

A worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, May 3, 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 Superintendent Scott Poyer, WWTP Director Todd Nichols, City Assessor Mike Baker, Police Chief Paul Malewski, Treasurer Robert Damon, Building Inspector Jon Hill, Deputy Carla Mazur, Librarian Sandra Porter, City Attorney Phil Erickson 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:

None.

New Business Topics of Discussion were:

City Superintendent Poyer reviewed with Council the upcoming requests to waive the Camping Ordinance at Howe Field. Superintendent Poyer stated that there were two Girl's Softball League events scheduled as well as a large family reunion. Superintendent Poyer stated that all of these events had people who were interested in camping at Howe Field and that in the past the Ordinance had been waived with no problems from either group. Police Chief Malewski stated that if Council was in agreement to have this waived, then under the Code, the Chief of Police had the authority to waive this without having to have it approved by Council at a meeting. Council authorized Chief Malewski to proceed in allowing these events to camp at Howe Field, and in the future to handle these issues.

City Superintendent Poyer reviewed with Council the issue at 399 Dexter Street regarding the Sanitary Sewer. Superintendent Poyer gave Council information surrounding this problem. After discussion, it was the recommendation of Superintendent Poyer to have Council further review the issue as well as the City Attorney and bring back to Council at the May 17th Worksession.

City Treasurer Damon reviewed with Council the 3rd Quarter Budget. Treasurer Damon reviewed the 2010 Revenue Budget stating that property tax revenue was down, state sales tax revenue was down, interest was down and Breathalyzer revenue was down. Treasurer Damon further noted that the transfer from Major Streets had been removed as well as the transfer from the General Fund. Treasurer Damon also conveyed to Council that the transfer from the Utility Fund had been reduced. Treasurer Damon reviewed the 2010 Expense Budget stating that there were salary savings in the Police Department; that the transfers to the Building Inspector and Motor Pool Fund had been eliminated; that the consumption was higher and MPPA costs had not been included in original figures; and that the purchase of a Police car would be delayed until July, as well as delaying the purchase of an electric vehicle to 2010-11 Budget. Council thanked

the review.

Treasurer Damon reviewed with Council the Proposed 2010-2011 Budget. Treasurer Damon noted that the changes from the last presentation included putting the funding back into the Budget for the Library, Police Department and Cemetery. Council reviewed the Proposed Budget and asked questions of Department Heads. After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of Council to have a Worksession scheduled for Monday, May 10th at 5:00 p.m. to further review the Proposed Budget.

Mayor Platte announced that due to the construction in the downtown, he would be postponing Mayor Exchange day with the Village of Paw Paw until next year. Council agreed that this was a good decision due to the construction.

Councilman Greenhoe stated that he was concerned with the grub problem at the City Cemetery and questioned as to whether Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds could be used. Superintendent Poyer stated that the monies in this fund could be used, and some of that money was also going to be used for the replacement of the roof on the Mausoleum. City Attorney Erickson stated that he had someone that he could refer to look into the grub issue. Superintendent Poyer stated that he would get with Attorney Erickson and have this matter looked into with possible solutions.

City Attorney Erickson reviewed with Council several protocol questions that had been asked. Attorney Erickson reviewed information that he had obtained from the Michigan Municipal League regarding E-mail and Retention of Records, FOIA Requests, the Open Meetings Act as well as Closed Sessions of the Council. Council thanked Attorney Erickson for the review and clarification on issues.

Public Comments:

Leah Devine, 634 State - B2, appeared before Council regarding the very interesting worksession and the discussion that took place.

Other Business:

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, Clerk