

**CITY OF HARTFORD
COMMON COUNCIL
March 24, 2026**

The Common Council of the City of Hartford, Washington and Dodge Counties, Wisconsin, met for its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 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.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. The Common Council minutes of March 10, 2026.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Regan wanted to make everyone aware of the Native American Art Exhibit at the Schauer Center. You can view this exhibit Monday – Friday 12:00pm-5:00pm now until May 9, 2026.

ALDERMANIC REQUESTS

Alderperson Kirley gave an update on the March 11, 2026, Police and Fire Commission meeting.

Alderperson Waldvogel wanted to state what a great job the Department of Public Works did with the trees that needed to be taken down after the strong winds the city had recently.

Alderpersons Webb and Alderperson Pechacek wanted to mirror Alderperson Waldvogel's statement regarding the Department of Public Works as well as the Utility Department.

Alderperson Kohler requested that the speakers are looked at to make sure they are properly working for the members that need to appear via Zoom during any Common Council or Committee meetings.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. An Ordinance Annexing Territory to the City of Hartford, Wisconsin (Tax Keys: T6-037800Z and T6-016100A) from the Town of Hartford.

Mayor Regan declared the public hearing open at 7:05 p.m. The notice was read by Deputy City Clerk Jessica Randall.

City Planner Jacob Maas mentioned that the two parcels make up 58.067 acres of land. These parcels will be part of a potential development that will incorporate the city owned HADC parcel.

There were no appearances for or against.

There being no further remarks or discussion, Mayor Regan declared the public hearing closed at 7:11 p.m.

MOTION by Alderperson Kirley, seconded by Alderperson Turchi to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of proposed Ordinance No. 1530.

MOTION by Alderperson Tuchi, seconded by Alderperson Pechacek for the adoption of proposed Ordinance No. 1530.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. An Ordinance to amend Chapter 52, Official Zoning Map of the City of Hartford for the Rezoning of a Parcel from A-1, Limited Agriculture District to M-2, General Industrial District.

Mayor Regan declared the public hearing open at 7:13 p.m. The notice was read by Deputy City Clerk Jessica Randall.

City Planner Jacob Maas stated that the reason for this Rezone is to allow development of vacant land with the appropriate land use and to accommodate orderly growth and development of the City of Hartford.

There were no appearances for or against.

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

Motion by Alderperson Webb, seconded by Alderperson Pechacek, to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of proposed Ordinance No. 1532.

Motion by Alderperson Kohler, seconded by Alderperson Garza for the adoption of proposed Ordinance No. 1532.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 52, Official Zoning Map of the City of Hartford for the Rezoning of Parcels from C-1, Conservation District to I-1, Institutional District.

Mayor Regan declared the public hearing open at 7:20 p.m. The notice was read by Deputy City Clerk Jessica Randall.

City Planner Jacob Maas informed the Council that the reason behind this Rezone is to allow development of vacant non-wetland land and to accommodate orderly growth and development of the City of Hartford.

There were no appearances for.

There was one appearance against received via letter from Arthur and Darlene Felber and they are opposed to any zoning changes. They had concerns about wildlife and feels building on these properties will cause more water leakage to the Ridgedale Condominiums.

There being no further remarks or discussion, Mayor Regan declared the public hearing closed at 7:27 p.m.

Motion by Alderperson Garza, seconded by Alderperson Kirley, to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of proposed Ordinance No. 1533.

Motion by Alderperson Kirley, seconded by Alderperson Pechacek for the adoption of proposed Ordinance No. 1533.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTIONS AND POSSIBLE ACTION THEREON

1. Resolution No. 3763 – A Resolution approving the Final Plat of Copper Trails Subdivision Phase 2.

a. City Planner Jacob Maas mentioned the previous approvals regarding this Plat. He stated that this is Phase 2 and will have 28 single family homes being developed.

MOTION by Alderperson Turchi, seconded by Alderperson Savage for the adoption of proposed Resolution No. 3763.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Resolution No. 3764 – A Resolution approving the Appointments of City Staff as Deputy Property Maintenance Code Officials under Section 29.02 of the City of Hartford Municipal Code.

a. City Planner Jacob Maas informed the Committee that in May 2025 the Property

Maintenance Code was recreated. These appointments will allow city staff to take enforcement action against Property Maintenance Code Violations.

MOTION by Alderperson Pecheck, seconded by Alderperson Garza for the adoption of proposed Resolution No. 3764.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Resolution No. 3765 – A Resolution approving the Budd Street Reconstruction Project / Public Construction Contract.

a. Civil Engineer Ryan Wickesberg stated this is the first of two Capital Roadway projects in 2026. This project will go from Grant Street to W State Street. Lalonde Contractors came in as the only bid at \$783,000.00. This bid was below budget.

MOTION by Alderperson Kirley, seconded by Alderperson Webb for the adoption of proposed Resolution No. 3765.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ORDINANCES

FIRST READING AND POSSIBLE ACTION THERON

1) Ordinance No. 1531 – An Ordinance Annexing Territory to the City of Hartford, Wisconsin (Tax Key: T6-038000A) from the Town of Hartford.

a. City Planner Maas advised that the annexation of territory is owned by the city of Hartford. This annexation will allow the development of Innovation Way.

MOTION by Alderperson Rusniak, seconded by Alderperson Garza to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of proposed Ordinance No. 1531.

MOTION by Alderperson Waldvogel, seconded by Alderperson Pechacek for the adoption of proposed Ordinance No. 1531.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Discussion of Fourth Quarter General Fund Unaudited Results.

a. City Administrator Volkert gave the Unaudited Results.

2. Discussion of City Financials and Future Plans.

a. City Administrator Volkert presented an overview of the City's current financial position, including potential strategies to address operational costs. The presentation prompted extensive discussion among members of the Common Council. Administrator Volkert emphasized that all options will be carefully evaluated and brought forward for consideration. The Council also directed all departments to review their budgets, identify possible cost reductions, and report their findings at a future Common Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Alderperson Savage, seconded by Alderperson Kirley for adjournment at 8:40 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Randall, Deputy City Clerk