

**CITY OF HARTFORD
COMMON COUNCIL
January 13, 2026**

The Common Council of the City of Hartford, Washington and Dodge Counties, Wisconsin, met for its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, 7:00 p.m., in the Common Council Chambers of Hartford City Hall, 109 North Main Street, Mayor Dennis Regan presiding.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Regan led the Common Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The Mayor and all Alderpersons were present with Alderperson Kohler appearing via Zoom.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. The Common Council minutes of December 9, 2025.
2. Approving the recommendation to approve the purchase of a zero-turn mower with snow conversion kit for a John Deere Z994R Diesel ZTrak mower for \$17,971.03 from Mid-State Equipment, Jackson WI. and the Ventrac 4520 snow removal machine for \$48,980.80 from Reinders Inc, Elm Grove, WI for a total of \$66,951.63
3. Approving the recommendation to approve the contract to construct a basketball court at Homestead Park with PLM Paving and Concrete for \$35,500.00.
4. Approving the recommendation to approve the proposal to purchase 40 utility poles from the Bell Lumber and Pole Company at a cost not to exceed \$49,670.00.
5. Approving the recommendation to approve the proposal to purchase 30,000 feet of 1/0 28kV primary underground cable from RESCO at a cost not to exceed \$116,052.60.
6. Authorizing appropriate City officials to enter into a Hanger Land Lease for Lot No. 15 containing 2704 square feet with Matthew Thorsen, Milwaukee, WI for a twenty-year period from January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2046, at the rate of seven cents per square foot, subject to rate reviews every five years.
7. Authorizing appropriate City officials to enter into a Hanger Land Lease for Lot No. 20 containing 3432 square feet with Jim and Tina Lockbaum, Oconomowoc, WI for a twenty-year period from January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2046, at the rate of seven cents per square foot, subject to rate reviews every five years.
8. Authorizing appropriate City officials to enter into a Hanger Land Lease for Lot No. 71 containing 9000 square feet with John Lee, Hartford, WI for a twenty-year period from January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2046, at a rate of ten cents per square foot, subject to rate reviews every five years.
9. Authorizing appropriate City officials to enter into a Hanger Land Lease for Lot No. 72 containing 9000 square feet with Alan Laufer, Hartford, WI for a twenty-year period from January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2046, at a rate of ten cents per square foot, subject to rate reviews every five years.
10. Authorizing appropriate City officials to enter into a Hanger Land Lease for Lot No. 73 containing 9000 square feet with Robert Lee, Hartford, WI for a twenty-year period from January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2046, at a rate of ten cents per square foot, subject to rate reviews every five years.
11. Authorizing appropriate City officials to enter into a Hanger Land Lease for Lot No. 74 containing 9000 square feet with Rolf Berg, Menomonee Falls, WI for a twenty-year period from January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2046, at a rate of ten cents per square foot, subject to rate reviews every five years.

12. Authorizing appropriate City officials to enter into a Hanger Land Lease for Lot No. 83 containing 4200 square feet with Patrick J. Spanaus, Hartland, WI for a twenty-year period from January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2046, at a rate of ten cents per square foot, subject to rate reviews every five years.

13. Approving the recommendation to accept the contract from Stryker Medical Equipment for EMS Capital Equipment for Fire & Rescue in the amount of \$409,265.55, which is \$5,149.45 less than the amount allocated for this project in the City of Hartford 2026 Budget, and in addition, now with two full years at no fiscal impact to the City of Hartford's budget.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Mid-Moraine dinner meeting will be held by the Village of Slinger on January 28, 2026, at the Slinger House located at 100 W Washington St, Slinger, WI.

2. Offices for the Spring 2025 Elections:

a. City Clerk Shanna Kreilkamp provided updates on the Spring 2026 Election and advised that Jeff Turchi filed for District 1, Chad Waldvogel filed for District 2, and Tina Savage filed for District 3. She also mentioned that there will not be a Spring Primary and the next election is the Spring Election on April 7, 2026.

