



**CITY OF HART
407 S. STATE ST.
HART, MI 49420
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS – WORK SESSION
DECEMBER 17, 2019, 6:08 P.M.
MINUTES - APPROVED**

PRESENT: Mayor Ron LaPorte, Councilors: Patrice Martin, Vicki Platt, Steve Hegedus, and Rob Splane.

ABSENT: Joe Frontiera, Jason La Fever

OTHERS PRESENT: Energy Department Superintendent – Mike Schiller, BioPure Superintendent – Paul Cutter, DPW Superintendent – Brad Whitney, Deputy City Clerk - Cheri Eisenlohr, and City Manager – Lynne Ladner.

- Prein & Newhof Engineers: Barbara Marczak, Tyler DeNooyer, Matt Hulst
- Baker & Tilly Financial Advisor: Andy Campbell

Barbara Marczak led off the presentation by explaining that they were wrapping up the SAW grant process and had put together a powerpoint slideshow showing the infrastructure replacements/repairs that needed to be done within the City.

Tyler DeNooyer spoke about how the data had been collected and interpreted. Matt Hulst presented the diagrams showing where the work needs to be done within the City and explained that the projects were color-coded by priority.

Andy Campbell explained the financing options that the City could pursue to fund the needed upgrades. USDA, State and Federal sources are available for the City to apply for. He stated that the City was in good financial standing and should not have difficulty obtaining funds.

Comments from the Council:

- ❖ Educate the public about future increases and why they are needed.
- ❖ Change the City's budgeting from a one-year budget to a two-year.
- ❖ Have another work session after the first of the year after the rest of the rate study's are completed.

The work session ended near 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheri Eisenlohr
Deputy City Clerk