

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

TO: Mayor Hall and the Hartford City Commissioners

FROM: Nicol Brown, City Manager/

DATE: August 26, 2024

RE: APPROVES A CONTRACT WITH HARTFORD TWP TO DECORATE ELY PARK

ITEM BEFORE THE COMMISSION:

The item before the Commission is to approve a contract between Hartford Township and the City of Hartford to decorate Ely Park.

DISCUSSION:

For several years, the Hartford Lions Club and Hartford Township have contracted to decorate Ely Park for the Christmas and New Year holidays. The City of Hartford and the Downtown Development Authority donated to the decoration. The City received notice from the Hartford Lions Club that they would not take the lead on this project; therefore, the City is taking over it.

Both entities must agree to a contract for Hartford Township to participate in this project. The City will request that Christmas Décor by Naylor Landscape Management provide fascia lighting on the pavilion, lighting on the large Christmas tree, garland on the pavilion, a wreath with lights, and bows for the garland. The purpose and result of payment from Hartford Township for Ely Park decorations will be promoting the Hartford area, including Hartford Township, for the public good.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Hartford City Commission approves a contract between Hartford Township and the City of Hartford to decorate Ely Park and gives the City Manager authority to execute the contract on behalf of the City of Hartford.