



**CITY OF HART  
407 S. STATE ST.  
HART, MI 49420  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
MAY 26, 2020, 7:30 P.M.  
MINUTES - APPROVED**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Ron LaPorte (in person), Councilors: Vicki Platt, Jason La Fever (7:32 pm), Rob Splane (7:34 pm), Catalina Burillo, (all via Zoom), Joe Frontiera (in person) and Steve Hegedus (in person)

**ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT** City Manager – Lynne Ladner, and Deputy City Clerk - Cheri Eisenlohr.

- Mayor LaPorte called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm, following the roll call, the Mayor lead the Council in the pledge of allegiance.

**AGENDA:**

- Mr. Hegedus made a motion to approve the agenda, supported by Mr. Frontiera, all ayes, the motion carried.
  - Ayes: 5            Nays: 0            Absent: 2

**MINUTES:**

- Mr. Frontiera made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2020, meeting, with corrections pointed out by Ms. Burillo to add Mr. Splane as being present at the last meeting, supported by Mr. Hegedus, all ayes, the motion carried.
  - Ayes: 5            Nays: 0            Absent: 2

**PUBLIC COMMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, EVENTS, PRESENTATIONS:**

- Sharon Hallack, via Zoom, thanked Ms. Ladner for the joint letter that was published by her, Rob Widigan of Shelby, and Chris Brown of Pentwater, reminding people of the plight of the VFW and the American Legion Halls losing valuable donations/contributions during the pandemic.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

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

**BILLS, CLAIMS, & PAYROLL:**

- Bills: \$100,107.78    Payroll: \$55,078.45    Grand Total: \$155,186.23
  - Mr. Hegedus made a motion to approve, supported by Ms. Platt, the motion carried.
    - Ayes: 7            Nays: 0            Absent: 0

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Ms. Ladner addressed the following Action Items:

Memo

To: Mayor and Council  
From: Lynne Ladner  
Date: 05/22/20  
Re: Tree trimming and removal

Following the last council meeting with the questions raised by members of the Council, the Energy Department has made contact or attempted to make contact with all the property owners where the trees will be removed. Direct contact was made with all but two owners. One property the ownership is in limbo, the second property has been unresponsive to our attempts to contact them in person, so we have left them notice of the Energy departments intent to remove the tree and a number that they can contact with any questions or concerns.

Regarding the stump removal, it has been clarified that this is not included in the bid prices of either contractor and that it is the intent of the Energy department later this summer to solicit bids for the grinding and removal of tree stumps from multiple locations throughout the system where trees have been removed.

It is my recommendation still that the Council adopt resolution 2020-29 accepting the bids for Option 1 and Option 2 tree removal to include the removals at 407 and 504 Johnson St for a total of \$7,175

Lynne

**CITY OF HART  
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-29**

**ACCEPT BIDS FOR THE REMOVAL DESIGNATED TREES THROUGHOUT THE  
CITY OF HART NEAR ENERGIZED POWER LINES**

WHEREAS the City of Hart owns and maintains a municipal electric utility and is responsible for ensuring the reliability of power to its customers through a maintenance program for trimming and removing trees near energized power lines; and

WHEREAS the Energy department has determined that designated trees or parts thereof pose a threat to existing power lines and need to be removed for the safety of residents and employees; and

WHEREAS the City has advertised for qualified bidders to trim and or remove the trees and branches and has received bids from \_\_\_\_\_

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT,

*The City of Hart accept the bids for tree trimming and removal and awards the bids for the completion of both Options 1 & 2 with full removals in Option 2 to the low Bidder Dubois Tree and Land Management in the amount of \$7,175.*

Moved by Mr. Hegedus supported by Mr. Frontiera and thereafter adopted at the regular City of hart City Council meeting on May 26, 2020.

Ayes: 7    Nays: 0    Absent: 0

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of the document on file with the office of the City of Hart Clerk.



Cheri Eisenlohr, Deputy City Clerk

**SPECIAL EVENTS PERMITS:**

- None

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- Repair work on Church Street water main between Dryden St. & Union St.
  - The Council recommended that this project be put out for bid.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

- No report was given/provided.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

- Hallack Contracting will be paving Lincoln Street tomorrow and will then start on the paving project for John Gurney Park.
- All Departments are back to work full-time. There is an unfilled position available for a part-time DPW position.
- John Gurney Park is only open to seasonal campers with a full-service hookup at this time.
- Greenstone is unable to give a start date for the Pocket Park due to loss of sub-contractors.
- There will be a City-wide clean up on June 13.
  - Mr. Frontiera asked when the Code Enforcement officer would be back on duty. Ms. Ladner stated that she would contact him and ask him to return.
    - Mr. Frontiera is concerned about barking dogs in his neighborhood and wants the CE Officer to look into it.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:**

- Ms. Platt stated that Mr. Platt, Superintendent of HPS, would provide Hart Pirate banners to replace all the banners downtown that have last year's event dates on them. He and DPW Superintendent, Whitney, will work on the details of accomplishing this project.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm upon a motion by Mr. Hegedus and supported by Mr. Frontiera. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on June 9, 2020, at 7:30 pm., in the Hart Community Center.

Respectfully Submitted



Deputy City Clerk