



**CITY OF HART
407 S. STATE ST.
HART, MI 49420**

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS - WORK SESSION – FUTURE OF THE MAIN
STREET PROGRAM**

DECEMBER 10, 2019, 7:30 P.M. - MINUTES - APPROVED

PRESENT: Mayor Ron LaPorte, Councilors: Patrice Martin, Joe Frontiera, Steve Hegedus, Jason La Fever and Rob Splane.

ABSENT: Vicki Platt

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

The topic of the Main Street Program versus an Economic Development program was discussed. Ms. Ladner feels that the City has graduated from the Main Street program and should go with a plan that encompasses the Polk Road corridor. The events that Main Street sponsors and promotes can be continued by other city organizations or be incorporated into the new program. A new employee would be hired that would be qualified to do all aspects of the new program for both downtown and Polk Road businesses.

This program would be classified as a 501-C4, non-profit group. A decision will be sought at the December 17th, 2019, City Council meeting. A workshop session is scheduled to follow that meeting to discuss the CIP, SAW grant and other items that need to be addressed.

The meeting concluded at 9:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheri Eisenlohr
Deputy City Clerk