



**CITY OF HART
407 S. STATE ST.
HART, MI 49420
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
MAY 18th 2021 SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES – Approved**

PRESENT: Mayor Vicki Platt, Councilors: Catalina Burillo, Jim Evans, Fred Rybarz, Mike Powers, and Kris Trygstad.

VIA ZOOM: Dean Hodges

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: City Clerk – Karla Swihart, BioPure Superintendent – Paul Cutter, Energy Superintendent – Michael Schiller, Police Chief Juan Salazar, Nichole Steel (HEART), Cheri Eisenlohr, Laci Mcauliffe, and Sharon Hallack.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: C. Burillo motioned to approve the agenda and was supported by M. Powers.

- Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 0

ACTION ITEMS: City Manager Interviews

- Candidate: Joe Erickson from Escanaba Mi
Candidate: Robert Splane from Hart Mi
- In the interviews conducted, both candidates were asked the same questions.
How did you handle Covid 19, and what protocols did you follow?
What is your philosophy of working with current staff or hiring new staff?
If we contact your last supervisor and ask about you, what area would he/she say needs the most improvement?
Define a project you have started and completed successfully?
Do you consider yourself a people person? Approachable by the public, city employees, mayor, council, and business community?
What was the toughest problem or negotiation you have ever been in?
Please explain your experience with fund accounting, budgeting, or grant writing?
If hired, what would you do in your first 90 days?

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- B. Whitney commented on how both candidates are very well qualified, coming from different work histories. Both candidates I feel would do good as City Manager although I have a preference. I think the council will have a difficult decision to make.
- C. Eisenlohr asked when the council will make their final decision? Mr. Evans said a background check would have to be done, and the Council will have to deliberate.
- Mayor V. Platt wanted to thank everyone for their hours spent and everyone having a hand in this process.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

- Mayor V. Platt stated they would have to move on their decision for a new City Manager.
- A reminder that the next council meeting would be held in the council chambers.

ADJOURN:

- There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:27 pm upon a motion by C. Burillo and supported by F. Rybarz. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on May 25th, 2021, at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Karla Swihart
City Clerk