

**CITY OF HARTFORD
COMMON COUNCIL
February 8, 2022**

The Common Council of the City of Hartford, Washington and Dodge Counties, Wisconsin, met for its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 8, 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

All Alderpersons were present, except Alderperson Webb who was absent and excused.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. The Common Council minutes of January 25, 2022.
2. Approving the bid proposal from Ruckert & Mielke to prepare and provide the Facility Operation and Needs Study for the City and Sewer Utility at a cost not to exceed \$27,470.00.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A) City Clerk Lori Hetzel reminded the Council of the upcoming Spring Primary Election on February 15, 2022.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Michalak advised that he is still working on gathering information for the gas station price investigation. He will have an itemized list for the next Common Council meeting.

Mayor Michalak also shared an update on the Culver's demolition and new construction. He advised that the old Culver's building should be completely demolished by the end of February, while the new construction is planned to be completed by the end of May.

ALDERMANIC REQUESTS

Alderperson Hegy advised the Mid-Moraine Legislative Committee will meet February 9, 2022 at the Jackson Village Hall at 7 p.m. The speaker will be Todd Martens, Washington County Circuit Court Judge, and the topic will be the County Drug Court. He also reminded the Council of Iced on Main this Saturday, February 12 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. downtown.

PUBLIC HEARING "A"

Repealing and recreating Chapter 16 pertaining to floodplains

Mayor Michalak declared the public hearing open at 7:05 p.m. The notice of public hearing was published in the Daily News on 1/21/2022 and 1/28/2022. The notice was read by City Clerk Lori Hetzel.

City Planner Justin Drew explained the DNR and FEMA periodically change their rules and guidance for floodplains which in turn causes municipalities to change their codes. Due to this happening frequently, floodplains were taken out of the zoning district and instead made a stand-

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alone ordinance. This allows for changes to be made more easily by repealing and recreating the ordinance. Staff and Plan Commission recommend in favor of the recreated Chapter 16.

There were no appearances for or against.

Aldersperson Fulop asked how this change affects current homeowners. City Planner Drew explained that the criteria are changing with regarding to rebuilding flood damaged properties. He also mentioned that fortunately, there are very few homes located in a floodplain.

Aldersperson Rusniak asked if the future expansion of South Wilson Avenue would be affected by this, to which City Planner Drew said no.

There being no further remarks or discussion, Mayor Michalak declared the public hearing closed at 7:10 p.m.

MOTION by Aldersperson Hegy, seconded by Aldersperson Sikora to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of proposed Ordinance 1452.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Aldersperson Fulop, seconded by Aldersperson Webb for the adoption of proposed Ordinance 1452 - An ordinance repealing and recreating Chapter 16, floodplain zoning.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTIONS AND POSSIBLE ACTION THEREON

- A) Resolution No. 3618 – A resolution regarding the issuance of refunds for overpayments on various municipal fees of \$5.00 or less.
- a. Finance Director Dawn Timm explained this resolution would only affect overpayments that are mailed or placed in the drop box, and would not apply to any real or personal property tax payments. A written request would be required within 30 days of the original receipt, if the payer wants the refund issued. Refunds that are not issued would be retained in a miscellaneous revenue account in the General Fund. Finance Director Timm also mentioned that there are a number of municipalities that already have similar resolutions in place.

MOTION by Aldersperson Fulop, seconded by Aldersperson Turchi for the adoption of Resolution No. 3618 – A resolution regarding the issuance of refunds for overpayments on various municipal fees of \$5.00 or less.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Aldersperson Webb, seconded by Aldersperson Garza for adjournment at 7:13 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Hetzel, City Clerk