



**CITY OF HART
407 S. STATE ST.
HART, MI 49420
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS – SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 17, 2019, 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES - APPROVED**

PRESENT: Mayor Ron LaPorte, Councilors: Patrice Martin, Vicki Platt, Steve Hegedus, and Rob Splane.

ABSENT: Joe Frontiera, Jason La Fever

OTHERS PRESENT: Energy Department Superintendent – Mike Schiller, BioPure Superintendent – Paul Cutter, DPW Superintendent – Brad Whitney, Deputy City Clerk - Cheri Eisenlohr, and City Manager – Lynne Ladner. See attached list for others in attendance.

Mayor LaPorte called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., following the roll call, the Mayor lead the Council in the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, EVENTS, PRESENTATIONS:

- None

ACTION ITEMS:

**RESOLUTION 19-83
Hart City Council
City of Hart, Michigan**

AUTHORIZE GRADUATION FROM MICHIGAN MAIN STREET PROGRAM AND TRANSITION TO A COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Hart through the hard work and dedication of its residents successfully completed the goals and objectives that were laid out when obtaining membership in the Michigan Main Street program; and

WHEREAS, the City strongly believes in the continuation of community development and economic development for the betterment of Hart and our residents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Authorizes the graduation of the Hart Main Street program from the Michigan Main Street Program; and

Authorizes the creation of the Hart Economic Development committee a first step in transitioning to a new Community and Economic Development Program. The committee to consist of appointees selected by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council of not less than seven (7) members including elected and/or appointed city officials, business owners/employees and other interested community members; and

Authorize the City Manager to begin the process of hiring to fill the Community and Economic Development Director position.

Moved by Ms. Martin, supported by Mr. Splane, and thereafter adopted by the Hart City Council at a special council meeting held on December 17, 2019.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 2

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.

Cheri Eisenlohr, Deputy City Clerk

Discussion: Ms. Martin wanted assurances that the new program would be involved with the current marketing and branding strategy and would work with the current TIFA program. Ms. Ladner assured her that it would in both cases. Ms. Ladner stated that the by-laws for the new Hart Community Development Alliance had not been written yet. Mayor LaPorte noted that he had concerns about graduating from the Main Street Program, but he also had doubts about first starting with the Main Street program all those years ago.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Ms. Ladner told the Council that she had been accepted to be on the board of MMRMA's State Pool Committee.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- None

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

- None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All!

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m., upon motion by Ms. Martin and supported by Mr. Splane. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on January 14, 2020, at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted



Deputy City Clerk