



CITY OF HART
407 S. STATE ST.
HART, MI 49420
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS – APPROVED WITH CORRECTIONS
AUG. 28, 2018, 7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Ron LaPorte, Councilors: Rob Splane, Steve Hegedus, Jack Wittman, and Karen Thomson.

ABSENT: Jason La Fever and Joe Frontiera

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager – Lynne Ladner, City Attorney – Julie Springstead, BioPure Superintendent – Paul Cutter, Energy Superintendent – Mike Schiller, DPW Superintendent – Brad Whitney, Police Chief – Juan Salazar 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. Wittman to approve the agenda and supported by Ms. Thomson. The minutes from August 14, 2018, regular meeting, were approved as printed, motioned by Mr. Wittman and supported by Mr. Splane. All ayes, both motions were carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, EVENTS, PRESENTATIONS:

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- BioPure Superintendent, Paul Cutter:
 - He will answer any questions in regards to the written report that he submitted. No questions were asked.
- Police Chief, Juan Salazar:
 - There were reports of missing persons, phones, assault and batteries at the fair, most of these incidences are being investigated.
 - The Police Department was able to set up a “tent” at the Fair this year and distribute educational items, it was well received and reinforced the Police presence in the community.
- DPW Superintendent, Brad Whitney:
 - Normal daily/weekly activities
 - He is looking into shading options for the new JGP playground – costs so far exceed \$76,000.00.
 - Busy maintaining the track at the Fairgrounds. Hauled away 135 yards of manure.
 - The Fairgrounds recently installed backflow preventers.
- Energy Superintendent – Mike Schiller:
 - DuBois has trimmed back the trees along the Rail Trail.
 - Three-phase transformers were removed on Lever Road.
 - The department has fully moved into its new location on Oceana Drive.
 - They have discovered leaks in the roof of the building and will get three estimates for repairs.
 - The monthly inspection process has been set up for the sub-stations.
 - The Industrial subs will be shut down for four days.
 - Twenty-six new street lamps have arrived and will soon be placed downtown.
- Mainstreet Manager, Julie Kreilick: Absent

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES:

None

BILLS, CLAIMS, PAYROLL:

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

\$26,260.00 – Sternberg Lighting

\$12,720.00 – DuBois Tree & Land Mgmt.

Bills totaled: \$180,443.21

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

Ayes: 5 Nay: 0 Absent: 2

ACTION ITEMS:

City Manager, Lynne Ladner presented the following:

**RESOLUTION 18-71
City Council
City of Hart, Michigan
Oceana County**

***RETIREE HEALTH FUNDING VEHICLE (RHFV)
Corrective Action Plan***

WHEREAS, the City of Hart offers post-employment benefits (OPEB) for retiree healthcare; and on June 10, 2014 City Council adopted Resolution 14-29 selecting the Municipal Employee Retirement System (MERS) of Lansing, MI to provide a retiree health fund trust program known as the MERS Retiree Health Funding Vehicle ("MERS RHFV") for the City of Hart; and the purpose of the RHFV is to set aside current funds to offset future OPEB obligations; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 202 of 2017 the Michigan Department of Treasury (Treasury) requires local units of government to annually report funding progress of the MERS RHFV; and Treasury has established 40% of net OPEB obligation to avoid underfunded OPEB status or \$964,214; and the current value of the MERS RHFV is \$264,689; and the balance to achieve 40% compliance is \$699,525; and

WHEREAS, Treasury requires local units of government to prepare and submit a Corrective Action Plan to document City efforts to reach the 40% funded status; and City staff has prepared the Corrective Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to achieve a MERS RHFV funded ratio of 40% by 2024; 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 HART CITY COUNCIL:

Approves and authorizes an annual \$100,000 contribution to the MERS RHFV for years 2018-2024.

Accepts and approves the Corrective Action Plan.

Authorizes and directs the City Manager to implement the foregoing funding Plan on behalf of the City of Hart.

Moved by Splane supported by Thomson and thereafter adopted by the City of Hart, Michigan City Council at a regularly scheduled meeting held on Tuesday, August 28, 2018.

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 Hart City Clerk.

Cheryl Rabe, City Clerk

**RESOLUTION 18-72
Hart City Council
City of Hart, Michigan**

***WIRELESS METER READING
FINALIZED CONTRACT PRICING WITH IT HOSTING***

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 and negotiated the final project specifications, options and terms; 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:

Reaffirms Eaton Corporation (Minneapolis, MN) as the preferred wireless metering vendor.

Authorizes and directs the City Manager to proceed with the project and as bid utilizing the option for off-site hosted software and IT Services with project costs to include: One-time fixed costs of \$311,733.84 and Annual Recurring costs of \$14,600. The annual recurring costs are subject to a 10 year 3% inflationary cost which will total \$89,418.26 for IT hosting costs and \$77,954.38 for Software Support and Maintenance. The total amount of the awarded bid is \$479,106.48

Moved by Mr. Splane, supported by Ms. Thomson, and thereafter adopted by the Hart City Council at a regular council meeting held on August 28, 2018.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 2

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Cheri Eisenlohr, Dep. City Clerk

**RESOLUTION 18-73
Hart City Council
City of Hart, Michigan**

MONSTER PUMP EMERGENCY REPLACEMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Hart owns, operates and maintains several lift stations and grinder pumps, and

WHEREAS, on Monday evening the City and the surrounding area experienced a significant weather event with lightning, thunder and rain; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that resulting from lightning striking the grinder pump which services the lift station near Griswald in our industrial area was damaged beyond repair; and

WHEREAS, replacement of said pump as soon as possible is necessary in order for the City to continue to provide sanitary sewer service to all customers residential, business or industrial in accordance with regulations:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Determines that a compelling interest exist to waive the bidding process due to the exigent circumstances of the purchase and the significant 4-6 week lead time, and

Authorizes and directs the City Manager to proceed the emergency replacement of the Monster Grinder Pump with the stack composed of Monster Metal as quoted to the City in the amount of \$36,535 with shipping and handling included.

Moved by Ms. Thomson, supported by Mr. Wittman, and thereafter adopted by the Hart City Council at a regular council meeting held on August 28, 2018.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 2

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SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT:

- None

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A contract for Assessing Services with Oceana County Equalization:
 - Ms. Ladner has attended a meeting with the County to discuss them taking over our assessing needs as Jim Pease will be retiring on September 4. A one year contract has been drawn up at this time, but not approved as of yet.
- Downtown Street Trees/New Decorative Street Lights:
 - The discussion will take place next week due to the inclement weather occurring during this meeting.
- BioPure Blower Upgrades:
 - The discussion will take place next week due to the inclement weather occurring during this meeting.

CITY MANAGER REPORT:

- The Creeks agreement will be delayed as Mr. Blackmer has to have an unanticipated surgery.
- There is a National Main Street meeting on September 19, Julie Kreilick would like the Council to attend.
- There have been several requests lately to split parcels.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:

- Contract work with the City Manager.
 - FOIA Requests
 - Creeks Development
 - Energy-related items

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Wittman and supported by Mr. Hegedus. The next regular meeting is September 11, 2018, at 7:30 p.m.