3. Formal announcement of opening on the Police and Fire Commission.

APPEARANCES/CITIZENS COMMENTS

Samuel O'Reilly representing Sidex Corp stated that he would be offering free quotes for windows, siding, tubs, & showers.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Appointment of Barbara Hurula, Judy Manchester, Jennifer Novotny, Jeff Sitzman, and Sara Bedore as Election Officials.

MOTION by Alderperson Turchi, seconded by Alderperson Webb for approval of appointments of names above.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Regan also stated he hoped everyone enjoyed their holidays.

ALDERMANIC REQUESTS

Alderperson Kirley gave an update from the Police and Fire Commission Meetings that was held in December. He also mentioned that he would like the City Administrator to draft a Resolution to present to the State Officials in regard to the Legislation Bills regarding Annexations.

Alderperson Kohler wanted to thank the Committee in charge of the Employee Appreciation Dinner. It was a great turnout.

Alderperson Pechacek felt the same as Alderperson Kohler. He also mentioned the stretch of lights on Main Street that are not working. City Administrator Volkert stated the company who works on those lights would be in Hartford next week to look into why they are not currently working.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. A Final Resolution for the levying and collecting of special assessments under Section 66.0703, WI Statutes, for the July 2024 – June 2025 weights and measures inspections performed by the State of Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection, and pursuant to Municipal Code Section 32.08.

Mayor Regan declared the public hearing open at 7:19 p.m. The notice was read by City Clerk Shanna Kreilkamp.

City Administrator Steve Volkert explained this process and that every business and/or person who sells something through weights and measures must be inspected by the State. The State then bills the city who then turns around and bills the business and/or person the exact same amount.

There were no appearances for or against.

There being no further remarks or discussion, Mayor Regan declared the public hearing closed at 7:22 p.m.

Motion by Alderperson Garza, seconded by Alderperson Pechacek for the adoption of proposed Resolution No. 3749 – A final resolution for the levying and collecting of special assessments for weights & measures inspections.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Personnel

1. Discussion and consideration of denial of claim filed against the City of Hartford by Angela Malonado in the amount of \$7,622.85 for alleged damage to a 2015 Toyota Rav4.

a. City Administrator Steve Volkert explained that a plow had come across a manhole that the cover had raised up. The plow driver pulled the cover back, so it was flush, however later it was discovered that the rim was cracked. The city was not aware of this crack before the claim. The Insurance company reviewed the claim and since this was not a known issue prior, they recommend denial.

MOTION by Alderperson Webb, seconded by Alderperson Turchi to approve the denial of claim filed against the City of Hartford by Angela Malonado in the amount of \$7,622.85 for alleged damage to a 2015 Toyota Rav4.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Discussion and consideration of denial of claim filed against the City of Hartford by Andrew Captain in the amount of \$1,474.89 for alleged damage to a 2011 Ford F-150.

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MOTION by Alderperson Kirley, seconded by Alderperson Savage to approve the denial of claim filed against the City of Hartford by Andrew Captain in the amount of \$1,474.89 for alleged damage to a 2011 Ford F-150.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Discussion and consideration of approval of a claim filed against the City of Hartford by Dave Roskopf in the amount of \$386.96 for alleged damage to a 2021 Ford Explorer.

a. City Administrator Steve Volkert explained that the apparatus that is put behind a tire of a Fire Truck, so it doesn't roll fell off the Fire Truck due to not being secured properly. The Claimant accidentally drove over the apparatus and damaged one of his vehicle's tires.

MOTION by Alderperson Waldvogel, seconded by Alderperson Savage to approve the claim filed against the City by Dave Roskopf in the amount of \$386.96 for alleged damage to a 2021 Ford Explorer.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Discussion and consideration of approval of a claim filed against the City of Hartford by Carol McHugh for alleged damage to a 2017 Mazda CX-5, contingent upon getting additional quotes. The city is requesting that the claimant get three comparable bids from recommended companies provided to the claimant from the City of Hartford.

a. City Administrator Steve Volkert stated that one of the city plows was plowing on a narrow street the claimant was parked on and accidentally side swiped the vehicle. The claimant submitted one claim, however the City insurance company stated they need three total quotes and will recommend approval of the least expensive qualified bid.

