



CITY OF HART
407 S. STATE ST.
HART, MI 49420
REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL - COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
March 25th, 2025
MINUTES – Draft

PRESENT: Mayor Amanda Klotz, Councilors, Catalina Burillo, Jim Cunningham, Dean Hodges, Andrew Mullen, Betty Root and Karen Thomson

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager – Rob Splane City Clerk – Karla Swihart, BioPure Superintendent – Paul Cutter, Hart Police Chief – Juan Salazar, Sharon Hallack, Christina Juska, Rolando Salgado, Emily Sigler,

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- A. Mullen motioned to approve the agenda and was supported by C. Burillo
 - Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Rolando Salgado, 116 S Hart Street, would like to see public comments moved on the agenda to end of the meeting so that way if there is a member of the public that would like to comment on a presentation they would be able to do so.

CORRESPONDENCE, EVENTS, PRESENTATIONS:

- None

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Approval of minutes from March 11th, 2025
- Bills, Claims, Payroll
- Reports of Boards, Commissions, and Committees
- Department Reports – Police/BioPure/Public Works/Energy/C&E Dvlp
 - B. Root motioned to approve Consent Agenda and supported by J. Cunningham
 - Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0

ACTION ITEMS:

- Resolution 2025-08 – Authorize brush removal at Pointe Park
 WHEREAS, the City of Hart owns approximately 5 acres at the end of Hilltop Drive with nearly 1,100 feet of shoreline on Hart Lake; and
 WHEREAS, a formal Recreation Plan was adopted in 2016 designating Pointe Park (formerly Northwest Waterfront Park) as part of the City recreation inventory, including a 2017 planned allocation of \$5,000 for siren plan recreation; and
 Whereas, the development of the park was also included in a Capital Improvement Program under a Federal Energy Regulation Commission Order; and
 WHEREAS, several volunteer groups are willing to work in tandem with Hart Energy and Hart Parks and Recreation to clear brush, provide clean-up activities, and spread mulch to aid in improving lake access for residents and area visitors; 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:
 *Authorizes and directs the City Manager to coordinate brush removal at Pointe Park.
 Develop signage for parking and area use rules and work with various volunteer groups to facilitate accessibility improvements to a beach area.*
 - K. Thomson motioned to approve Resolution 2025-08 and supported by A. Mullen
 - Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Board Appointment – Juan Cortes, Library Board **(APPROVED)**
- Special Events Permit – Hart Lake Clean-up Day **(APPROVED)**
- Special Events Permit – Monday Movies in the Park **(APPROVED)**

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Updates:

- Work at Hart Bio-Pure is in full progress with new milestones reached each week. The headworks building is starting to look like a building.
- Water Rate Study is on track to be completed in the next couple of months. Our Water Department Superintendent learned at a conference last week that Hart officially has the second lowest water rate in the lower peninsula. Let's celebrate for the moment, knowing that we likely will have some sobering information coming soon.
- Wadel Stabilization will be performing Polk Road hydrant replacements in the next few weeks once the ground is de-frosted. A 2024 hydrant report is nearing completion; we anticipate delivering a brief presentation to the City Council in April.
- The Creeks subdivision is nearing completion of two more duplexes, with three of the four units already sold. The developer is considering building one or two more.
- The Starting Block voted to hire new managers who will start on April 1st. They have set goals to become financially independent, broaden the scope of their business development efforts, and serve a higher purpose to the Hart Community. They may begin community education classes as early as this summer.
- City of Hart Clean-up Day March 25th looks to be a full success! Scrappers swarmed the City for three days straight. (The less Republic hauls, the less they charge)
- City Manager will be out of the office from March 26th to April 4th. Will attend some meetings remotely and be present for the Planning Commission Meeting on April 3rd. Always available by phone, email, text, or fax.
- Happy Birthday Lyn Splane, and amazing woman, whom without I couldn't do what I do.

Legacy Topics:

- Safe Routes to School trail project – work with MDOT is on-going – [Cadaver Dog right-of-way search being scheduled]

Upcoming Topics:

- Redevelopment Ready Community re-certification in 2025
- Adoption of 5-year Park and Rec Master Plan
- Reaffirmation of the City Master plan
- TIFA By-Laws
- Zoning Drawings – add to ordinances
- Adopt Zoning Board of Appeals By-Laws
- Review proposal to have council members serve as ZBA
- Council review of rental inspection policies, procedures, and implementation.

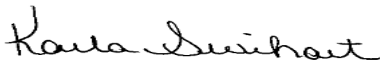
COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

- A. Mullen & C. Burillo – updated on the Cemetery Commission Meeting. Ongoing regarding if 3 township or 3 City residents sit on the board even or odd months. The City sent rules to be reviewed by the City attorney and will update everyone after they are completed with review.

ADJOURN:

- There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Klotz adjourned the meeting at 8:14pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on April 8th, 2025, at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted



Karla Swihart, City Clerk