provide direction to staff as to where they would like to go with the budget that will be presented in the coming months.
 - b. Aldersperson Hegy proposed an addition to the road replacement policy to include those roads with deficient underground utilities.

MOTION by Aldersperson Turchi, seconded by Aldersperson Hegy for the adoption of proposed Resolution No. 3633.

A vote was taken, however is null and void due to a lack of quorum.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Aldersperson Turchi, seconded by Aldersperson Carroll for adjournment at 7:32 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Hetzel, City Clerk

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