

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

The Common Council of the City of Hartford, Washington and Dodge Counties, Wisconsin, met for its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 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 Alderperson Carroll who was absent and excused.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Alderperson Rusniak, seconded by Alderperson Turchi, approving the Common Council minutes of October 10, 2023.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Michalak wanted to say everything is going well within the City and is thrilled that the City taxes have stayed the same for 2024.

ALDERMANIC REQUESTS

Alderperson Regan mentioned that the Chandelier Ballroom held their 95th Anniversary Toasting and Tasting Event on October 20, 2023. It was a huge success.

Alderperson Savage wanted to thank the community for coming out and participating in the Beer Walk on October 21, 2023. It was a great event!

ORDINANCES

First Reading and Possible Action Thereon

1. Ordinance No. 1477 – An Ordinance amending Section 340.0014 (2) of the Hartford Municipal Code regarding BID parking in the Mill Street lot. (Executive Summary attached).

City Administrator-Steve Volkert told the Common Council that this Ordinance change will allow BID (Business Improvement District) to issue permits to park in the Jefferson Street and Mill Street parking lots. This concept was approved by the Council at the last Common Council meeting.

MOTION by Alderperson Fulop, seconded by Alderperson Regan to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of proposed Ordinance No. 1477.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Alderperson Webb, seconded by Alderperson Kohler for the adoption of proposed Ordinance No. 1477.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Ordinance No. 1478 – An Ordinance amending Chapter 340 of the Hartford Municipal Code relating to winter parking regulations. (Executive Summary attached).

City Administrator Volkert said the Ordinance change will allow for free public parking in select sites throughout the City and also allow paid permit parking on even and odd sides of the street. These changes will take effect on December 1, 2023. Advertising for this change will start November 1, 2023 and the purchasing of permits will start immediately.

MOTION by Alderperson Turchi, seconded by Alderperson Fulop to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of proposed Ordinance No. 1478.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Alderperson Webb, seconded by Alderperson Kohler for the adoption of proposed Ordinance No. 1478.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CITY ADMINSTRATOR'S REPORT

Discussion and consideration of amendments to the draft 2024 City of Hartford Operational and Utility Budgets and order to publish.

City Administrator Volkert informed the Common Council that the Tax Rate for 2024 has stayed the same as last year. The great change in the 2024 Budget is reflective on the increase the City receives from the State shared revenue. Some improvements that will be made at no tax increase to City residents are as follows, adding a few employees to help improve the maintenance to City parks and cemeteries as well as existing building maintenance. Fire station 1 will get a drastically needed remodel. There will also be some alley repairs as well. City residents will also be getting some badly needed strengthening in Fire and EMT presence.

Alderperson Rusniak wanted to thank City Administrator Volkert, all the Department Heads, and Mayor Michalak for keeping the tax rates the same as last year. He also mentioned it is amazing what will be accomplished in 2024 and keeping the tax rate the same.

Mayor Michalak said with the increase of the State Shared Revenue it really makes a difference.

MOTION by Alderperson Savage, seconded by Alderperson Fulop to approve the amendments to the draft 2024 City of Hartford Operation and Utility Budgets and order to publish.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Alderperson Webb, seconded by Alderperson Fulop for adjournment at 7:18 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,
Shanna Kreilkamp, City Clerk