



**CITY OF HART
407 S. STATE ST.
HART, MI 49420
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
AUGUST 25, 2020, 7:30 pm
MINUTES - APPROVED**

PRESENT IN PERSON OR VIA ZOOM: Mayor Ron LaPorte, Councilors: Jason La Fever, Vicki Platt, Rob Splane, Catalina Burillo (late), Joe Frontiera, and Steve Hegedus

ABSENT: None

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

- Mr. George Sadler and Mr. Dave Dickman were allowed to attend as the total people present was less than the ten (10) maximum allowed by the Governor.
- 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: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

MINUTES:

- Mr. Frontiera made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2020 meeting, supported by Mr. Hegedus, all ayes, the motion carried.
 - Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0

PUBLIC COMMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, EVENTS, PRESENTATIONS:

- Mr. Sadler asked what the final decision was regarding Hart Sparks; he was informed that there would not be any fireworks this year.
- Mr. Sadler spoke about a pothole located in the alley where his outdoor seating area was near to, and that his patrons are being splashed when traffic goes through the alley. He stated that he had informed the City Manager about it last October and has also spoken to BioPure Superintendent Paul Cutter as well as DPW Superintendent Brad Whitney. Ms. Ladner explained that it was not a high priority item at this time. The Mayor asked about cold-patching it, Ms. Ladner stated that she would be in discussing this with Mr. Whitney.
- Mr. Dave Dickman asked why he was being charged for water, sewer, and garbage on a residence that he only wants electricity. He stated that he strongly disagrees with the City's policy and that the document that Ms. Ladner provided to him doesn't state that all utilities are to be charged. The City Manager and the Mayor advised him that this is a policy of the City to establish all services. Determining if the residence is being lived in is not the City's responsibility, and utilities are provided as a base cost of service to all residents.
- Mr. Dickman asked the City Manager to re-write his termination letter of job abandonment. Ms. Ladner stated that she would not.

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:*
 - A written report was provided.
- *HEART Director, Nichole Steel:*
 - A written report was provided.

BILLS, CLAIMS, & PAYROLL:

- Bills: \$258,383.99 Payroll: \$57,489.24 Grand Total: \$315,873.23
- Mr. Hegedus made a motion to approve, supported by Mr. Splane, 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: 08/23/20
 Re: JGP Boat Launch Parking

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As requested, following the last council meeting, I have drafted two resolutions related to parking at the JGP boat launch. The two options are 2020-50a, which would prohibit the parking of vehicles with trailers in the spaces immediately adjacent to the boat launch, picnic shelter, and beach area, or 2020-50b, which would designate the parking spaces immediately adjacent to the boat launch as first come first serve allowing vehicles both with and without trailers to utilize the spaces.

The issues that have been brought forward concerning this issue includes whether or not if all the spaces adjacent to the boat launch were occupied by vehicles with trailers that it renders the use of the boat launch by additional visitors difficult or unusable due to inadequate space for a vehicle with a trailer to navigate the turnaround and safely use the launch. Additionally, in the past, without any signage posted regarding the use of the parking other than the designation of a handicap accessible spot, complaints have been received that visitors have utilized the grassy area along the south side of the paved area for additional parking of vehicles with trailers which has again created challenges for others attempting to utilize the boat launch. One potential solution that has not been considered is whether or not it would be possible to clear additional space for a single vehicle with a trailer in that grassy area that could be designated only as handicap accessible parking for vehicles with trailers. This would add an additional handicap-accessible space near the boat launch for those that truly need parking near the launch, retain the other handicap accessible space for visitors that may not be utilizing the boat launch but are utilizing other areas of the waterfront, including the picnic shelter and beach without impeding other visitors from using all the facilities in the area.

If one of these resolutions is adopted, it will become formally known as 2020-50 without a letter designation. It is my recommendation that the Council adopts Resolution 2020-50a prohibiting the parking of vehicles with trailers to park in the spaces adjacent to the boat launch. I also recommend that the council direct the City Manager and DPW staff to investigate the requirements for the possibility of adding a single handicap accessible vehicle with trailer parking space in close proximity to the boat launch.

Lynne

RESOLUTION 2020-50
City Council
City of Hart, Michigan

PROHIBITING TRAILER PARKING ADJACENT TO JOHN GURNEY PARK PAVILLION

WHEREAS, the City of Hart owns and maintains the public boat launch in John Gurney Park; and

WHEREAS, in the area adjacent to the boat launch the open-air picnic pavilion, sandy beach area and four (4) paved parking spaces have been constructed; and

WHEREAS, additional parking has been designated in the grass area adjacent on the north side of the dirt street Kathryn for overflow vehicles using the public access to Hart Lake;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Prohibits parking of trailers or vehicles with trailers in the four (4) paved parking spaces adjacent to the boat launch and picnic pavilion at John Gurney Park.

Moved by Ms. Burillo, supported by Mr. Splane, and thereafter adopted by the Hart City Council at a regularly scheduled council meeting held on Tuesday, August 25, 2020.

Ayes 5 Nays 2 (Frontiera, La Fever) Absent 0

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



Cheri Eisenlohr, Deputy City Clerk

SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT:

- None

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Ms. Ladner advised the Council that the City did not receive the grant to do the work needed on Hansen Street, but the work will still be done and charged to the Local Street Fund.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

- No report was given/provided.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- Bids are being requested for the work needed for the lagoons.
- RFP's will be issued soon for the management of John Gurney Park and a new garbage service provider as both contracts are expiring soon.
- The construction in the Pocket Park has been started and is progressing slowly. An unknown cement slab, 25'x30', was found today that now needs to be removed; there is also a gas line in that area that needs to be worked around.
- Ms. Ladner will be touring Assembly Solar Project in Lennon, MI.
- Requests for engineering qualifications were sent out and posted electronically; the deadline is 5:00 pm 9/3. Proposals will be screened by the Personnel and Finance Committee, and selected parties will be offered opportunities to present to the Council at the 9/22 meeting.
- The Redevelopment Ready Community is offering an on-line Academy training class, staff and officials are urged to attend.
- Mr. Sadler voiced concerns about back-flow prevention on the water lines at Church Street and the loss of pressure. Ms. Ladner advised him that the line has not been connected to the main water system at this time. Water testing is also taking place before the connection; two "clean" water tests are needed before the lines are joined.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

- Mayor LaPorte stated that Michigan Freeze Pack had concerns about rates being raised due to the recent rate study results that were presented to Council. They are asking that they are given

lead time to make any changes that they deem necessary. Ms. Ladner stated that firm pricing would be received soon but not go into effect until July of 2021.

- Mr. Frontiera asked if Resolution 2020-50 needed to be amended to add the possibility of a handicap spot; Ms. Ladner stated no, not until the investigation is complete as to whether or not a handicap spot would fit in that area.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm upon a motion by Mr. Frontiera and supported by Mr. Hegedus. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on September 8, 2020, at 7:30 pm, in the Hart Community Center.

Respectfully Submitted



Deputy City Clerk