

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

October 25, 2022

6:30pm

PRESENT: Alderpersons Webb, Fulop, Garza, Hegy

ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Volkert, Director Kranz

Call to Order – Alderperson Webb called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers of Hartford City Hall, 109 North Main Street.

Roll Call – All members of the Committee were present.

Public Comment Period – No public comment.

State road salt contract for the 2022/2023 winter season – Director of Public Works Darryl Kranz explained that the price of salt has gone down since the last winter season. The price this season is \$82.78 per ton, and 1,500 ton was ordered, which is within the \$126,000 that was budgeted. Director Kranz also purchases salt brine from Washington County which can be used to pre-salt the roads, similar to what the county does.

Snowplowing and salting procedures for the City of Hartford – Director Kranz explained that the normal procedure is that roads are salted before plowing begins. However, there are circumstances that would change that procedure, such as a faster snowfall. He stated that there are 9 total snow plow trucks and two loaders with plows and wings. It usually takes 5.5 hours to get through the entire city, but that doesn't include alleys, dead end roads and a lot of cul de sacs. Parked cars and heavy traffic slow down the process.

Alderperson Hegy pointed out that the objective of snow plowing is not to completely remove all of the snow from the roads. The objective is to make the roads safely passable. He also commented that the street department does a good job with taking care of the city with the resources they have. He then asked if overtime is budgeted for in anticipation of snow storms. Director Kranz explained that overtime is budgeted for. City Administrator Volkert explained that if that overtime budget is exceeded, and everyone else spends exactly their budget, that overage would come from the fund balance.

Alderperson Garza asked about contractors that come to homes and push snow across the street. Director Kranz explained that what those contractors are doing is very tough on the city equipment and illegal. The police have been notified that this is happening, and Director Kranz has made contact with the residence owners to let them know they shouldn't be doing that.

Adjournment – MOTION by Alderperson Fulop, seconded by Alderperson Hegy for adjournment at 6:47 p.m. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Hetzel, City Clerk

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