



CITY OF HART
407 S. STATE ST.
HART, MI 49420
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
DEC. 12, 2017, 7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Ron LaPorte, Councilors: Karen Thomson, Joe Frontiera, Jason La Fever, Steve Hegedus, and Jack Wittman

ABSENT: Rob Splane

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

Mayor LaPorte 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. Hegedus to approve the first amended agenda and supported by Mr. Wittman. The minutes from November 28, 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:

- Open house reminder for the Woodland Place is now on December 14, from 3:00 to 6:00 pm.
- George Sadler asked why the sign ordinance was not on the agenda and he spoke of the write up in the paper – he is concerned about the enforcement of the current ordinance with an exception for those with prior written permits with the City. Mayor LaPorte stated that this would pertain to Dave's Party Store as Mr. Lorenz had stated previously that he had a permit from the City but has yet to produce it. Mr. Sadler feels that the rules should be enforced as is. Mr. Rickard does not have any comment at this time regarding this issue.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- BioPure Superintendent, Paul Cutter:
 - Michigan Freeze pack is still running carrots and should finish around January 8.
 - There is sand in the Griswold lift station due to the carrot processing; it will be cleaned after the carrots are done being processed.
 - The MWE had a meeting at the Community Center and had a tour of the plant.
- Police Chief, Juan Salazar:
 - On Wednesday, November 29, Hildegardo Hinojosa finished and passed his Field Training.
- DPW Superintendent, Brad Whitney:
 - Meeting with Prein & Newhof in regards to an Asset Management Plan for the water system. Has to be submitted 1/18/18.
 - Moving snow, reading meters.
 - Worked on a sewer issue on Peach St.
 - Replacing/Repairing light fixtures in the DPW building.
 - Roof repairs on the DPW building.
 - Serviced all the trucks.
 - Venison fry on Friday, December 15 at noon.
- Hydro Superintendent - Designee, Mike Schiller:
 - The Co-op tore down houses – lines were reconfigured for the neighbors of these houses.
 - The load is back to the 88th Sub Station.
 - New pole installed on Griswold Street.

- Work is being done for Wadel’s new cement plant
- Replaced a broken pole on Polk Road.
- Tree Removal.
- Main Street Manager, Julie Kreilick: Absent

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES:

None

BILLS, CLAIMS, PAYROLL:

Mr. Rickard discussed the following invoices in detail:

\$170.30 Allshred

\$9,750.00 Freed Management

\$2,608.00 Gracon

Bills totaled: \$345,077.42

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

Ayes: 6 Nay: 0 Absent: 1

Discussion: None

ACTION ITEMS:

City Manager, Stan Rickard presented the following:

RESOLUTION 17-81
City Council
City of Hart, Michigan

PROJECT EXTENSION – ELECTRIC UNDERGROUNDING NORTH OF HART LAKE

WHEREAS, the City of Hart owns, operates and maintains electric power systems including hydroelectric generation and distribution lines that require periodic upgrades to insure reliable operations; and two electric distribution circuits cross Hart Lake between the Diesel Plant and Pointe Park on the north side of Hart Lake; and these circuits feed hydroelectric power to the City and distribute electric power to customers located north of Hart Lake; and these circuits are in poor condition and should be replaced; and directional drilling technology is available to place electric conduits under Hart Lake similar to a project completed in 2013 that placed water and electric conduits under Hart Lake; and

WHEREAS, in February, 2017 the City Council awarded a competitive bid for the aforementioned directional drilling project at a cost of \$43,305 or \$48.12 per foot to Gustafson HDD (Pentwater); and they completed this project in early December, 2017; and

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2017 staff recommended and the Power Board approved an extension to the aforementioned Gustafson undergrounding project for two additional projects north of Hart Lake that will, when completed, eliminate over-head electric lines in very poor condition located in very difficult terrain; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to secure the benefits of efficient self-government and to promote and protect our common interests and welfare;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE HART CITY COUNCIL:

Approves and extends the Gustafson HDD project for two additional directional drilling projects north of Hart Lake in the amount of \$70,108.90 (\$44.88 per foot) and \$41,505.00 (\$46.12 per foot).

Authorizes and directs the City Manager to implement the two additional projects on behalf of the City of Hart.

Moved by Mr. Frontiera, supported by Mr. La Fever, and thereafter adopted by the Hart City Council at a regular meeting held on Tuesday, December 12, 2017.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

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.

Cheryl Rabe, City Clerk

SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT:

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- 2017 Master Plan: Draft version – this report is done every five years. The Planning Commission recommended that this be sent to Council for final approval. A resolution will be presented to Council at the next meeting. This document is a very important for the City, Mr. Rickard recommends that the Council read chapters four and five before the next meeting.
- Medical Marijuana – Have you 'Opted-In' or 'Opted-Out?': The Planning Commission has requested that the City "Opt-Out" of this program as well as Williams and Works. A formal resolution will be presented at the next meeting.
- Summary Calendar for Candidate and Proposal Deadlines: A document was presented to the Council with the various dates and deadlines for registration and proposals for election purposes.
- Energy Purchase Authorization: A formal resolution will be presented at the next meeting.
- BioPure Force Main to Irrigation Site: Paul Cutter has been working on this and is working to gain the necessary easements that are needed, once the easements from Longcore and Dean are in place a resolution will be presented to advance the project into the bidding phase. Timber will also need to be removed to allow for the center pivot; Paul will look for a company to do this.
- Veterans Park Conceptual Plan: Grant funding is available to upgrade the park. The application has to be filed by April 1, 2018. Therefore the application process needs to be started now. Mr. Rickard went over the various areas of the park and the proposed changes and improvements. The estimated cost of the project is \$799,994.00. A new current rendering will be presented at the next meeting.
- Water Asset Management Plan: Prein & Newhof will be working with the City to develop this plan. A resolution may be presented at the next meeting.
- Woodlands Place – 8 acres of land, 3 of it is being donated to the City as it fronts on Russell Creek. The quitclaim deed has been received and will be recorded. A "thank-you" letter for the donation will be written and presented to the developers/owners.

CITY MANAGER REPORT:

Mr. Rickard reported on:

- The hiring of the new City Manager: Mr. Rickard recommends using MML (Michigan Municipal League) to conduct the search for his replacement. A resolution will be presented to Council at the next meeting.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Wittman and supported by Mr. La Fever. The next meeting is Dec. 19, 2017, at 7:30 p.m.