MOTION by Alderperson Kirley, seconded by Alderperson Savage to approve the claim filed against the City by Carol McHugh for alleged damage to a 2017 Mazda CX-5, contingent upon getting additional quotes. The city is requesting the claimant get three comparable bids from recommended companies proved to the claimant from the City of Hartford.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Discussion and consideration of approving the memorandum of agreement regarding FY 2026 US EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant Application.

a. City Planner Jacob Maas informed the Council that Washington County is looking into applying for a grant and is requesting the City of Hartford be one of the non-lead coalition members that sign off on this grant application. There is no fiscal impact on the city. This grant would help the city with various areas that may need remediation.

MOTION by Alderperson Webb, seconded by Alderperson Kirley to approve the memorandum of agreement regarding FY 2026 US EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant Application.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RESOLUTIONS AND POSSIBLE ACTION THEREON

1. Resolution No. 3757 – A Resolution authorizing the continued conversation of the creation of a Washington County, county-wide Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system.

a. City Administrator Steve Volkert informed the Council that this would be part of the levy for the County not the city. He explained the importance of this would be because the city total levy is restricted under levy limits whereas if the county has a county wide EMS, then the levy would not be restricted with levy limits. All this Resolution is stating is that there would be a continuation of the conversation. No decisions will be made at this point.

MOTION by Alderperson Webb, seconded by Alderperson Savage for the adoption of proposed Resolution No. 3757.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ORDINANCES FIRST READING AND POSSIBLE ACTION THERON

1) Ordinance No. 1525 – An Ordinance amending Chapter 340, schedule B, of the city of Hartford Municipal Code regarding no parking zones.

a. City Engineer Chris Walter stated that this Ordinance is a revision to extend the no parking zone on Grant Street. When vehicles are parked on both sides of Grant Street by the Pickleball courts the road does not accommodate the city's minimum standard of two full 11-foot lanes. This no parking zone would be for the west side only on Grant Street.

MOTION by Alderperson Kirley, seconded by Alderperson Rusniak to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of proposed Ordinance No. 1525.

MOTION by Alderperson Waldvogel, seconded by Alderperson Pechacek for the adoption of proposed Ordinance No. 1525.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2) Ordinance No. 1522 – An Ordinance creating section 340.00089 and amending sections.

340.00145 and 42.04 of the Hartford Municipal Code relating to reckless driving and impounding vehicles used in reckless driving.

a. Police Chief Scott MacFarlan informed the Council that there is a new bill (Act 46) that went into effect stating that regardless of who is driving a vehicle recklessly, whether there is a prior offence, or if anything has been paid the City of Hartford can impound vehicles. The officers will make a reasonable effort to determine if the vehicle has been reported stolen. Under this Act the City can hold the vehicle until reasonable costs have been paid as well as any outstanding forfeitures owed by the owner of the vehicle.

MOTION by Alderperson Kohler, seconded by Alderperson Garza to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of proposed Ordinance No. 1522.

MOTION by Alderperson Kirley, seconded by Alderperson Pechacek for the adoption of proposed Ordinance No. 1522.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CLOSED SESSION

1. The Common Council to move into closed session under Wis. Statutes 19.85 (1)(e) *"Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session."* Investment in public funds.

MOTION by Alderperson Kohler, seconded by Alderperson Waldvogel to move into closed session at 7:58 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE (9) NAY (0). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Alderperson Kirley, seconded by Alderperson Savage to reconvene in open session at 8:55 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Alderperson Savage, seconded by Alderperson Pechacek for adjournment at 8:56 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,
Shanna Kreilkamp, City Clerk

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