

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, March 8, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Platte called the meeting to order.

Present were Mayor Platte and Councilpersons Greenhoe, Brown and Harri. Councilman Letarte was absent and excused.

The invocation was given by Pastor Sandra Carpenter of the Dimondale Christian Outreach Center.

The Agenda was approved as printed.

The February 22, 2010 Regular minutes and the March 1, 2010 Worksession minutes were approved as printed.

Councilman Greenhoe moved that disbursements of \$1,260,175.34, with the breakdown being General Fund Checks in the amount of \$73,498.24 - check numbers 51857 through 51944, Meter Deposit Refund Checks in the amount of \$579.14 - check numbers 100216 through 100221 and Wire Transfers in the amount of \$1,186,097.96 be approved; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve the Eagle Scout project as proposed from Scout Caleb Garcia, from Troop 663; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe. Scout Caleb Garcia gave a presentation outlining his desire to have his Eagle Scout project be to organize the registrar with names of the Veterans buried in Rose Hill Cemetery. Scout Garcia stated that the first step was to have Council approve the project, then he would present the project to the District Scout Council in Okemos for approval, and then finally it would need to go to the National Boy Scout Eagle Project Committee for approval. Scout Garcia stated that this project would need to be completed before his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, so he would have this completed by September. Council thanked Scout Garcia for the presentation and stated that it sounded like a very worthwhile project and would help the City tremendously. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the Special Events Policy as prepared by the Advisory Parks Board; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the recommendation by Superintendent Poyer to accept the bid from DA Rainsberger and Company in the amount of \$28,325.75, for the new phone system; seconded by Councilman Harri. After discussion, Councilman Harri moved Council table the purchase until further review, studies and references could be given to Council; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed 3 yeas, 1 nay (Brown).

Rod Schultz, 1303 Montgomery Street, appeared before Council regarding the phone system purchase.

Leah Devine, 634 State - B2, appeared before Council thanking them for the Nixle Program and how well it worked; and also regarding hydrant flushing.

Mayor Platte reported on the following: that he had attended the Quiet Water Symposium and how informational this was; that the Website Committee has been meeting on a

regular basis; and thanked Scout Caleb Garcia for his presentation and the work that he was willing to do to earn his Eagle Scout Award.

Councilwoman Brown reported on the following: thanked Scout Caleb Garcia for the presentation; thanked Ms. Devine on the hydrant flushing information that she had shared; and that the Senior Center will be hosting an event on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., and the cost is \$7.50 per person and urged all to attend to help support the Center.

Councilman Greenhoe reported on the following: congratulated Scout Caleb Garcia on working towards his Eagle Scout Award and that the project sounded wonderful; that the hydrant flushing concerns were a little harder to address given the City's high content of iron in the water, that the system took almost 3 days to flush out of the system; and that he too had attended the Quiet Water Symposium and that it was very interesting and educational.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: thanked Scout Caleb Garcia for his project and how this would benefit the City as well as his Scouting Troop which helped place flags at these markers in the Spring; and that when he asks for items to be tabled or sent back for further research he just is making sure that the City is not rushing into anything and that the taxpayers money is being well spent.

Police Chief Malewski reported on the following: that his Department had received training this past week in house on defense tactics as well as radar training; that the Healthy Relationship Seminar was held on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, and there will also be another one held on March 17<sup>th</sup>; that the Speed Trailer is scheduled to be delivered the first part of April; that on Saturday the Department will be holding an auction at 11:00 a.m.; and that Officer Kirby and Officer Long will be recognized and presented awards from the Michigan State Police on Wednesday for their service in apprehending the escaped convicts earlier this year and what an honor this was for them.

Fire Chief McNutt reported on the following: that he had hired one new firefighter, but will be having one person leaving the Department later this month, so the Department would still be at 22.

Superintendent Poyer reported on the following: that the MDOT Project on Hamlin Street will begin within the next two weeks.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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Steven G. Platte, Mayor

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Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk