

A worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, January 4, 2010, at 5:00 p.m.

Present were Mayor Platte and Councilpersons Greenhoe, Brown, Letarte and Harri. None were absent.

Administrative Staff Present was City Manager Bill LeFevere, City Superintendent Scott Poyer, WWTP Director Todd Nichols, Treasurer Robert Damon, Police Chief Paul Malewski, Fire Chief Roger McNutt, Building Inspector Jon Hill, Assessor Mike Baker, Deputy Carla Mazur and City Clerk Kristy Reinecke.

Purpose of the meeting was a worksession. Notice of the meeting was duly given.

Public Comments:

None.

Old Business Topics of Discussion were:

DDA:

NRHP Nomination: The DDA is making arrangements to complete this project at a later date. Red Ribbon Hall: The DDA is the owner of this property and discussions are ongoing as to the plans for the building.

LDFA:

South Industrial Park Infrastructure: Construction of the sewer line is complete with the roadway work in progress. The City is finding a new location for the conservation easement per direction from the LDFA, with the anticipated completion of this project for mid 2010.

Infrastructure Projects:

MDOT 50/99 Project: The project is done for the season and will resume in April of 2010, with the anticipated completion date in October. State Street Project: The MDOT approvals for this project are now underway with further engineering work being completed with Council approval as more monies become available as anticipated in January.

Grants:

MSHDA/CDBG: Second round of funding is under way and all funds have been obligated. Construction is ongoing and the City is beginning to plan for a third round of grant funding at the next opportunity.

Electrical Department:

Power Supply Committee: The prices have been obtained and Council has set the strike price. Winter Shut Off Rules: The MMEA has developed a set of rules which is now being implemented. Energy Optimization: The Plan has been completed and the project is on-going. Renewable Portfolio: The Plan has been approved and implemented. Landfill Gas Project: MPPA project is on-going with anticipating to incorporate this renewable component into our RPS Plan design.

Miscellaneous Projects:

City Hall Pocket Park: Funding is tied to the DDA/MDOT Streetscaping Project and construction is planned for the Summer of 2010. Joint Marketing Project: Project is on-going with coordinated efforts from the Schools, Chamber, LDFA and Hospital.

New Business Topics of Discussion were:

City Treasurer Damon reviewed with Council the November Financials. Treasurer Damon stated that rates are at an all time low, but will continue to invest with the best rates that are available. Council thanked Treasurer Damon for the report.

City Superintendent Poyer reviewed with Council the Maintenance Services Agreement with Consumers Energy for the Substation Maintenance. This item will appear on the January 11th Agenda.

Treasurer Damon reviewed with Council the quote from BS&A Software for the Internet Service Agreement for Taxing/Assessing and Building Information. Treasurer Damon stated that there would be no cost to the City for this service, and residential customers would just need to register on line, or come to City Hall and still receive this information free of charge. Treasurer Damon stated that the City was currently receiving numerous phone calls from Title and Mortgage Companies, and that they would need to use the on-line service, which would charge these companies a \$2.00 fee per parcel. Treasurer Damon stated that he would get this implemented as soon as possible, as well as sending out information to customers to let them know that this would not be a new fee to them in regards to obtaining information regarding their own property, but only to companies.

Police Chief Malewski reviewed with Council the Nixle Public Safety Communication Agreement. Chief Malewski stated that there is no cost to the City, and was a much needed communication device within the City to residents. Chief Malewski stated that he has registered for this, and will hopefully have the City up and running in the near future.

City Manager LeFevere reviewed with Council the General Guidelines for Rental Property Inspections. City Assessor Baker stated that within the City there are approximately 875 Rental Units, and that this number is continuing to grow with banked owned properties being bought at low rates by landlords. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that this item will appear on the January 11th Agenda.

Public Comments:

None.

Other Business:

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk