



**CITY OF HART
407 S. STATE ST.
HART, MI 49420
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
OCT. 24, 2017, 7:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Councilors: Karen Thomson, Joe Frontiera, Jason La Fever and Jack Wittman.

ABSENT: Mayor LaPorte, Steve Hegedus, and Rob Splane

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager – Stan Rickard, City Attorney – Julie Springstead, Police Chief – Juan Salazar, BioPure Superintendent – Paul Cutter, Future Hydro Superintendent – Mike Schiller, Current Hydro Superintendent – Bob Dodds, Main Street Manager – Julie Kreilick and Deputy Clerk - Cheri Eisenlohr. See attached attendance list for others present.

Mayor ProTem La Fever called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., following roll call, he then opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Mr. Wittman to approve the 1st amended agenda and supported by Mr. Frontiera. The minutes from October 10, 2017, regular meeting were approved as printed, motioned by Mr. Wittman and supported by Mr. Frontiera. All ayes, both motions were carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, EVENTS, PRESENTATIONS:

The annual budget was provided to the Councilors.

The following individuals spoke:

- George Sadler advised that he had researched the City Charter looking for the clause that gave the Mayor the power to remove the three board members that he dismissed at the last meeting. He would like a clearer explanation as to why it happened.
 - Mayor ProTem La Fever explained that it was not expected, and due to the fact that the Mayor is absent from the meeting, no answer can be supplied at this time. It will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Gail Zieger stated that she was shocked that this had happened and did not appreciate not being properly notified of the action that was taken.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- BioPure Superintendent, Paul Cutter:
 - MFP is running potatoes, celery, and squash. Gray and Co., is solid and normal.
 - The fourth cutting of hay is being cut this week at the facility.
 - The irrigation property is progressing slowly.
 - They are converting a storage tank area into a garage to house a truck.
- Police Chief, Juan Salazar:
 - October 5 the fall firearm qualifications were held and were mandatory for all officers; all met the qualifications.
 - October 16 and 17, Officers Hintz, Ingalls, and Sgt. Skipski attended a “low speed” driving class that was held in the parking lot of Michigan Adventures.
- DPW Superintendent, Brad Whitney:
 - Leaf vac machine was used last week, swept the entire town as well.
 - Repaired some water leaks.
 - The pads were all poured at the disc golf course; holes are marked. There will be a “map” sign located at the course; the course is playable at this time.
 - Jefferson Street is almost completed.
 - Servicing the plow trucks as heavy snow is expected this winter.

- The tank from the BPTF may be used to keep brine for the City; a containment system would have to be built to house it as well as a pump system.
- Hydro Superintendent, Bob Dodds:
 - Working on Tyler Road.
- Main Street Manager, Julie Kreilick:
 - The Farmer’s Market season is completed and will be held again next year.
 - Attended a training session for making use of public spaces, Councilor Splane attended with her. A good example of this would be what the pocket park will be used for. Need to apply for a Crowd Funding grant.
 - Small business Saturday is in the works. It is the Saturday after Thanksgiving. There will also be a winter market in the 55 State Street location.
 - Winterfest is also being planned at this time.
 - The summer Market Place was a model program, Hart and Milan will be putting together a program to share at the National Main Street conference in the spring outlining this program, and its success.
 - Vista employee has been with the program for a month now and is doing well; she is working on the Market Place program.

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES:

None

BILLS, CLAIMS, PAYROLL:

Mr. Rickard discussed the following invoices in detail:

- \$3,909.57 GRP Engineering
- \$6,000.00 Raymond VanZoeren
- \$1,651.74 City Web Central
- \$4,480.00 Kirk Seabolt Concrete
- Bills totaled: \$165,001.44

A motion was made by Ms. Thomson and supported by Mr. Frontiera to approve the payables and payroll in the amount stated.

Ayes: 4 Nay: 0 Absent: 3

Discussion: None

ACTION ITEMS:

City Manager, Stan Rickard presented the following:
No action items at this time

SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT:

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

None

CITY MANAGER REPORT:

Mr. Rickard reported on:

- Auditors have completed their field work and are preparing their final report. They will present next month.
- The State and the County have advised local communities to change their elections to an even number of years; this will affect the Council as they have three-year terms. This will be discussed further in early November.
- The window replacement project will be getting underway in about two weeks.

- The Façade Improvement Program is still alive, but progressing slowly as there are several entities involved in this project.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:

Closed session entered into at 7:55 pm by a motion made by Mr. Wittman and supported by Mr. Frontiera. All ayes – motion carried. Open session returned at 8:06 pm.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Wittman and supported by Ms. Thomson. The next meeting is Nov. 14, 2017, at 7:30 p.m.