CITY OF HART
407 S. STATE ST.
HART, MI 49420
REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL - COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
MAY 13th, 2025
MINUTES – APPROVED

PRESENT: Mayor Amanda Klotz, Councilors, Jim Cunningham, Dean Hodges, Andrew Mullen, Betty Root and Karen Thomson

ABSENT: Catalina Burillo

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager – Rob Splane, BioPure Superintendent – Paul Cutter, DPW Superintendent – Brad Whitney, Energy Superintendent – Mike Schiller, Carolina Bronkema, Lisa Clark, Marc Fredrickson, Terry and Deborah Haynor, Bill and Janet Hegg, Cristina Juska, Ron and Diane LaPorte, Rolando Salgado, Emily Sigler, Frank and Joan Smith, Mark Timmer, and Rachel Worley

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- B. Root motioned to approve the Agenda and was supported by K. Thomson
  - Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- NONE

CORRESPONDENCE, EVENTS, PRESENTATIONS:

- Mark Timmer, Oceana County Road Commission and Mark Fredrickson, MDOT – State Street Turn-back information
  MDOT has funding available for what we call a inlay project on the roadway, one of the options instead of MDOT moving forward with the project and continuing owership of the road, is to turn over the funding that is dedicated to the road to the local Municipality as well as taking back over that section of roadway. MDOT does need approval from both the City and the County inorder to move forward with the Turn-back.
- Diane LaPorte and residents – Hilltop Drive/ Pointe Park Improvements
  Residents of Hill Top Drive addressed Council on the road are unhappy with the decission on Pointe Park project. No one on the road was informed about the project, For one the road is not very good shape and having more cars going up and down that road are just going to make it even worse. With the Wetlands at the end down there was the DNR included in on the project? It would be nice to just list those lots and make money for the City.
- Fiscal Year 2026 proposed Budget Review and Discussion

Department	Goal	Estimated Expenditure	Notes
City Hall	Continues Security Enhancements	$22,000	In Cooperation with the 2022 threat assessment
City Hall	Soffit & lighting replacement at entrance	$6,500	
Police	New Vehicle	$65,000	
DPW	Dump Truck	$250,000	Need to rotate out oldest unit can entertain used/reconditional model
D/E/B	Industriall Vacuum Truck (wishlist)	$250,000	Used to jet lines, catch basins, storm drains, and hydro-excvation
Parks	Veteran's Park planned construction	$1,300,000	($300,000 grant + $500,000 local match = $600,000in gap [300k in value engineering]
Parks	John Gurney Park Plan	3,500	Work to develop a 5-year growth plan
Parks	Refresh Disc Golf Course	$14,000	2025
DPW	Backhoe	$20,000	2026
Energy	Refer to GRP CIP	$950,000	Fy2026 Planned projects (likely 50%+ savings)
Energy	New indoor/outdoor storage	$100,000	Potential move of building from Ceres to Energy
BioPure	Hose for pump and add fittings to bldg	$14,000	Used primarily in BioPure, but could be used in any department to move water

BioPure	Gator	$8,500	
BioPure	BioSolids application alternative research	$20,000	Consultant/engineer - $490,000/ year for biosolid hauling
Streets	Hart Street norht of Main	$24,000	Patch Work
Streets	South Plum	$40,000	Align to servey and place aggregate
Streets	Both ends of Woodlawn and East Main	$24,000	Patch Work
Streets	Industerial Park Drive	$200,000	Resurface – no curb/gutter
Water	Water Tower Maintance	$25,000	Pending inspection results
Water	Water Tower Maintance	$22,000	Security system improvements
DPW/P&R	Pocket Park	$8,500	
Water	Water Tower Maintance	$8,000	Inspection
DPW/Water	Pick-up Truck	$34,000	4 guys sharing 5 trucks
Parks	Hart Commons	$4,500	Deck is moving Engineering to identify fix
Parks	Vet's Park	$10,000	Mini Excavator= dig out area and rebuild seawall and repalce all deck boards –($10,000)?

