

A worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, April 19, 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, City Assessor Mike Baker, Police Chief Paul Malewski, Fire Chief Roger McNutt, Treasurer Robert Damon, Building Inspector Jon Hill, Deputy Carla Mazur, Librarian Sandra Porter and City Clerk Kristy Reinecke.

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

Public Comments:

Joyce Byron, 416 Lake Street, appeared before Council regarding fluoride in the City's water.

May Locke, 8416 Clinton Trail, but a property owner within the City, appeared before Council regarding the City Cemetery and employee holidays.

Old Business Topics of Discussion were:

None.

New Business Topics of Discussion were:

Council reviewed the MERS Resolution for consideration on the City Manager Purchasing service credit hours per the Separation Agreement. City Treasurer Damon answered questions of Council. After a lengthy discussion, Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the MERS Uniform Resolution for Service Credit Purchases for City Manager LeFevere; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Council reviewed the request from the Special Events Committee for the Relay for Life Events that are being held at the Union Street School Facility. Superintendent Poyer stated that Council would need to waive the Noise Ordinance and Camping Ordinance. Fire Chief McNutt stated that Council would also need to waive the Burning Ordinance. This item will appear on the April 26th Agenda for Council consideration.

Superintendent Poyer reviewed the bids for the Street Sweeping Contract. Superintendent Poyer stated that it would be his recommendation to Council to approve the bid from Luke's Landscaping in the amount of \$1,257.50 per sweeping. This item will appear on the April 26th Agenda for Council consideration.

Council reviewed the proposed Ad that was prepared by Robert Hamilton. After Council discussion, there were a few changes requested by Councilman Letarte, as well as typographical corrections. Council agreed to the changes and requested that the copy be sent to Mr. Hamilton to be placed on the MML website.

Mayor Platte reviewed with Council the pros and cons to hiring an Interim Manager. Mayor Platte stated that he had been given two names who were assigned to this Region. Mayor Platte stated that he had contacted one of the candidates and inquired about the salary for the position. Mayor Platte stated that the individual had stated that his salary would be the same as what the current City Manager was receiving. Mayor Platte reviewed with Council the idea of having the Department Heads handle the extra work load until a new Manager could be hired. Mayor Platte stated that the three core people would be Superintendent Poyer, Treasurer Damon and Clerk Reinecke. After discussion, it was decided to not hire an interim and to move forward with Department Heads handling the extra work.

Council reviewed the proposed 2010-2011 Budget. Council asked questions of Treasurer Damon. Mayor Platte stated that this was the first review process and the proposed Budget will continue to be reviewed and be a working copy at upcoming worksessions.

Public Comments:

Phil Bombrys, 6030 Peck Road, but a property owner within the City of Eaton Rapids, appeared before Council regarding the rental housing Ordinance.

Other Business:

Councilwoman Brown thanked City Manager LeFevere for his years of service to the City and stated that it has truly been a pleasure working with him and wished him well in Douglas.

Mayor Platte thanked City Manager LeFevere for all of his help these past months, and thanked him for sharing his wealth of knowledge with the City.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, Clerk