

**CITY OF HARTFORD
COMMON COUNCIL
January 24, 2023**

The Common Council of the City of Hartford, Washington and Dodge Counties, Wisconsin, met for its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 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 and Carroll who were absent and excused.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. The Common Council minutes of January 10, 2023.
2. Authorizing appropriate City officials to transfer the Hangar Land Lease for Hangar No. 5 at the Hartford Municipal Airport from Angeles Sitzes to Nickolas Schreiber, Stewartstown, PA, by Assignment of Lease.
3. Accepting the quote from Waterplay Solutions Corp for the purchase of a new activity tower for the Signicast Aquatic Center, at a cost of \$61,106.95.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPEARANCES/CITIZEN COMMENTS

Dennis Regan, 595 Fairview Dr, introduced himself to the council as he will be on the ballot in the Spring Election for District 2 Alderperson.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Michalak announced that tickets are on sale for the St. Patrick's Dinner at the Chandelier Ballroom. The annual event is hosted by the Lions Club.

ALDERMANIC REQUESTS

Alderperson Hegy announced the Mid-Moraine Legislative Committee is holding a dinner meeting on Wednesday, January 25 at the former Slinger House. The speaker will be Judge Ohlis and she will be speaking about what is happening in the county courts. He also mentioned there will be a discussion about the sharing of the county sales tax, which will be a referendum question on the ballot in the Spring Election.

Alderperson Rusniak announced he will be attending the BID dinner on Wednesday night at the Schauer Center.

Alderperson Garza congratulated the HUHS cheer team who performed very well in their first year of attending cheer competitions.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Petition for Direct Annexation by Unanimous Consent submitted by Donald and David Regan for approximately 1.36 acres located northeast of the intersection of County Trunk Highway K and Schauer Drive.

Mayor Michalak declared the public hearing open at 7:07 p.m. The notice was read by City Clerk Lori Hetzel. The notice was published in the Daily News on December 30, 2022 and January 6, 2023 and 9 notices were mailed.

City Planner Justin Drew explained a certified public accountant firm, Vickney & Associates, would like to purchase this land in order to build a 4,000 square foot building for their business. The parcel is within the city's sanitary sewer service area and the proposed use is consistent with the city's Smart Growth Plan. There would be no school service impact and only minor police and emergency service impact. There was a discussion at Plan Commission and the Joint Plan Commission over the valuation of the property because values had not been assigned to the new child parcels that were created after the city purchased land to the south for the proposed second fire station. It was determined that the value of the property to be annexed was much higher than what

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was initially estimated, with valuation at build-out coming to about \$530,000. That estimation would generate about \$2900 in city taxes and the city would be required to pay the Town of Hartford town taxes on the property for five years. The Department of Administration submitted their determination as to whether the annexation is in the public interest, and it was, but they pointed out that it may create an island of Town territory. Mr. Drew confirmed that this was not the case. Both the Plan Commission and the Joint Plan Commission recommended in favor. Mr. Drew also pointed out that Wisconsin law requires that 2/3 of the board vote in favor in order for the annexation to go through, which is based on the number of elected officials on the board, not how many are in attendance of the meeting.

Gretchen Vickney, 1571 Prairie Ln, Hubertus (Home Address), 625 W Sumner St (Business Address), appeared for the direct annexation. Ms. Vickney is the business owner and explained that they require the new building because the business has grown and they need a bigger space.

Shane Johnson, 3442 Cty Rd K, explained he is not against the annexation, but requested that there be some kind of privacy barrier put in place, as he is the neighbor to the north and would like to maintain his privacy from the new building.

There were no appearances against.

Aldersperson Fulop confirmed that the annexation would not create a town island.

Aldersperson Rusniak asked if there had been a landscape plan submitted for the proposal. Mr. Drew explained that the next step in this process would include a site plan that would go to the Plan Commission and landscaping would be part of that plan. He assured that something could be incorporated to address the privacy concern that was brought up. Aldersperson Rusniak also asked if the Joint Plan Commission voted unanimously to approve. Mr. Drew confirmed that it was a unanimous vote.

Aldersperson Hegy asked if there was a discrepancy with the existing blacktop access. Mr. Drew explained that the blacktop is the sliver of land that connects to the Town of Hartford property just to the north of the proposed annexation, and really has no bearing on the annexation.

There was clarification about this sliver of land, being that it connects two Town of Hartford properties and prevents the creation of town islands.

There being no further remarks or discussion, Mayor Michalak declared the public hearing closed at 7:16 p.m.

MOTION by Aldersperson Hegy, seconded by Aldersperson Fulop to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of proposed Ordinance No. 1466.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Aldersperson Sikora, seconded by Aldersperson Rusniak for the adoption of proposed Ordinance No. 1466 – An ordinance annexing territory to the City of Hartford, Wisconsin.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Personnel

1. Discussion and consideration of ratification of the 2023-2025 WPPA Contract.
 - a. Chief MacFarlan explained that negotiations were made in order to best accommodate the officer's wants and needs while still making sure that the city's needs were being met. City Administrator Volkert explained that it was a goal to make sure that compensation was competitive with other similar communities, and that goal was accomplished.

MOTION by Aldersperson Fulop, seconded by Aldersperson Turchi approving the 2023-2025 WPPA Contract.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Aldersperson Sikora, seconded by Aldersperson Fulop for adjournment at 7:22 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Hetzel, City Clerk

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