



**CITY OF HART
407 S. STATE ST.
HART, MI 49420
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
March 28th, 2023
MINUTES – Approved**

PRESENT: Councilors: Mayor Vicki Platt Justin Adams, Catalina Burillo, Jim Evans, Dean Hodges, and Amanda Klotz

ABSENT: Kris Trygstad

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager – Rob Splane, City Clerk – Karla Swihart, DPW – Superintendent Brad Whitney, Brendan Samuels, and Emilie Olsen.

Mayor Platt called the meeting to order; following the roll call, then led the Council in the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- C. Burillo motioned to approve the agenda and was supported by Jim Evans
 - Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

CORRESPONDENCE, EVENTS, PRESENTATIONS:

- Hart Energy System Study – Final Report for review prior to April 11th presentation. City Hall just received binders, wanted to get them handed out to Council Members for review prior to presentation.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Approval of minutes from March 14th, 2023.
- Bills, Claims, Payroll
- Reports of Boards, Commissions, and Committees
- Department Reports – Police/BioPure/Public Works/Energy/C&E Dvlp
 - C. Burillo motioned to approve Consent Agenda and supported by J. Evans
 - Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

ACTION ITEMS: NONE

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Calendar Review
- City Hall & Community Center Security
- Review Sewer and Water Grant and Roadway condition assessment
- Hilltop drive City owned Lakefront property – current/future state.
- Special event permit – Zumba class at John Gurney Park

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

UPDATES:

- The Board of Review met for a total of 15 hours for the March meeting. Travis Larson and Dean Hodges were commended by the City Deputy Assessor Vicky Warner. Vicky mentioned that she was impressed with their level of interest and willingness to fill their roles to the best of their abilities.
- Construction is making full progress on two additional duplex units in the Creeks Subdivision. The new homes should be ready for sale by August with one already under contract.
- Michigan Asparagus Day in New Era seeking support for the 50th anniversary National Asparagus Festival was received positively. Fox Seed Company based in Ontario has donated \$2,000 to provide bands to play at the National Asparagus Festival after party in downtown Hart. Additional donations are going towards the cost of a proposed fireworks show at dusk.

- The City of Hart is an Oceana County Core community, Redevelopment Ready Certified, designated as a Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MHSDA) opportunity zone. Combined with the tools of the Oceana County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (OCBRA) which received \$300,000 Economic Development Administration (EDA) Grant, and the Oceana County Landbank whom is allocated \$200,000 to provide services to Oceana County Communities. Leaves many opportunities on the table to help as the City pursues work at several re-development sites. These tools may be used to help eliminate some blighted properties in the community. The City will meet with Susan Wenzlick from Fishbeck Consulting to help navigate the possibilities and timelines of how the City can use these advantages.

Legacy Topics:

- Grant Funded 227 East Main property demolition completed. Site reconstruction planning is in progress.
- The Charter review committee has finished its assessment for phase one City Charter amendments. The committee may be tasked with continuing its review to identify potential additional changes for review.

Upcoming Topics:

- Adoption of 2022-2026 Park and Rec Master Plan
- Veteran’s Memorial Park final design approval
- Water, Wastewater, and Energy rate studies = 2024 Utility Rate recommendations.
- Council adoption of code enforcement policies, procedures, and implementation
- Hart Energy System Study presentation set for April 11th City Council meeting.

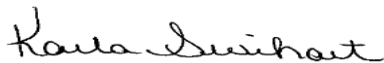
COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

- C. Burillo will be missing the two council meetings in April.
- J. Evans would like follow up on the committee for the Creeks Subdivision, and also the Water/Wastewater committee

ADJOURN:

- There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at upon a motion by C. Burillo and supported by A. Klotz. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on April 11th, 2023, at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted



Karla Swihart, City Clerk