



**CITY OF HART
407 S. STATE ST.
HART, MI 49420
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
DECEMBER 10, 2019, 7:30 P.M.
MINUTES - APPROVED**

PRESENT: Mayor Ron LaPorte, Councilors: Patrice Martin, Joe Frontiera, Steve Hegedus, Jason La Fever and Rob Splane.

ABSENT: Vicki Platt

OTHERS PRESENT: Energy Department Superintendent – Mike Schiller, BioPure Superintendent – Paul Cutter, Police Officer – Joe Ingalls, DPW Superintendent – Brad Whitney, Deputy City Clerk - Cheri Eisenlohr, and City Manager – Lynne Ladner. See attached list for others in attendance.

Mayor LaPorte called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., following the roll call, the Mayor lead the Council in the pledge of allegiance.

A motion was made by Mr. Splane to approve the agenda, supported by Mr. La Fever. The corrected minutes from November 26, 2019, regular meeting, was motioned by Ms. Martin to accept as written and supported by Mr. Splane. All ayes of those present, both motions were carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, EVENTS, PRESENTATIONS:

- Ms. Ladner discussed a document that she provided to the Council that stated the various rules pertaining to public comments during city meetings. She has also offered printed materials from other communities on how they comport their meetings. She will condense the literature and provide the information at the first meeting in January.
- Mr. Sadler asked if his "special event" could be added to the agenda. Ms. Martin made a motion to amend the agenda, supported by Mr. La Fever, all ayes; the permit became item 10f on the agenda.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- BioPure Superintendent, Paul Cutter: A written report was provided.
- Police Chief, Juan Salazar: Absent
- DPW Superintendent, Brad Whitney:
 - The Lincoln Street project has been stopped for the year. Final touches will be completed in the spring.
 - Gravel roads have been graded.
 - Cold patches have been done.
 - Plowing as needed.
 - Leaf pickup is finished for the season.
 - Damaged Candy Cane decorations were fixed from the current wind storm.
 - We are currently working on year-end reports.
 - The asbestos report is complete for the old water building, but results have not been released yet. Adams has also obtained the necessary demo permit. Keepsakes will be removed from the building prior to the demolition.
- Energy Department Superintendent, Mike Schiller:

- The recent wind storm only caused one power outage that was quickly restored.
- Work is continuing on the Cottages on Griswald.
- Wire was pulled on the Oceana Drive project.
- A MECA conference took place last week.
- The annual Venison fry will be on 12/20 at noon and all are invited.
- Interim Mainstreet Manager, Christine: Absent

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEE:

- None

BILLS, CLAIMS, PAYROLL:

Bills totaled: \$547,431.28 Payroll totaled: \$68,363.68 Grand Total: \$615,794.96

A motion was made by Mr. Splane and supported by Mr. Hegedus to approve bills, claims, and payroll in the amount stated.

Ayes: 6 Nay: 0 Absent: 1

ACTION ITEMS:

**RESOLUTION 19-79
City Council
City of Hart, Michigan
Oceana County**

To designate the 2002 F550 Ford Utility Bucket as Surplus Truck Equipment

WHEREAS, the City Energy department owns a 20002 F550 Ford Utility Bucket Truck; and

WHEREAS, the vehicle has outlived it's useful life and has been replaced by the Energy Department with a new vehicle; and

WHEREAS, it is to the City's benefit to properly dispose of surplus equipment that is not being used;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Designates the 2002 F550 Ford Utility Bucket Truck as Surplus Equipment and authorizes the Energy Superintendent and City Manager to notice and offer the vehicle for sale through a closed bidding process.

Moved by Ms. Martin, supported by Mr. La Fever, and thereafter adopted at the regular City of Hart City Council meeting on December 10, 2019

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of the document on file with the office of the City of Hart Clerk.



Cheri Eisenlohr, Deputy City Clerk

**RESOLUTION 19-80
City Council
City of Hart, Michigan
Oceana County**

To cancel the regularly scheduled December 24, 2019, City Council meeting

WHEREAS, the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is to take place on December 24, 2019, and

WHEREAS, the meeting day is a regular City Holiday, Christmas Eve;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Cancels the regularly scheduled December 24, 2019, City Council meeting.

Moved by Ms. Martin, supported by Mr. Frontiera, and thereafter adopted at the regular City of Hart City Council meeting on December 10, 2019

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

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**RESOLUTION 19-81
City Council
City of Hart, Michigan
Oceana County**

Designate 2020 City Council meeting scheduled

WHEREAS, the City is required to review and designate any changes to the regular schedule of City Council meetings prior to the beginning of the calendar year; and

WHEREAS, the Council meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month unless there is a holiday, or the Council cancels a meeting; and

WHEREAS, in 2020 there are no conflicts with City Council meetings and designated City holidays;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

The meeting dates for the Hart City Council for 2020 will be:

1/14	5/12	9/8
1/28	5/26	9/22
2/11	6/9	10/13
2/25	6/23	10/27
3/10	7/14	11/10
3/24	7/28	11/24
4/14	8/11	12/8
4/28	8/25	12/22

Moved by Mr. Splane, supported by Ms. Martin, and thereafter adopted at the regular City of Hart City Council meeting on December 10, 2019

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

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**RESOLUTION 19-82
Hart City Council
City of Hart, Michigan**

AWARD CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE DOWNTOWN POCKET PARK

WHEREAS, the City of Hart has publically noticed and previously accepted bids for the construction of the Downtown Pocket Park; and

WHEREAS, the City has received the executed grant agreement from the MEDC and the release of funds letter for the project, and received bids from Greenstone General Contracting in the amount of \$328,289.85 and Hallock Contracting in the amount \$620,505.15; and

WHEREAS, the received bids from Greenstone General Contracting in the amount of \$328,289.85 and Hallock Contracting in the amount \$620,505.15 have been reviewed by the MEDC, the City's engineers and City staff been determined to be complete and meet the requirements of the project;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Award the contract for the construction of the Downtown Pocket Park to Greenstone General Contracting in the amount of \$328,289.85 and authorized the City Manager to execute and sign all necessary documents for the contact.

Moved by Mr. Fronteria, supported by Ms. Martin, and thereafter adopted by the Hart City Council at a regular council meeting held on December 10, 2019.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

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SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS:

- Oceana Old Newsies Paper Sales – Administratively approved 12/5/19, by Ms. Ladner.
 - Mr. Splane made a motion to approve the administratively approved permit, supported by Mr. Frontiera, all ayes, the motion carried.
- Gala Celebration (ball drop)
 - Mr. Frontiera made a motion to approve the Gala Celebration, supported by Mr. Splane, all ayes, the motion carried.
 - Ms. Martin made a conditional motion to approve the fireworks aspect of the Gala Celebration provided that a logistics meeting was held and proper liability insurance is provided and verified, supported by Mr. Splane, all ayes, the motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Acknowledge receipt of an offer from the Austin and Brooke Bechtel for purchase of the City's half interest in Lot 7 (part of 227 E Main parcel No. 020-209-005-00).
- Memo

To: Mayor and City Council
 From: Lynne Ladner
 Date: 12/7/19/19
 Re: Purchase offer for City's interest in Lot 7 of parcel No. 020-209-005-00

Per the attached e-mail, the City has received an offer from Austin and Brooke Bechtel for the City's 1/2 interest in the undivided lot 7 as described as part of parcel number 020-209-005-00. The offer they have submitted for this property is \$5,000.

Lynne

From: [Austin Bechtel](#)
To: [Lynne Ladner](#)
Subject: Re: Walker Property
Date: Thursday, December 5, 2019 3:07:29 PM

I would like to be added to the agenda for the next meeting. Stating that my wife and I made a offer for the other half interest in lot 7 for a price of \$5000 dollars cash.

Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 5, 2019, at 9:48 AM, Lynne Ladner <LLadner@cityofhart.org> wrote:

At the last Council meeting they did not take any action or give me direction in regards to lot 7. We will be having a work session after the Council meeting on the 10th to discuss the future direction of our Community and Economic Development strategy and I believe that they will be at that time discussing what their plans are for the lot.

Lynne Ladner
 City Manager
 City of Hart, MI

-----Original Message-----

From: Austin Bechtel
 Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2019 9:30 AM
 To: Lynne Ladner <LLadner@cityofhart.org>
 Subject: Walker Property

Good Morning Lyn,

Now that the city has closed on the walker property are they prepared to make a offer for how much they want for the other half interest of the vacant lot? Let me know.

Thanks,
 Austin

- Ms. Ladner suggested formalizing a split along with an agreement that gives the Bechtel's access to their property, but no actual sale at this time. No action by Council at this meeting.
- Report on Fairgrounds Project – Paul Erickson
 - Mr. Erickson provided an update to the Council on the progress of the improvements to the fairgrounds. Datasheets were presented to the Council.
 - Mayor LaPorte reassured Mr. Erickson that the project has the support of the City.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- Ms. Ladner reported that she and Mr. Schiller had attended a meeting in Lansing with EGLE, MDNR, VanSingle, and Bumstead. The meeting did not have as positive of an outcome as she

had hoped in regards to the ACO and legislation, but wasn't entirely negative either. More options will have to be explored, such as fish ladders and fish refuges.

- The City offices will be closed for the Christmas/New Year's holidays on 12/24-25, 12/31-1/1.
- The work session to discuss the Saw Grant, CIP, etc., is scheduled for December 17th at 6:00 pm.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

- None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

- Accept the resignation of Al Martin from Planning Commission
 - Mr. Frontiera made a motion to accept the resignation, supported by Mr. Splane, all ayes, the motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m., upon motion by Ms. Martin and supported by Ms. Hegedus. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on January 14, 2020, at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Cheri Eisenhardt

Deputy City Clerk