



**CITY OF HART**  
**407 S. STATE ST.**  
**HART, MI 49420**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL - COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**MINUTES – Approved**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Vicki Platt, Councilors Catalina Burillo, Jim Cunningham, Dean Hodges, Amanda Klotz and Kris Trygstad

**ABSENT:** Jim Evans

**OTHERS PRESENT:** City Manager – Rob Splane, BioPure Superintendent – Paul Cutter, Hart Police Chief – Juan Salazar, Christina Juska, Nicholas Maar, Gayle Harris and Sharon Hallack

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

- C. Burillo motioned to approve Amended agenda and was supported by K. Trygstad
  - Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- None

**CORRESPONDENCE, EVENTS, PRESENTATIONS:**

- NONE

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Resolution 2024-22 Accept Bids and Award West Main Street Resurfacing Project  
 WHEREAS, the City of Hart is responsible for the maintenance and repair of City Streets; and  
 WHEREAS, the City of Hart has funding available in Major Streets 202 Fund to cover the cost of resurfacing West Main Street which currently holds a Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating of PASER designation of “Poor” condition; and  
 WHEREAS, per City Council direction in May of 2024, the project has been budgeted for, engineering specifications have been developed, and public bids have been sought; 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  
     *Accepts six sealed bids for the resurfacing of West Main Street.*  
     *Authorizes and approves the resurfacing of West Main Street from the West Main fill west of the City limit and awards the work to low-bidder Wadel Stabilization \$302,059.30*  
     *Directs the City Manager to sign all related documents on behalf of the City of Hart*
  - C. Burillo motioned to approve Resolution 2024-22 and supported by D. Hodges
    - Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- Safe Routes to School – Status update and South Plum alignment  
Wanted to give a status update its been going on 7 years now but finally got approval from MDOT to continue to work the project and still on track to bid out in October, with construction in 2025. Wanted to touch base on what to do with South Plum Street with working with both Fleis and Vanderbrink and Prein Newhof Plum Street is going to be very tricky to surface as there is drainage issues as well as infrastructure issues on that street. It is a planned project, but for this street being a very lightly traveled street it is going to be a significant investment as they are saying upwards of \$450,000. Will continue to work with engineers on this project and keep Council updated.
- Veteran's Park Bid Opening  
Low bid was \$1,186,000, Currently working with engineers on ways to cut cost on this project as there is a \$300,000 DNR grant with City matching funds, we anticipated originally the cost of the park in 2019 was around \$600,000 and when we ran new numbers last year, they said it would be closer to \$800,000, The City budgeted \$880,000. We are going to reach out to the DNR and see if there are any grants available to help cover the inflation cost of the past few years as we would like to move forward with the planned, much needed improvements to the park. Just wanted to keep Council in the loop and will continue to update as we learn more.

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

### **Updates:**

- Audit preparation went well as we anticipate our auditors to be on-site the third week in September
- Hart BioPure continues to hold ongoing progress meetings to monitor and coordinate multiple projects in an effort to support ongoing plant operations.
- Dryden Street projects continue to move ahead of schedule. Additional hazardous soil was found under Wood Street. Prein and Newhof worked with Hallack to confirm the suspicion, and the City worked with EGLE to permit the soil to be removed and hauled away, adding a level of safety to our residents and drinking water aquifer.
- The new Park and Recreation Department Superintendent has met with staff and volunteers at the Hart Historic District and, with City Hall staff support, has taken over rental scheduling of Heritage Hall, the Mudget Pavilion, and Sackrider Church.
- A meeting with Mike Grady of Gracon Technology was held in Hart to discuss cybersecurity initiatives and to begin preparing a business continuity plan for City operations in the event of a catastrophic event.
- The Michigan Municipal Risk Management Agency annual meeting is next week where we see a heavy focus on cybersecurity.
- The Starting Block Board is holding the third strategic planning session on August 28<sup>th</sup>, at 4pm at the Starting Block on Industrial Drive. The focus and planned outcomes anticipate providing sustainability for the non-profit, as well as a renewed focus on adding value to our community.
- Veteran's Day planning continues with the Oceana County Department of Veteran's Affairs, the parade will be the Saturday before Veteran's Day in November. We are told that the Anheuser Busch Clydesdale Team has already been reserved for the event.

### **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
- Council review of rental inspection policies, procedures, and implementation. (Chief Salazar is delayed due to 2 employee resignations and 2 employees parental leave)

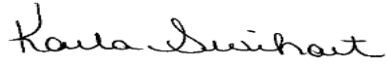
## **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:**

- C. Burillo do you happen to know what the smell is on Griswold Street just past Michigan freeze pack? There is always that one spot right there that has an odor to it. R. Splane explained that lift station 100% of all sewers in the City including our industries goes through that lift station. Not a drop gets out to the Biopure plant that does not go through that lift station, the upgrade that was done last year included a new filtration system, but you are still going to get an odor.
- Mayor Platt asked Juan to speak on behalf of the water incident that happened Sunday on Hart Lake.

**ADJOURN:**

- There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned upon a motion by A. Klotz and supported by C. Burillo. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Aug 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karla Swihart".

Karla Swihart, City Clerk