

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, January 25, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Platte called the meeting to order.

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

The invocation was given by Pastor Scott Boles of the First Baptist Church of Eaton Rapids.

The Agenda was approved as printed.

The January 11, 2010 Regular minutes and the January 18, 2010 Worksession minutes were approved as printed.

Councilwoman Brown moved that disbursements of \$538,874.75, with the breakdown being General Fund Checks in the amount of \$100,264.68 - check numbers 51662 through 51715 and Wire Transfers in the amount of \$438,610.07 be approved; seconded by Councilman Letarte, passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve the Resolution in support of the Hamlin Township five year recreation plan; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Greenhoe moved Council approve the Michigan Department of Transportation State Street Contract Resolution and designate City Superintendent Scott V. Poyer to sign the Contract on behalf of the City; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously.

Councilman Letarte moved Council approve the recommendation from Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Todd Nichols to enter into an Agreement with Commerce Controls, Inc., for the SCADA Instrumentation maintenance and Calibration Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$3,587.00; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Rod Schultz, 1303 Montgomery Street, appeared before Council regarding the City's website; Comcast Cable Agreement; Council Meetings being video taped and the South Industrial Park.

Matthew LeFrance, 1045 Independence Blvd., appeared before Council on behalf of the Drain Commissioner and let Council know what was being done in the Drain Commissioner's Office and if Council had any questions or concerns regarding drains in the Eaton Rapids Area to contact their Office.

Leah Devine, 634 State Street, appeared before Council regarding the plans for State Street. City Manager LeFevere explained what was happening in the Spring with the construction on Main, Hamlin and State Street.

Reuben Green, 630 Forest Street, appeared before Council regarding the trees on Main Street.

Roger Harris, 331 W. Knight Street, appeared before Council regarding the Eaton County Film Initiative meeting tomorrow at 7:00 p.m.

Lester Hall, 158 S. Main Street, appeared before Council regarding the trees on Main Street.

Mayor Platte reported on the following: that he as well as Councilperson's Brown and Greenhoe had attended the Senior Center dinner on Friday; that the website updates have been being done by Kim Byerly; and thanked the Drain Commissioner's Office for the information.

Councilman Greenhoe reported on the following: that the tree situation is not a good one and there are a lot of problems surrounding the trees and this will be looked into as funds become available.

Councilwoman Brown reported on the following: thanked the citizens for sharing; that there are many organizations that you can give donations to for Haiti, but if you needed one the Red Cross could really use help; that we have many new residents in Eaton Rapids from Spring Hill, Tennessee, and that Don and Carolyn Wyckoff did a tremendous job with their packets that were distributed; that the YMCA has put together a Community Assessment Study and that it will be available in the near future.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: thanked the citizens for their comments; and that in the future, consideration needs to be given as to planning to ensure what kinds of trees are being planted in our downtown area.

Councilman Letarte reported on the following: thanked the citizens for coming and giving good constructive comments; that he will find out exactly what is happening on State Street, and where the beginning and ending of the construction zone will be and get back with Ms. Devine; and that he is excited about the Budget process and how it is going to be handled differently this year.

Police Chief Malewski reported on the following: that on the 19th the Department and the ERASE Group had held an alcohol seminar; on the 23rd the Department had participated in the Festival of the Child program that was held at First United Methodist Church; that

there will be a MDOT meeting on the Spring construction on the 24th to coordinate all of the Emergency Services during the construction; and that Blotter information will now be in the Eaton Rapids Community News.

Fire Chief McNutt reported on the following: that there will be an upcoming meeting with Central Dispatch on the intercommunication commands and future radio purchases; that he has hired one new firefighter and has two more applicants, which still leaves one opening in the Department; and that the CERT Team had a meeting two weeks ago and are looking into what they can do to help in Haiti.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk