



CITY OF HART
407 S. STATE ST.
HART, MI 49420
REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL - COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
February 13th, 2024
MINUTES – Approved

PRESENT: Mayor Vicki Platt, Councilors Justin Adams, Catalina Burillo, Dean Hodges, Amanda Klotz, and Kris Trygstad

ABSENT: Jim Evans

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager – Rob Splane, City Clerk – Karla Swihart, BioPure Superintendent – Paul Cutter, and Bill Volpp

Mayor Platt called the meeting to order; following the roll call, then led the Council in the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- J. Adams motioned to approve the agenda and was supported by C. Burillo
 - Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- None

CORRESPONDENCE, EVENTS, PRESENTATIONS:

- Letter from Matt Larman that is in front of Council this evening.
- Shared a response from Mr. Evans, letting Council know he is unable to sit in on any boards or commissions due to medical reasons.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Approval of minutes from January 23rd, 2024.
- Bills, Claims, Payroll
- Reports of Boards, Commissions, and Committees
- Department Reports – Police/BioPure/Public Works/Energy/C&E Dvlp
 - J. Adams motioned to approve Consent Agenda and supported by A. Klotz
 - Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

ACTION ITEMS:

- None

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Mayoral Board and Commission Appointments
Justin Adams, Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation, and HEART.
Catalina Burillo, HEART and Cemetery
Dean Hodges, BioPure, HEART, Lake Board, Powerboard, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Board of Review
Jim Evans Historic District?
Kris Trygstad, Finance/Personnel Committee
Vicki Platt, All Committees/Boards/Commissions
Amanda Klotz, Library Cemetery and Finance/Personnel Committee
- Fiscal year 2025 Budget Calendar
February 13 – Distribute Budget Calendar
February-March – FY2023 CIP planning, needs assessment, and goal discussion conducted by each department in collaboration with City Manager.
By March 31st, - Department objectives and proposed budgets, including an itemized estimate of expenditures, submitted from each Department to City Manager.
April 9th, - Finance / Personnel committee meeting to review progress of current year budget discuss priorities for upcoming budget.
April 23rd, - Finance / Personnel committee meeting to review revenue projections and decisions.
May 14th, - Council review budget proposal and discuss key issues and finalize budgetary decisions.

May 28th, - City Council Public Budget Hearing to present budget message and proposed FY 2025 budget. (First reading of proposed budget.)
June 11th – Second reading and adoption of proposed FY 2025 budget
End of June – Post and Publish council adopted budget ordinance.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Updates:

- BioPure plant projects are in progress with Green Scape at about 50% complete. Wadel Stabilization is finishing up the Riverside lift station. Wadel intends to begin BioPure Headworks building and other improvements in March.
- Hallack is in full swing on Dryden Street project replacing water service lines and coordinating with DTE on natural gas infrastructure upgrades. And will be on Church Street this spring.
- Safe Routes to School trail grant is in back and forth negotiation with MDOT.
- Frontier Communications will be launching a City-Wide fiber internet to the home project in Q2 2024.
- HydroCorp will begin cross-connection inspections and water meter reading upgrades on or about March 4th.
- Plummer's Environmental Service will start, water service verification in the Spring.
- The Congregational Church had three formal submittals for occupancy. TIFA is reviewing.
- Community College/Community Center grant still pending State review.
- 1st Draft Street Scape renderings have been completed based on public input session.
- Creeks Subdivision amendments still being prepared for planned execution in March.
- Watermain break on East Main and Hart Street, emergency fix was temporary and requires remediation and valve replacements prior to road reconstruction.
- Need to discuss resurfacing – Mian Street from Oceana Drive to Hart Street and from West Main fill to Plum Street.

Legacy Topics:

- The City Attorney is working on City Charter amendment verbiage to be approved by Council, the attorney general, and the governor. The amendments will be processed for ballot approval at the next general election.
- Safe Routes to School trail project – pending state approval projected start date June 2024.

Upcoming Topics:

- Adoption of 5-year Park and Rec Master Plan (Currently back and forth negotiation with MDOT)
- Veteran's Memorial Park project bid advertisement. (Still pending EGLE approval)
- Council review of rental inspection policies, procedures, and implementation. Chief Salazar is delayed due to 2 employee resignations and 2 employees parental leave)

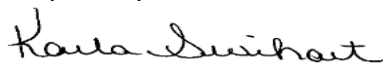
COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

- NAF date this year is June 8th and will be in Hart.
- Spring Break that Tuesday March 26th is a council meeting, Mayor Platt, and C. Burillo will be absent.
- Grant from Consumers Energy for 10,000 submitted to bring Agriculture art downtown.
- C. Burillo sent 2 emails to be shared one is Community Foundation is doing Oceana Deep Dive again on Feb 22nd 9am-12pm at the research center on Oceana Drive. Also, the other one is a survey link with a flier that will be shared on social media starting tomorrow.

ADJOURN:

- There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned upon a motion by J. Adams and supported by A. Klotz. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on February 27th, 2024, at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted



Karla Swihart, City Clerk