



CITY OF HART
407 S. STATE ST.
HART, MI 49420
REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL - COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
July 9th, 2024
MINUTES – Approved

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

ABSENT: Catalina Burillo, Jim Evans, and Dean Hodges

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager – Rob Splane, Energy Superintendent – Mike Schiller, Hart Police Chief – Juan Salazar, JGP Superintendent – Chris TerHaar, and Jim Cunningham

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Amended to move 5, Accept Resignation of Council member Adams to 11 Communications from Mayor and Council.

- A. Klotz motioned to approve Amended agenda and was supported by K. Trygstad
 - Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 3

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- None

CORRESPONDENCE, EVENTS, PRESENTATIONS:

- Consider appointment from City Council election petition submission candidates:
 - i. Jim Cunningham
 - ii. Karen Thomas
- A. Klotz motioned to appoint Jim Cunningham to City Council replacing Justin Adams starting July 25th 2024 and supported by K. Trygstad.
 - Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 3

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Approval of minutes from June 25th, 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: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 3

ACTION ITEMS:

- Resolution 2024-19 Appointed Officials Wage Rate
WHEREAS, the City recognizes that highly trained, dedicated staff is necessary to conduct City operations with minimal staff; and
WHEREAS, per the City Charter, City Council sets appointed officials pay rates; and
WHEREAS, City policy has historically awarded annual union contract raises to non-union employees as to not penalize them due to their lack of collective bargaining; and
WHEREAS, 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:

Authorizes and approves the following appointed officials pay rates to be effective as of July 1, 2024:

City Clerk/Treasurer: \$66,033 (\$62,296 current – last increase July 2023)
City Of Hart Police Chief: \$81,513 (\$78,378 current – last increase July 2023)
City of Hart City Manager: \$94,051 (\$90,434 current – last increase July 2022)

Further authorizes and approves a one-time 6 month retroactive payment using the July 2024 [ay rates due to increased workload due to absent central office staff member for the City Clerk/Treasurer (\$1,868.50) and Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer (\$930.44).

After discussion Resolution 2024-19 is tabled due to lack of members to vote on and will be presented again on July 25th council meeting

- A. Klotz motioned to table Resolution 2024-19 and supported by J. Adams
 - Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 3

▪ Resolution 2024-20 John Gurney Park Campground Rates 2024-2028

WHEREAS, the City of Hart owns John Gurney Park and the associated recreational options; and
 WHEREAS, as the City desires to remain competitive in the daily and seasonal rates charged for camping sites by comparing our sites and amenities with other campgrounds; and
 WHEREAS, as the City identifies the economic benefit of operating a campground stimulating new visitors to Hart and surrounding areas; and
 WHEREAS, as the City desires to for the campground to breakeven at a minimum or ideally generate revenue to reinvest in John Gurney Park and other city recreational opportunities for visitors and residents benefit:
 NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL

Approve adopting the proposal rate structure of

	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Rustic Sites	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$40.00	\$45.00	\$45.00
Deluxe Sites	\$35.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$55.00	\$60.00	\$65.00
Premium Sites	\$40.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$70.00	\$75.00	\$80.00
Seasonal Sites	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,750	\$3,000	\$3,000 Electric
Off-Season Storage	\$-	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$325.00	\$350.00	\$400.00

- J. Adams motioned to approve Resolution 2024-20 and supported by K. Trygstad
 - Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 3

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Special Events Permit – Hispanic Heritage Celebration 2024

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Updates:

- The historic Blacksmith shop on Union Street across from the Hart Historic District suffered almost total devastation due to a fire on July 1. Mutual Fire aid units were onsite joining Hart from Benona-Shelby-Pentwater-Grant-Ferry and battled the fire for over 5 hours.
- Hart Sparks was a good success despite about 25 minutes of rain. The fireworks were well attended considering the mid-week date and the threat of rain.
- The governor announced today that Hart Pizza has been awarded \$25k as part of the Match on Main Grant program for support with equipment upgrades.
- All Creeks Subdivision deed amendment documents have been signed and will be filed with the Registrar of Deeds following a member notification period.
- Now that the holiday has passed the TIFA sidewalk replacement project will begin, this will replace unsafe sidewalks within the TIFA district from Polk Rd through downtown.
- Veteran’s Park project bid package will be let to the public this week with a DNR required 25 day posting period. The work will likely be awarded by the council in August.
- Meetings are being scheduled with water quality experts and local stakeholders to assist the City with reviewing and revising the EGLE imposed administrative consent order with enforces water quality standards of the Pentwater River which is classified as a cold-water trout stream.

Legacy Topics:

- Safe Routes to School trail project – **Approved for bid letting in October’ 24!**

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)

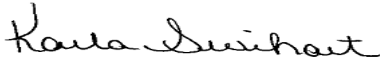
COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

- Sad to say we must accept the resignation of councilman Adams as he has moved out of the City of Hart and into the township and thank you to Jim Cunningham for stepping in and taking the appointment.

ADJOURN:

- There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned upon a motion by A. Klotz and supported by J. Adams. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on July 25th, 2024, at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted



Karla Swihart, City Clerk