



**CITY OF HART  
407 S. STATE ST.  
HART, MI 49420  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
MINUTES – Draft**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Vicki Platt, Councilors: Catalina Burillo (late), Jim Evans, Dean Hodges, Amanda Klotz, and Fred Rybarz

**ABSENT:** Kris Trygstad

**OTHERS PRESENT:** City Manager – Rob Splane, City Clerk – Karla Swihart, BioPure Superintendent – Paul Cutter, DPW – Superintendent Brad Whitney, Energy Superintendent – Mike Schiller, Police Chief – Juan Salazar, Ginny Renna, Patricia Renna, Julie Lough, Bill Volpp, and George Sadler

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

- o F. Rybarz motioned to approve the agenda and was supported by C. Burillo
  - Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**CORRESPONDENCE, EVENTS, PRESENTATIONS:**

- Patricia Renna, Garbage service refund

Sept 8, 2022

PATRICIA RENNA  
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cell 231-301-4624

I would like to address the Hart City Council on Tues Sept 13, 2022 regarding the fee I've had to pay for garbage on the small cabin on my property. I've had to pay for two cans since I had the electric turned on in the small cabin, even though I live alone and didn't use the second one.

Would you go retro-active back to when I had it turned on last year? A city employee told me "if there is a meter on you have to pay for the 2nd can also."

I recently found out that is not true.

Sincerely,  
Patricia Renna

Upon discussion City Council agreed to refund garbage service back to Mrs. Renna.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- Approval of minutes from August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022.
- 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. Evans
    - Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- TABLED - Resolution 2022-39 Accept competitive quotes and award contract for IT Support Services
  - J. Evans motioned to Table Resolution 2022-39 following more information and supported by F. Rybarz
    - Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- Special events permit – Hispanic Heritage Celebration
- Special events permit – Zumba Class, Rosario Mendoza

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**UPDATES:**

- Hispanic Heritage Festival this Saturday!
- Audit is in progress, auditors will be onsite Wednesday and Thursday
- Hanson Road Construction nearing completion
- Creeks Subdivision construction coming along, framing work next week
- TEAM golf outing Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup>
- Oceana County Economic Alliance to setup an exhibitor space at the West Michigan Developer Day on September 27<sup>th</sup> showcasing development opportunities

**Legacy Topics:**

- Waiting on legal to draft intergovernmental operational agreement for property code enforcement department – Adaption of that agreement in October looking to post Rental Inspection/Property Maintenance Code Enforcement position shortly after.
- Work is ongoing to obtain quotes to demolish 227 East Main property.
- Waiting on legal for City Charter amendment – amendment to include allowing council to set day and time for council meetings by resolution.

**Upcoming Topics:**

- Adoption of 2022-2026 Park and Rec Master Plan
- Planning Consultant RFP due next week – Council recommendation from the Planning Commission in October.
- C. Burillo, commented on City Charter amendment and at one point there was talk about forming a sub committee to review the City Charter language and recommend changes. Does it make sense now to form a subcommittee as we are looking to change the time council meetings start? Burillo and Evans said they'd be happy to sit on that committee. To form that committee council wishes to have 3. D. Hodges will also sit on that committee
- J. Evans asked what it would take to review the parking downtown? Could the lot at the old walkers building be employee parking for the downtown businesses? City Manager R. Splane, TIFA board is currently review proposals for the downtown street scape which included parking in the downtown area.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:**

- Mayor Platt commented on the Creeks property when she went there was a concrete company pouring a cement slab as there is a duplex being built. Also, the parking lot at the DPW is looking fabulous along with Hansen St.
- What is happening with the trees downtown? Asked if they could be trimmed differently so they grow different? M. Schiller explained the problem with the trees downtown is that they are such a fast-growing tree, in order to keep them looking good they need to be cut back every year so in the end it depends on how much the City wants to spend in these trees, when the downtown street scape gets done the trees are most likely going to have to be removed at that time.

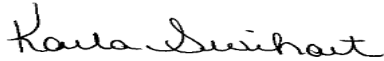
Discussion should be done on what will be done with the trees before the holiday season.

- C. Burillo two items, the new addition going on over at Seneca Foods started to make me think about the energy issues going on, how is that going to impact the power supply for the City? M. Schiller stated that is very minimal as that big addition is just for general storage. Other item is where does the City stand with the alley way behind Kristi's? The drain basin DPW is keeping an eye on it. Currently the alley is not in the current infrastructure plan, currently it is scheduled in 2030, but if it need be sooner will be addressed at that time.

**ADJOURN:**

- There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at upon a motion by C. Burillo and supported by J. Evans. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted



Karla Swihart, City Clerk