



**CITY OF HART
407 S. STATE ST.
HART, MI 49420
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS – SPECIAL MEETING AND
FINANCE AND PERSONNEL
JUNE 5, 2018, 7:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Ron LaPorte, Councilors: Jack Wittman (Via Phone), Rob Splane, Joe Frontiera, Karen Thomson, Jason La Fever, and Steve Hegedus.

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager – Stan Rickard, City Attorney – Julie Springstead, BioPure Superintendent – Paul Cutter, Police Chief – Juan Salazar, Hydro Superintendent – Mike Schiller, MML Recruiter – Kathie Grinzinger, and Deputy Clerk - Cheri Eisenlohr.

Mayor LaPorte called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., roll call was taken.

A motion was made by Mr. Hegedus to approve the first amended agenda and supported by Ms. Thomson. All ayes, motion carried.

CITY MANAGER APPOINTMENT:

MML recruiter, Kathie Grinzinger, spoke to the Council in regards to their options as their choice for the new City Manager declined the offer given him. She advised the Council that they could choose one from the remaining three that were interviewed or go back to the initial group of applicants. Jack Wittman spoke and stated that since he could not vote that he would like to give his opinion, he wanted to offer the position to Lynne Ladner and if she did not accept, then go back to the group that was not interviewed. All Council members were in agreement.

- Mr. Splane made a motion to direct the League Facilitator to extend a conditional offer of employment to Lynne Ladner for the position of City Manager and begin final due diligence steps. The motion was supported by Joe Frontiera, all ayes, motion carried.
- Mr. Splane then made a motion to request the City Attorney, Julie Springstead to begin discussions with Lynne Ladner pursuant to an employment agreement suitable for formal approval by the Council at an upcoming meeting. Ms. Thomson supported the motion, all ayes, motion carried.

Ms. Grinzinger left the meeting at this time; Council was given the option of leaving if they did not want to stay for the Finance/Personnel portion of the meeting – all stayed, Jack Wittman, disconnected the phone line.

PUBLIC COMMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, EVENTS, PRESENTATIONS: None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: No reports were given

- BioPure Superintendent, Paul Cutter:
- Police Chief, Juan Salazar:
- DPW Superintendent, Brad Whitney:
- Hydro Superintendent – Mike Schiller:
- Mainstreet Manager, Julie Kreilick:

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES:

None

BILLS, CLAIMS, PAYROLL: None

COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS:

- Non-Union Wages: Mr. Rickard presented documentation showing wage adjustments for non-union employees. Some employees would be receiving equity adjustments, and all would get 2.5% increases. In regards to the Hydro Superintendent wages, he would be receiving an increase of 16% and the lead lineman position would be not be filled to prevent subordinates from making more than the superintendent. (The City does have the right to remove this position.) Mainstreet Manager, Julie Kreilick would be receiving a \$4,189.00 equity adjustment, but the Mainstreet Board would need to be aware of the recommendation. Mr. Rickard stated that all wages had been factored into the new budget. Mayor LaPorte agreed that the Mainstreet Manager's wage adjustment needed to go to the Mainstreet Board. Mr. Splane suggested that the Hydro Superintendent only receive the 10% increase that the other linemen are receiving as per their contract and not the 16% that was recommended, the Mayor did not agree with this.
 - Ms. Thomson made a motion to recommend the 2.5% wage increases, less the equity adjustments, and with the Hydro Superintendent to receive his 16%, to Council at their next meeting; the motion was supported by Mr. Splane, all ayes, the motion carried.
 - Mr. Sadler asked what would happen to the Mainstreet Manager's equity adjustment, and was told by the Mayor that it would go to the Mainstreet Board.
- Final FY2019 Annual Budget & 6-Year Capital Improvement Program: Mr. Rickard went over highlights of the budget and the CIP.
- Replace Copy Machine: A new unit will soon be needed as the current model is 10 – 12 years old.
- Utility Pole Purchases: Mr. Schiller is receiving quotes on 37 poles.
- Street Light Purchases: The City will be starting the replacement process soon – 30 to start.
- Wireless Meter Proposals: Written proposals were received – more to come at the next meeting.

ACTION ITEMS:

City Manager, Stan Rickard presented the following: No Resolution was presented.

State Street Booster Station Bypass Water Main

The final plans and specifications have been received, and the City is ready to move forward and receive bids to do the necessary repairs and modifications. The estimated cost is \$70,000.00. Bid requests will be sent to Hallack, McCormick Sand, and Wadel Stabilization. The State will be monitoring traffic control, and repairs will have to be to their specifications, Prein & Newhof will obtain a permit. Mr. Rickard stated that this project is not associated with the SAW grant.

- Mr. Splane made a motion to allow Mr. Rickard to pursue bids for the repairs, Ms. Thomson supported, all ayes, the motion carried, 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT: None

DISCUSSION ITEMS: None

CITY MANAGER REPORT: None

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT: None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m., upon motion by Ms. Thomson and supported by Mr. Splane. The next regular meeting is June 12, 2018, at 7:30 p.m.