



**CITY OF HART
407 S. STATE ST.
HART, MI 49420
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
DECEMBER 8, 2020, 7:30 pm
MINUTES – APPROVED**

PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Mayor Vicki Platt, Councilors: Rob Splane Jim Evans, Braxton Platt, and Dean Hodges.

ABSENT: Catalina Burillo

OTHERS PRESENT City Manager – Lynne Ladner, Deputy City Clerk – Cheri Eisenlohr

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

Review of Application to fill Council Vacancy – submitted by Fred Rybarz

- Mr. B. Platt moved to approve the application, supported by Mr. Evans.
 - Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

AGENDA:

- Mr. Splane motioned to approve the agenda with date correction, supported by Mr. Evans, all ayes, the motion carried.
 - Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

MINUTES:

- Mr. B. Platt motioned to approve the minutes of the November 24, 2020 meeting, supported by Mr. Evans, all ayes, the motion carried.
 - Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Sharon Hallack stated that her daughter and Sister-in-Law are very happy that the recycling program will be transitioning from bins to a cart.

CORRESPONDENCE, EVENTS, PRESENTATIONS:

- None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- *Police Chief, Juan Salazar:*
 - A written report was provided.
- *Energy Dept. Superintendent, Mike Schiller:*
 - A written report was provided.
- *BioPure Superintendent, Paul Cutter:*
 - A written report was provided.
- *DPW Superintendent, Brad Whitney:*
 - No report in the packet.
- *HEART Director, Nichole Steel:*
 - A written report was provided.

BILLS, CLAIMS, & PAYROLL:

- Bills: \$328,937.56 Payroll: \$63,356.45 Grand Total: \$392,294.01
 - Mr. Splane motioned to approve, supported by Mr. Evans, the motion carried.
 - Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

ACTION ITEMS:

Ms. Ladner addressed the following Action Items:

Please note that dates needed to be corrected on some of the Resolutions being presented.

- Resolution 2020-70 Adopt Council Rules, Procedures and Etiquette
 - Mr. B. Platt moved to approve, supported by Mr. Splane
 - Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1
- Resolution 2020-71 Designate Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem as signers on City of Hart Bank Accounts
 - Mr. Evans moved to approve, supported by Mr. B. Platt
 - Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

- Resolution 2020-72 Adopt recommendations from UFS for Energy Department Cost of Service Rate for implantation on July 1, 2021.
 - Mr. Splane moved to approve, supported by Mr. Evans
 - Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1
- Resolution 2020-73 Adopting an extension Solid Waste Contract with Republic Waste
 - Mr. B. Platt moved to approve, supported by Mr. Evans
 - Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1
- Resolution 2020-74 Approve Corrective Action Plan as required by Dept. of Treasury following FY20 Audit.
 - Mr. Splane moved to approve, supported by Mr. Evans
 - Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1
- Resolution 2020-75 Adopt pay rates for Interim City Clerk/Treasurer effective January 1, 2020.
 - Mr. Splane moved to table this resolution until the Personnel/Finance Committee could meet, supported by Mr. Evans
 - Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1
- Resolution 2020-76 Supporting Safe Routes to School Grant Application
 - Mr. B. Platt moved to approve, supported by Mr. Evans
 - Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1
- Resolution 2020-77 Authorizing entering into an agreement with FLeis & VandenBrink to perform engineering services associated with Safe Routes to School Application
 - Mr. B. Platt moved to approve, supported by Mr. Evans
 - Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT:

- None

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- Interviews are being conducted for the Utility Billing Clerk position.
- Attending MML webinars
- Upcoming holidays
- Working on year-end reports
- Public Hearing notices
- Out of the State from 12/22/2020 to 1/4/2021, can be reached via email, will be studying for the HR certification exam.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

- Mr. B. Platt asked that the pumpkins downtown be removed.
- Mr. Splane thanked HEART Director, NicholeSteel and the Discover Oceana program for all the work being done for the community and the donors that have provided for the area.
- Mr. Splane also stated that he would like more signage downtown to promote the bike trail since the bike trail extension between Hart and Pentwater could conceivably draw the bike traffic away from the downtown area.
- Mr. Splane also thanked the City Manager, Lynne Ladner, for the work that she has done on behalf of the City.

ADJOURN:

- There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm upon a motion by Mr. B. Platt and supported by Mr. Evans. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on January 12, 2021, at 7:30 pm, and will be held virtually.

Respectfully Submitted

Cheri Eisenlohr

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Deputy City Clerk