



**CITY OF HART**  
**407 S. STATE ST.**  
**HART, MI 49420**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL - COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024**  
**MINUTES – Approved**

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

**ABSENT:** Catalina Burillo and Jim Evans,

**OTHERS PRESENT:** City Manager – Rob Splane, Hart Police Chief Juan Salazar, Cynthia Fout, Sharon Hallack, and Dick Huntington

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 A. Klotz
  - Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 2

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- Dick Huntington 115 Creeks Drive Hart was pleased to get email from Rob regarding the purchase of the 3 lots. Last time I spoke with the Owens they sounded like they were giving up on these lots as there seemed to be nothing getting done. It's been going on for 7 months but looks like they are willing to make a final offer. Just waiting for the attorney to get the papers drawn up so we can get them signed. Please, I urge you to get this done as soon as possible to get these lots sold as there is a lot of interest out their people waiting to buy and move into the Creeks.

**CORRESPONDENCE, EVENTS, PRESENTATIONS:**

- Communication from the Hart Heritage Preservation Group  
The Meeting for the Hart Heritage Preservation Group is Thrusday April 25<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at the Heritage Hall. The Board is in a condition today where they have aged members that are largely done or ready to be done very soon. I think it's a time where id like to see some community involvement. It would be nice to see some council members at the meeting and I have also sent out some emails to different community involvement groups to join as well.
- Invitation to Defensible Planning and Zoning Decisions  
Thursday May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 6:30pm-8:30pm located at Oceana County Services Building 844 S. Griswold St in Hart  
This program is offered at no cost thanks to the sponsorship from the Oceana County Planning Commission. Course Instructor will be Mary Reilly, AICP, MSU Extension Educator.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- Approval of minutes from April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. (NO Minutes City Clerk Absent)
- Bills, Claims, Payroll
- Reports of Boards, Commissions, and Committees
- Department Reports – Police/BioPure/Public Works/Energy/C&E Dvlp
  - A. Klotz motioned to approve Consent Agenda with no Minutes and supported by J. Adams
    - Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 2

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Resolution 2024-09  
WHEREAS, The City of Hart contracted with Prein and Newhof in October 2022 to provide professional services related to a series of infrastructure improvements on and around Dryden Street, and;  
WHEREAS, During the course of the bidding process, changes were made to the scope of work resulting in a design credit of \$71,600, and;

WHEREAS, Now entering the construction phase of the project the City requires observation, testing, documentation, and project management support, and;

WHEREAS, City staff has reviewed the proposal including a not to exceed cost of \$300,000. and;

WHEREAS, in order to secure the benefits of efficient self-government and to promote and protect our common interests and welfare, the City Council hereby declares:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL

*The City of Hart hereby approves the Proposal for Amendment of the Professional Engineering Services for FY 2023 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Improvements identifying a \$71,600 in savings from the October 2022 agreement and adding a not to exceed cost of \$300,000 for the construction phase of the Dryden Street Collections Project. The council furthermore authorizes the City Manager to sign related documents.*

- J. Adams motioned to approve Resolution 2024-09 and supported by K. Trygstad
  - Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 2

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- Special Event Permit – Martial Arts – Approved (with conditions date of event Saturdays for calendar year 2024)
- Special Event Permit – Boot Camp – Denied (Due to 6:45am – 7:45am which is during quiet time but could change the hours)

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

##### **Updates:**

- The new salon named Vicky's Spa had a ribbon cutting on Polk Rd West of 72<sup>nd</sup>. The celebration was attended by two city council members, Hart Economic and Redevelopment Team board members and other community individuals.
- BS&A training on Human Resources, Payroll and Accounts Payable program was attended virtually from City Hall. The City purchased this software platform in 2016, before the current City hall staff was employed by the City of Hart. This training will help the City staff to use the software to its full potential, saving time and money.
- Monday May 2<sup>nd</sup> Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to receive input in the rezoning effort of the former Ceres Solutions/Farmers Co-Op property. The intention is to rezone the property as Planned Unit Development to allow for rezoning flexibility as we continue to work with the Smith Group to create a site plan for approval. The rezoning will need to be approved by City Council likely in June.
- DPW department has been monitoring the emergency repaired intersection on Main Street and will resurface the street as soon as the asphalt plants begin production.
- HydroCorp is wrapping up the cross-connection inspection project. Less than 30 residents remain that have not responded to City efforts, water shut offs will be the next step in seeking compliance of the State mandated safety measure.
- City Treasurer has Michigan Treasurers Institute training this week which will complete a three-year training cycle leading up to certification.

##### **Legacy Topics:**

- Safe Routes to School trail project – pending State Approval projected bid spring 2024.

##### **Upcoming Topics:**

- Adoption of 5-year Park and Rec Master Plan (Currently back and forth negotiation with MDOT)
- Council review of rental inspection policies, procedures, and implementation. Chief Salazar is delayed due to 2 employee resignations and 2 employees parental leave)

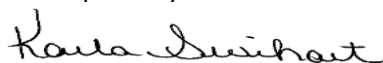
#### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:**

- Mayor Platt asked about updated flags for the lights around town.
- As far as the road repairs are concerned, they will be completed soon when the asphalt plants open for the season.

#### **ADJOURN:**

- There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned upon a motion by J. Adams and supported by K. Trygstad. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted



Karla Swihart, City Clerk