



CITY OF HART
407 S. STATE ST.
HART, MI 49420
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
JULY 24, 2018, 7:30 P.M.

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

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager – Stan Rickard, new City Manager – Lynne Ladner, City Attorney – Julie Springstead, BioPure Superintendent – Paul Cutter, Energy Superintendent – Mike Schiller, DPW Superintendent – Brad Whitney, Mainstreet Manager – Julie Kreilick and Deputy Clerk - Cheri Eisenlohr. See attached list for others in attendance.

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 agenda and supported by Mr. La Fever. The minutes from July 10, 2018, regular meeting, were approved as printed, motioned by Mr. Wittman and supported by Ms. Thomson. All ayes, both motions were carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, EVENTS, PRESENTATIONS:

- New City Manager, Lynne Ladner spoke regarding the recyclables market crash as China is not accepting waste from other countries at this time. China's decision will more than likely cause our contract with Republic Services to increase. The amount of the increase is not known at this time.
- A petition was submitted to the City regarding the current sign ordinance and amending it. This can be placed on the ballot, or the Council can consider on their own. The Council decided that they will allow this petition to go the public for a vote at the election. The language of the petition cannot be altered; it has to stay as written. Mr. Wittman made a motion to put this to the voters, Ms. Thomson supported, all ayes, the motion carried.
- Mr. Jim Evans asked for clarification on when items can be discussed by the public. His point was he wanted to know if there were comparable items that went up for bids on the resolutions. Mr. Rickard stated that they are covered at the time of the discussion of each item.
- Mr. Ken Klotz has issues with the water pressure north of the Lake. He was told that the work on the old booster station should resolve this problem.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- BioPure Superintendent, Paul Cutter:
 - Great Lakes Packing peaked out for the season.
 - Phase II of the Force Main Project is on the agenda tonight.
 - Prein & Newhof will have estimates on the blower project soon.
 - Numbers for the SCADA upgrade will be available soon.
- Police Chief, Juan Salazar: Absent
 - A written report was provided by Chief Salazar in addition to his regular report.
 - Yearly training was completed at West Shore Community College for taser re-certification, defensive tactics, mandatory firearms lecture, shooting scenarios, first aid and AED re-certification were all covered.
 - The City purchased AED units for use by City departments.
- DPW Superintendent, Brad Whitney:
 - Wells and Water Towers are checked bi-weekly
 - Meter readings – 17 meters were repaired

- Lawn bags are picked up weekly
- 42 Miss Digs were addressed
- Citywide grass mowing
- Spraying weeds near drain areas
- Cold patching streets
- Street Sweeping
- Dirt roads graded
- Water leak in the Creeks Development was repaired
- Trimmed the downtown trees up to 8’ clearance for pedestrians
- Hart Commons area was cleaned
- Brining roads – the DPW is now mixing their own brine solution
- Working on Booster pump upgrades
- Looking into shade structures for the playground at John Gurney Park
- Energy Superintendent – Mike Schiller:
 - UIS has been working on the dam, checking out the alarms
 - The department has been moving the radio equipment to its new location
 - Citywide stump removal is done for now
 - There was a bad meter relay at the substation – it has been repaired
 - A transformer on Young Road was replaced
 - Yard Lights have been serviced
 - Miss Dig reports were worked on
 - A new meter was installed at Rennhack's market to service their new solar panels
 - MFP and Gray & Co.’s substation will be temporarily shut down for maintenance in October
 - City Hall and the Library are now connected to the Hendricks circuit
- Mainstreet Manager, Julie Kreilick:
 - Mainstreet’s annual report was distributed to the Council. This report is given to the National and State boards. It is a summary of the accomplishments of the program within the City.

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES:

None

BILLS, CLAIMS, PAYROLL:

Ms. Ladner pointed out the following invoices to the attention of the Council:

- \$84,369.41 – NutriGro
- \$43,684.97 – Spring Brook
- \$100,000.00 – Alerus
- \$1,187.20 – Grand Rental Station

Bills totaled: \$488,806.10

A motion was made by Mr. Splane and supported by Mr. Wittman to approve bills, claims and payroll in the amount stated.

Ayes: 7 Nay: 0 Absent: 0

ACTION ITEMS:

City Manager, Stan Rickard presented the following:

RESOLUTION 18-63
City Council
City of Hart, Michigan

OLD BOOSTER STATION ISOLATION WATER MAIN

WHEREAS, the City of Hart owns, operates and maintains a municipal water supply and distribution system; and

WHEREAS, the 1890s water booster station on South State Street is no longer needed for water system operations and should be isolated from the water distribution system; and

WHEREAS, City Engineer Prein&Newhof has prepared plans and specifications for bypassing the booster station; and on June 5, 2018 City Council authorized the bid and award phase for a booster bypass water main; and the City invited 3 well-qualified area underground construction contractors to submit bids; and

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2018 the City received one (1) bid for the aforementioned project; and City Engineer Prein&Newhof reviewed the bid and recommends project award to Hallack Contracting; and

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Approves and accepts the amended bid from Hallack Contracting (Hart) in the amount of \$88,987.80.

Approves a \$10,000 contingency for additional exploratory digging, if necessary.