- Public Hearing – Proposed CDGB Grant for Water Infrastructure Funding
    - J. Cunningham motioned to open the Public Hearing and supported by K. Thomson
        - Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

  This is a water related infrastructure grant that comes up annually with a 80-20 match. City hall is propsing a project to imporve City's water main that runs from Griswold street, down Oceana drive to Main St.
    - J. Cunningham motioned to close the Public Hearing and supported by B. Root

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Approval of minutes from April 22nd, 2025
- Bills, Claims, Payroll
- Reports of Boards, Commissions, and Committees
- Department Reports – Police/BioPure/Public Works/Energy/C&E Dvlp
    - B. Root motioned to approve Consent Agenda and supported by K. Thomson
        - Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

ACTION ITEMS:

- Resolution 2025-12 CDGB Grant Application

  WHEREAS, the Michigan Strategic Fund has invited Units of General Local Government to apply for its Water-Related Infrastructure (WRI) Competitive Funding Round: and

  WHEREAS, The City of Hart desires to request $1,945,000.00 in CDBG funds to construct a transmission main along Oceana Drive connecting the elevated storage tank to the Northeast side of the City; and

  WHEREAS, the City of Hart commits local funds from its Water Fund in the amount of $266,000.00; and

  WHEREAS, the proposed project is consistent with the local Community Development Plan as described in the Application; and

  WHEREAS, the proposed project will benefit all residents of the project area and 51.3 percent of the residents of the City of Hart are low-and moderate-income persons as determined by census data provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban; and

  WHEREAS, local funds and any other funds to be invested in the project have not been obligated/incurred and will not be obligated/incurred prior to a formal grant award, completion of the environmental review procedures and a formal written authorization to obligate/incur costs from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

  WHEREAS, 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 CITY COUNCIL

Approves of the CDBG grant application and authorizes the City Manager as the Environmental Review Certifying Officer, the person authorized to certify the Michigan CDBG Application, the person authorized to sign the Grant Agreement and payment requests, and the person authorized to execute an additional documents required to carry out and complete the grant.

- A. Mullen motioned to approve Resolution 2025-12 and supported by K. Thomson
  - Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

- Resolution 2025-13 Residential Anti-Displacement Policy
  WHEREAS, the Michigan Strategic Fund has invited Units of General Local Government to apply for its Water-Related Infrastructure (WRI) Competitive Funding Round; and
  WHEREAS, the City of Hart desires to request $1,945,000.00 in CDBG funds to construct a transmission main along Oceana Drive connecting the elevated storage tank to the Northeast side of the City; and
  WHEREAS, the MEDC will utilize funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development requires local units of government to adopt a residential anti-displacement and relocation plan as a condition of funding; 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 declares:
  NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL

  Adopts the draft Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Plan as proposed.

  - J. Cunningham motioned to approve Resolution 2025-13 and supported by B. Root
    - Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 0

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Special Events Permit – Hart Sparks
- Special Events Permit – Music on the Commons
- Oceana County Sheriff Department, Flock Safety Camera 90-day trail
- Consider Public Comment agenda item changes
- * Renovation of the Knights of Columbus building – Discussion on MLCC application/support

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Updates:

- RAP Grant 3.0 awarded for downtown streetscape project ($1,000,000)
- RAP Grant 3.0 not awarded for Veterans Park ($250,000)
- MMRMA appraiser will be on-site Wednesday May 21 to visit all City properties, it's been over 5 years since the last appraisal and a significant increase in valuation is expected.
- Wadel Stabilization replaced the most critical section of the faulty air header this week, they worked closely with BioPure staff to expedite the process reducing our risk of damage to our operations, Great job by all involved!
- Hart Hills Gravel Bike Race was another success with near record attendance and great weather for an outdoor event.
- Thrift and Gift Crawl May 16-17 – Downtown Hart and other area businesses.

Legacy Topics:

- Safe Routes to School trail project – work with MDOT is on-going – [Cadaver Dog right-of-way search being scheduled]

Upcoming Topics:

- Redevelopment Ready Community re-certification in 2025
  Adopt Zoning Board of Appeals By-Laws
  Adopt two new ordinances (June 2025)
- Council review of rental inspection policies, procedures, and implementation.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

- None

ADJOURN:

- There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Klotz adjourned the meeting at 8:42pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on May 27th, 2025, at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Karla Swihart

Karla Swihart, City Clerk