



City of Hartford * County of Van Buren * State of Michigan

TO: Mayor Danger and the Hartford City Commission

FROM: Nicol Pulluiam, City Manager

DATE: November 24, 2025

RE: APPROVAL OF CHRISTMAS DECORATION @ ELY PARK

ITEM BEFORE THE COMMISSION:

The item before the Commission is to authorize Christmas Décor by Naylor Landscape Management to decorate Ely Park for the Christmas and New Year's holiday season.

DISCUSSION:

Christmas Décor by Naylor Landscape Management has submitted proposals for decorating Ely Park. This company has handled the decorations at Ely Park for several consecutive years. The Department of Public Works (DPW) currently lacks the necessary equipment to decorate the tree due to its height. Furthermore, DPW is facing staffing challenges as it manages a new team while maintaining its usual daily workload. The quote from Naylor includes decorating both the pavilion and the tree. The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) will share the cost by contributing \$1,500, which is 50% of the total cost. Christmas decorations have been included in the approved city budget.

If the commission approves the resolution, we will aim to schedule the installation with Naylor before December 5th, the Red Arrow Convoy lighted truck parade, and Christmas in Hartford, a sponsored event by the Hartford Public Library.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Hartford City Commission approves the quote from Christmas Décor by Naylor Landscape Management to decorate Ely Park, and spend no more than \$1,500.