



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

TO: Mayor Danger and the Hartford City Commission

FROM: Nicol Pulluam, City Manager 

DATE: January 26, 2026

RE: APPROVAL OF ELY PARK CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDER

ITEM BEFORE THE COMMISSION:

The item before the Commission is to approve the construction change order for Ely Park Improvements.

DISCUSSION:

The Ely Park Improvement project was put out to bid twice. The first bid project included the entire scope of desired improvements in one bid package. Only one bid was received at \$1,180,300, which was much higher than the City's funds

The city was hoping for better options with the rebid. The rebid was split into two separate projects. One project was the playground, surfacing, connecting walkway, and furnishings. The second project was broken down into a base bid with multiple alternates. The second bid process generated more competition and better pricing, but it was still higher than the City's grant award and available budget.

The city requested an increase of \$19,795.10 to CMF to allow us to accept the bids for the two projects. The justification for the increase to CMF consists of the Wellhouse renovation, playground furnishings, an ornamental fence, and a Christmas tree. CMF approved the grant increase; therefore, the city's engineer on the project, Abonmarche, is requesting the city to approve the change order for BG Construction & Engineering.

RECOMMENDATION:

The City of Hartford City Commission approves the change order in the amount of \$ 107,984.30 to BG Construction & Engineering. Also, give the city manager authority to execute the change order.