

**CITY OF HARTFORD
COMMON COUNCIL
October 11, 2022**

The Common Council of the City of Hartford, Washington and Dodge Counties, Wisconsin, met for its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 11, 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.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. The Common Council minutes of September 27, 2022.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPEARANCES/CITIZEN COMMENTS

1. Mike Richards from Mad City Windows appeared for transient merchant licenses and explained his employees will be going door to door to schedule free estimates for window, bath or kitchen projects.
2. Chief MacFarlan introduced Police Officer Alex Canfield and City Clerk Hetzel administered the oath of office.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Michalak read the letter that was included with residents' new property value assessments, following the revaluation. He stressed that just because assessments increased, it does not automatically mean taxes will also increase. The letter explained that if the assessment increased about the same amount as the citywide increase, 35%, residents can expect to pay about the same amount toward property taxes as last year, as long as the taxing jurisdictions maintain their respective tax levies at existing amounts.

ALDERMANIC REQUESTS

Alderperson Hegy commended those involved with the lead lateral replacement program that is going on in the city. The city received a grant from the state to complete the project and it will be complete by the end of the year. Alderperson Hegy pointed out that the city has 114 laterals to be replaced and all will be completed by the end of the year. In comparison, Milwaukee has around 60,000 laterals to be replaced, of which around 600 will be completed this year.

Alderperson Rusniak asked when leaf collection will begin for residents. City Administrator Volkert advised leaf collection will begin the last week of October.

Alderperson Kohler echoed Alderperson Hegy's sentiments regarding the lateral replacement program, adding that the staff members in the field were efficient, understanding, accommodating, and friendly.

PUBLIC HEARING "A"

Recommendation to adopt the Hartford City Taxi Title VI plan dated October 1, 2022

Mayor Michalak declared the public hearing open at 7:16 p.m. The notice was read by City Clerk Lori Hetzel.

Parks & Rec Director Randy Wojtasiak explained that because the taxi service receives funding from the FTA, a Title VI plan is required, and that plan needs to be updated every three years. The plan is posted in all taxi vehicles and the city website, along with complaint forms being available upon request.

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There were no appearances for or against.

There being no further remarks or discussion, Mayor Michalak declared the public hearing closed at 7:18 p.m.

MOTION by Alderperson Fulop, seconded by Alderperson Garza to adopt the Hartford City Taxi Title VI plan.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Discussion and consideration of approving a contract for the Centennial Park Pavilion and related projects elements for a cost not to exceed \$1,500,000.
 - a. City Administrator Steve Volkert explained that this item will not be discussed at this meeting. The proposals for this project came in over budget, so staff needs to review and determine what can be removed in order to bring the projects within budget. This item will be discussed at the next Common Council meeting.
2. Discussion and consideration of approving the Fifteenth Amended Agreement with the Mid Moraine Municipal Court.
 - a. Administrator Volkert explained three new communities are joining which include the Town of Polk, the Town of West Bend and the Big Cedar Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District.
 - b. Alderperson Fulop asked if the Town of West Bend would be served here in Hartford for court purposes. Administrator Volkert explained that the Town of West Bend would be served by the court closest to their jurisdiction, which would be either in the Town itself or in the City of West Bend.

MOTION by Alderperson Hegy, seconded by Alderperson Fulop to approve the Fifteenth Amended Agreement with the Mid Moraine Municipal Court.

CLOSED SESSION

1. The Common Council to move into closed session under § 19.85 (1)(e) "Deliberating or negotiating the leasing of public properties whenever competitive or bargaining issues require a closed session" and under § 19.85 (1)(f) "Considering social or personal histories of specific persons which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories" pertaining to the negotiation and potential lease of City owned property to Washington County. The Common Council to reconvene in open session for adjournment only.

MOTION by Alderperson Fulop, seconded by Alderperson Carroll to move into closed session at 7:23 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye (9) Nay (0). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Alderperson Hegy, seconded by Alderperson Turchi to reconvene in open session at 8:15 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Alderperson Carroll, seconded by Alderperson Fulop for adjournment at 8:15 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Hetzel, City Clerk

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