



**CITY OF HART  
407 S. STATE ST.  
HART, MI 49420  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
October 25<sup>th</sup> 2022  
MINUTES – APPROVED**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Vicki Platt, Councilors: Catalina Burillo, Fred Rybarz, and Kris Trygstad

**ABSENT:** Jim Evans, Dean Hodges, and Amanda Klotz,

**OTHERS PRESENT:** City Manager – Rob Splane, City Clerk – Karla Swihart, DPW – Brad Whitney, Clair Dennison, Sharon Hallack, Senator Jon Bumstead, Boy Scout troop 1155, Ginny Renna, Mary Hiddema, Julie Frasier, Pamela Hosking, and April Thompson

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

- F. Rybarz motioned to approve the agenda and was supported by C. Burillo
  - Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 3

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**CORRESPONDENCE, EVENTS, PRESENTATIONS:**

- Skate Park – Hunter Stayner written communication  
My name is Hunter Stayner, I go to Hart High School in 9<sup>th</sup> grade. I wanted to write you to see if we can get the skate park upgraded because some of the ramps are falling apart and a lot of kids go there not only to skateboard but to ride scooters and BMX bikes. It gives kids in Hart ;something to do so they stay out of trouble.
- Boy Scout Troop 1155 – John Gurney Park cabin powerpoint presentation.  
Troop 1155 presented a very nice presentation on repairs the cabin needs in order to be saved along with cost estimate of repairs. Troop 1155 asked City Council if the City would be willing to help out in these cost, or would be willing to help find an altunative location for the troop to hold meetings along with items needed.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- Approval of minutes from October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- 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 K. Trygstad
    - Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 3

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Resolution 2022-49 Halloween Trick or Treating  
WHEREAS, Halloween is not a City sanctioned event, but rather a nationally recognized holiday. Other than announcing the suggested hours (6-8pm), the City has no further involvement; and  
WHEREAS, the City has no legal authority or basis to cancel Halloween or restrict the free movement of its residents; and  
WHEREAS, past practice has been for the City to set the suggested hours for trick or treating; 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:  
*Recognizes that individuals my choose to participate in the traditional Halloween Trick or Treating activities; and*  
*Sets the hours for Trick or Treating in the City of Hart between 6pm and 8pm October 31<sup>st</sup> until modified by future council action; and*  
*Recommend that all residents who participate, should adhere to any public health recommendations from the District Health Department #10 and local law enforcement*

- F. Rybarz motioned to approve Resolution 2022-49 and supported by C. Burillo
  - Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 3
- Resolution 2022-50 Authorize conveyance of surplus leaf vacuum to City contractor  
 WHEREAS, the City of Hart Department of Public Works supports residents each autumn by removing leaves raked to the street; and  
 WHEREAS, the City recently replaced the used leaf vacuum with model; and  
 WHEREAS, the City was approached by a local contractor that has inquired if they could acquire the surplus leaf vacuum in trade for work performed; 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 the City Manager to convey the surplus leaf vacuum to Wadel Stabilization Inc in "AS-IS condition" in exchange for services performed resulting in a \$7,500 credit to the City.*
  - C. Burillo motioned to approve Resolution 2022-50 and supported by K. Trygstad
    - Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 3

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- Special Events Permit – Trunk or Treat October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022
- Special Events Permit – Lighted Holiday Parade November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- Identify possible dates for 2023 City of Hart retreat.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:****UPDATES:**

- Cyber Attacks, specifically scam emails continue to increase, 3 City Council members and 4 City employees have indicated receiving scam emails in the past 2 weeks, BE SAFE!
- Patrice Martin, former Hart business owner, City Council member, and Vice President of Innovative Community Solutions has agreed to help plan and facilitate the 2023 City Council retreat.
- Lighting & Sound system testing will take place this week
- New City Planning Consultant (McKenna Planning) will attend November Planning Commission meeting for introductions and discussion on first two projects.
- Hart Energy did great work during last weeks storms minimizing outages throughout the service area.
- Hart BioPure has delt with three significant equipment failures in the past two weeks and mitigated potential down time.

**Legacy Topics:**

- Working to have communities review intergovernmental operational agreement for property code enforcement department – Adoption of that agreement is pending – New planning consultant agency to help with the adoption of International Property Maintenance Code standards.
- Grant agency directed the City to re-publish the request for proposal to demolish the 227 East Main property.
- The Charter review committee has a timeline established for the review process and anticipates presenting it to Council in November.

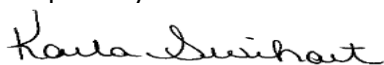
**Upcoming Topics:**

- Adoption of 2022-2026 Park and Rec Master Plan
- First Impression Assessment – October 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm West Michigan Research Station

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:** NONE**ADJOURN:**

- There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at upon a motion by F. Rybarz and supported by K. Trygstad. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on November 8th, 2022, at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted



Karla Swihart, City Clerk