



CITY OF HART
407 S. STATE ST.
HART, MI 49420
REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL - COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
October 22nd, 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 City Clerk – Karla Swihart, JGP Manager – Chris TerHaar, Justin Adams, Sharon Hallack, Christine Juska, Rolando Salgado and Emily Sigher

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- None

CORRESPONDENCE, EVENTS, PRESENTATIONS:

- State of Michigan Governor Proclamation, Michigan Public Power week
- City of Hart Treasurer, Karla Swihart – Michigan Certified Professional Treasurer

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Approval of minutes from October 8th, 2024
- Bills, Claims, Payroll
- Reports of Boards, Commissions, and Committees
- Department Reports – Police/BioPure/Public Works/Energy/C&E Dvlp
 - C. Burillo motioned to approve Consent Agenda and supported by J. Cunningham
 - Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

ACTION ITEMS:

- Resolution 2024-29 Approve Water Rate Study Proposal
WHEREAS, the City of Hart owns and operates a water distribution system; and
WHEREAS, recent City auditors highlighted the water distribution system is somewhat underfunded based on their analysis for general operational health of the utility; and
WHEREAS, the City is considering several million dollars in water system capital improvements that will parallel work with the City's wastewater and stormwater infrastructure; and
WHEREAS, utility funds should be self-supporting and it has been over seven years since the last rate/cost of service study was conducted;
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
Approve selecting Bendzinski & Co. Municipal Financial Advisors to conduct a water utility rate study at a cost not to exceed \$9,000
 - A. Klotz motioned to approve Resolution 2024-29 and supported by C. Burillo
 - Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1
- Resolution 2024-30 Approve Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Revenue Bond Advisor
WHEREAS, the City of Hart owns, operates and maintains municipal water and wastewater systems; and
WHEREAS, the City of Hart is considering the letting of revenue bonds to provide funding for a series of water system capital improvement projects as adopted by council; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hart has been tentatively awarded financing and principal forgiveness from the State of Michigan's Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund ("DWSRF"). This low interest loan will cover the funds needed for the proposed projects. The DWSRF loan will be evidenced by the City's issuance of revenue bonds under the provisions of Act 94 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1933, as amended ("ACT 94"); and WHEREAS, a municipal financial advisor will be required to oversee preparation and processing of bond funding related documents including revenue support consulting, debt structuring, timetable management, application preparation, liaison assistance with the Municipal Finance Authority and the Department of Treasury; 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:

Accepts the proposal submitted from Bendzinski & Co. Municipal Finance Advisors to provide services related to 2025 DWSRF Bonds for the fee of \$14,850. City Council further authorizes the City Manager to sign and execute any related documents to this expenditure.

- C. Burillo motioned to approve Resolution 2024-30 and supported by J. Cunningham
 - Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

▪ Resolution 2024-31 Approve Engineering Services Proposal for DWSRF Implementation

WHEREAS, the City of Hart is responsible for the maintenance and operation of water, wastewater, and storm water sewer systems including roadway above those systems; and WHEREAS, the City of Hart has been awarded 20% principal loan forgiveness through the State of Michigan Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan at an interest rate of 2% to assist the City in the replacement of the aging water system components as outlined in the Project Plan adopted by City Council; and WHEREAS, the City must obtain a qualified engineering entity to properly oversee the design, construction, and financial reporting of this critical infrastructure; 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 the proposal for engineering services from Prein and Newhof not to exceed \$591,200 to provide professional engineering services and fund administration for the following projects

- *Oceana Drive Low Pressure Tank Loop – Extends a transmission main from the low-pressure tank to the end of the City's system south of Polk Rd*
- *Orchard Street and Peach Street – Abandons old 2-inch water main and replace with 6-inch water main from Lake Street to Lake Street. Replace all water services within project area removing them from the old undersized mains. Including partial road replacement.*
- *Hart and Washington Intersection Utility Repair – Improves valving within the intersection, abandons portions of an old redundant 6-inch water main. Repairs an active sanitary sewer failure in the intersection.*
- *Lead Service Line Replacement (LSLR) – Replaces approximately 97 lead service lines at yet to be determined locations within the City.*
- *Flood Well Replacement – Replaces the City's Flood well and well house at a location to be determined.*

Council authorizes the City Manager to sign and execute related contractual agreement.

- A. Klotz motioned to approve Resolution 2024-31 and supported by K. Trygstad
 - Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Review of City Goals and Projects from November 2018 to Present

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Updates:

- Downtown Sidewalk replacement project near complete
- Tree trimming and tree removal downtown began today in preparation for winter decorating and streetscape project.
- A new issue was found at Hart BioPure as air is leaking from the aeration header through corroded iron pipes. Work is being done to identify options and the best course of action.
- DPW department has needed a new dump truck for several years. As each budget is set funding has not allowed for this capital purchase. Recently maintenance costs of the truck in the poorest condition have become significant. A decision will have to be made soon on how best to proceed to protect our ability to remove snow efficiently.
- Movie night and Boo-gie Bash at the Hart Historical District this Saturday 5-9
- Hart Prize voting ends October 28th, get your vote in!
- Congratulations to City Treasurer Karla Swihart on graduating from the three-year effort and becoming a Michigan Certified Professional Treasurer!

Legacy Topics:

- Safe Routes to School trail project

Upcoming Topics:

- Adoption of 5-year Park and Rec Master Plan
- Council review of rental inspection policies, procedures, and implementation.

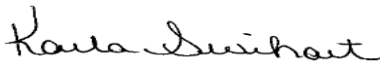
COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

- C. Burillo would like the Council and City Manager to please attend the next Hart Cemetery Board Meeting, which will be held on Monday Jan 20th at the Hart Township Hall
- Mayor Platt would like to thank all for everything over the few years, It was a joy to be your Mayor.

ADJOURN:

- There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned upon a motion by A. Klotz and supported by K. Trygstad. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on November 12th, 2024, at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted



Karla Swihart, City Clerk