



**CITY OF HART
407 S. STATE ST.
HART, MI 49420
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
March 22, 2022
MINUTES – Approved**

PRESENT: Mayor Vicki Platt, Councilors: Catalina Burillo (Late), Jim Evans, Amanda Klotz, and Fred Rybarz

ABSENT: Dean Hodges, and Kris Trygstad

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager – Rob Splane, City Clerk – Karla Swihart, BioPure Superintendent – Paul Cutter, DPW Superintendent – Brad Whitney, Energy Superintendent – Mike Schiller, Hart Police Chief – Juan Salazar, Sharon Hallack and State Senator Jon Bumstead

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 J. Evans
 - Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 3

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Senator Bumstead, stopped to say Hello, and also wanted to give an update on what's going on in Lansing. Veterans' property tax bill is slowly making its way through the process so refunds should be done soon. Senate bill 565 Water Supplemental Bill (which is my bill) sounds like we will be voting that out this week or next and I will make sure you all get a copy of that as there should be dollars in there for the City of Hart.

State Park supplemental there should be money in there for local City parks as well so I will make sure you get information regarding that grant as well.

Right now, its budget time and should be having that wrapped up by June 1st, 2022

If you ever need to contact me, I have left cards with cell phone and office information as well.

CORRESPONDENCE, EVENTS, PRESENTATIONS: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Approval of minutes from March 8th, 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 supported by J. Evans
 - Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 2

ACTION ITEMS:

- Resolution 2022-14 FY2023 Electric, Water, Sewer, and Trash Rates
The City of Hart owns and operates electric, water, sewer and wastewater treatment facilities, and contracts for trash hauling services (“Services”) and these services are funded through user rates and should self-fund their operations, maintenance, equipment replacement, and debt services, and the FY2023 Annual Budget is developed assuming the following electric, water, sewer and trash rates, and in order to secure the benefits of efficient self-government and to promote and protect our common interest and welfare, the City Council hereby declares
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE HART CITY COUNCIL:
Adopts the rates and charges as identified below for FY2023 effective for all bills for services mailed on or about July 1st,2022:

<u>A</u>	<u>ELECTRIC—RESIDENTIAL</u>	<u>RATES FY2023</u>
	Single phase monthly base rate	\$8.50
	Three phase monthly base rate	\$20.50
	kWh charge	\$0.08560
<u>B</u>	<u>ELECTRIC-- COMMERCIAL</u>	<u>RATES FY2023</u>
	Single phase monthly base rate	\$19.50
	Three phase monthly base rate	\$22.00
	kWh charge	\$0.1010
<u>C</u>	<u>ELECTRIC--DEMAND CUSTOMER</u>	<u>RATES FY2023</u>
	Monthly base rate	\$90.00
	Demand charge per KW	\$9.00
	kWh charge	\$0.06370
<u>D</u>	<u>ELECTRIC—INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMER EXCEDING 2,000,000 KWH ANNUALLY</u>	<u>RATES FY2023</u>
	Monthly base rate	\$150.00
	Demand charge per KW	\$9.00
	kWh charge	\$0.05906
<u>E</u>	<u>FUEL COST ADJUSTMENT FACTOR (12-MONTH ROLLING AVERAGE)</u>	Varies
<u>F</u>	<u>ENERGY OPTIMIZATION</u>	<u>RATES FY2023</u>
	Residential per kWh	\$0.0013
	Commercial per meter	\$4.43
	Industrial per meter (6)	\$215.24

<u>G</u>	<u>WATER</u>	<u>RATES FY2023</u>
	Base rate per month including up to 3,000 gallons per month with 5/8 inch meter	\$7.54
	1 inch meter	\$9.13
	1.5-inch meter	\$11.55
	2-inch meter	\$14.30
	3-inch meter	\$15.95
	4-inch meter	\$17.88
	Rate per 1000 gallons (3001-13,000 gallons per month)	\$1.28
	Rate per 1000 gallons (over 13,000 per month)	\$1.12

<u>H</u>	<u>WASTEWATER</u>	<u>RATES FY2023</u>
	Base rate per month including up to 3,000 gallons per month	\$30.97
	Volume rate per 1000 gallons per month over 3,000 gallons	\$3.44
	Volume rate per 1000 gallons per month over 3,000 gallons (contracts)	\$3.44
	BOD Surcharge per pound	\$0.205
	TSS Surcharge per pound	\$0.151
<u>I</u>	<u>CUSTOMER CHARGE</u>	
	Gray & Company	\$2,880.38/month
	Michigan Freeze Pack	\$2880.38/month
	Indian Summer	\$900.00/month

J	MONTHLY RESIDENTIAL TRASH COLLECTION FEE	\$23.25
	MONTHLY RESIDENTIAL CLEAN UP FEE	\$1.00
	Monthly residential trash collection fees may increase, current contract expires Nov. 2020 and a new solid waste contract will need to be bid and negotiated.	

- F. Rybarz motioned to approve Resolution 2022-14 and supported by A. Klotz
 - Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 2
- Resolution 2022-15 Declaring surplus property and authorizing the disposal
 The Hart Historic District has indicated an excess of scrap wood, uncut wood timer, scrap metal and a dilapidated utility trailer: and the City acquired a property at 227 East Main Street formerly known as “Walkers Restaurant”, where used restaurant equipment sits unused and aging, and it is in the best interest of the City to designate these items as obsolete, surplus materials and equipment to allow the City to attempt to recoup some of the original investment through the sale of such items.
 NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT THE HART CITY COUNCIL
 Designates identified miscellaneous material at the Hart Historic District and used restaurant equipment located in the building at 227 East Main Street as obsolete and/or surplus materials and authorize the sale of the surplus materials through a public bid process.
 - C. Burillo motioned to approve Resolution 2022-15 and supported by J. Evans
 - Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 2

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Mayoral Appointments:
 Library Board – Juan Cortes
 H.E.A.R.T – Catalina Burillo

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- City Manager R. Splane gave copy of manager’s report to City Council
- Hart Energy scored 105% on its 2021 Credit Report Card – the highest in the State! This is something to be proud of as it represents a well-managed and operated utility. (Let’s remember this as we finish up our system study and capital improvement plan.)
- Work continues in collaboration with our City engineering team, the U.S. Economic Development Administration, and West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission, to seeking \$2.9 million in grant funding to support 2022/2023 water supply and treatment related construction projects.

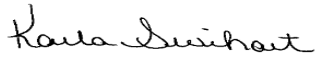
COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

- C. Burillo used TextMyGov today as her power went out. Wanted to make sure we received it. Which we did and we did find an issue with the flow. It did work the way we set it up to work, but would like a little better flow as to how the work orders get created. Which is why we are doing a soft launch in the beginning to get the bugs worked out.
 Also, while sitting at Stella’s, I noticed that the parking lot across the street and there are at least 6 cars of employees for the State Farm Insurance and a few more employees for Stella’s. There is parking behind the building but only three spaces so that is one space per building. Just wanted to comment on my observation as we talk a lot on the parking for the downtown area.

ADJOURN:

- There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:00pm upon a motion by A. Klotz and supported by F. Rybarz. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on April 12th, 2022, at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karla Swihart".

Karla Swihart, City Clerk