Authorizes and directs the City Manager to sign all contract documents for the Old Booster Station Isolation Water Main project.

Moved by Mr. La Fever, supported by Mr. Splane, and thereafter adopted by the Hart City Council at a regularly scheduled council meeting held on Tuesday, July 24, 2018.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Absent 0

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Hallack did make adjustments to their bid: If only the outer lane is explored, there will be a charge of \$15,000.00, if the inner lane is explored, there will be an additional charge of \$10,000.00. This work on the booster station should improve the water pressure north of the Lake.

**RESOLUTION 18-64
Hart City Council
City of Hart, Michigan**

**WIRELESS METER READING
BID AWARD**

WHEREAS, the City of Hart owns, operates and maintains an electric, water and sewer systems that require metering of customer accounts; and

WHEREAS, all customer account readings are collected and entered manually into the utility billing system; and

WHEREAS, the City has evaluated automated wireless meter reading systems for several years; and City Engineer Prein&Newhof has assisted the project specifications; and pursuant to Resolution 18-43 adopted on June 12, 2018 Council authorized the bid and award phase of the wireless metering system; and on July 16, 2018 City staff opened bids from three vendors, Eaton, ETNA and Verizon; and the FY2019 Annual Budget appropriated \$400,000 for the project; and staff and City Engineer recommend Eaton; and

WHEREAS, in order to secure the benefits of efficient self-government and to promote and protect our common interests and welfare, the City Council hereby declares:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Approves and selects Eaton Corporation (Minneapolis, MN) as the preferred wireless metering vendor.

Authorizes and directs the City Manager to negotiate final project specifications, options and terms for the project; and to present a recommendation to City Council on August 14, 2018.

Moved by Mr. Frontiera, supported by Mr. Hegedus, and thereafter adopted by the Hart City Council at a regular council meeting held on July 24, 2018.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0

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RESOLUTION 18-65
Hart City Council
City of Hart, Michigan

BIOPURE IRRIGATION PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS
AWARD BID

WHEREAS, the City of Hart owns, operates and maintains a BioPure Water Treatment Facility that requires upgrades and expansion periodically to meet system demands; and

WHEREAS, after extensive study with the assistance from City Engineer Prein&Newhof the City acquired a 72-acre agricultural property suitable for BioPure effluent application by irrigation; and the City installed center pivot irrigation equipment and approximately one mile of irrigation force main from the BioPure Facility to the irrigation property; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 18-10 adopted on January 23, 2018 City Council authorized the bid and award phase for additional improvements to the existing irrigation pump station to increase capacity and improve the control system with engineering assistance from Prein&Newhof; and

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2018 the City received 2 bids for the irrigation pump station improvements: Jackson-Merkey (Muskegon), \$328,270; and Grand River Construction (Hudsonville), \$330,800; and

WHEREAS, in order to secure the benefits of efficient self-government and to promote and protect our common interests and welfare, the City Council hereby declares:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Approves and accepts the bid from Jackson-Merkey for the BioPure Irrigation Pump Station Improvements in the amount of \$328,270.

Authorizes and directs the City Manager to sign all contract documents on behalf of the City of Hart.

Moved by Ms. Thomson, supported by Mr. Frontiera, and thereafter adopted by the Hart City Council at a regular council meeting held on July 24, 2018.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0

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Resolution 18-66 was removed from the Agenda.

**PUBLIC NOTICE
OF
AMENDMENT TO CODIFIED ORDINANCES
OF HART MICHIGAN
PART TWELVE – PLANNING AND ZONING
TITLE FOUR-Zoning
CHAPTER 1244
Zoning Districts and Zoning Map**

After Hart Planning Commission public hearing and recommendation, Hart City Council adopted Ordinance 2018-04 on June 26, 2018, amending its zoning map by rezoning an approximate 14.9 acre Oceana Drive parcel, block 113, from A-2, Apartment Zoning District to C-2, Limited Commercial. Ordinance 2018-04 shall be effective ten (10) days after this publication.

SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT:

- None

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Hansen Street Improvements:
 - The estimated cost for this project is \$190,000.00, funds are available for the work, no action on this tonight.
- Harrison Road Parking Improvements:

- There was a meeting which included the Township, City, and the Road Commission. The consensus was to restrict parking in the area; this should help to a small degree.
- Hart Lake Board – July 30th, 4 pm: Special Assessment Renewal:
 - The five-year assessment renewal will be discussed.
- 803 Griswold Rezoning:
 - The Council is not in favor of rezoning this parcel of land. The building can be moved closer to the Smith business site. The Planning Commission is not recommending the rezoning either.

CITY MANAGER REPORT:

- 12-Month Budget Report:
 - There will be some adjusting entries made; sales are with 3/10 of a percent of the budgeted amount.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:

- Acquisition of Property:
 - Sales of City-owned parcels near Gray & Co., it has been determined that the parcels do not fit the definition of “waterfront property” and can be sold to Gray & Co. with no liability to the City Council. A public hearing will be held at the August 14th meeting. A two-thirds vote will be required of the Council to approve the sale.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

- None

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Hegedus and supported by Mr. La Fever. The next regular meeting is August 10, 2018, at 7:30 p.m.