

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, May 24, 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 Councilman Greenhoe.

The Agenda was approved as printed.

The May 10, 2010 Regular minutes and the May 10, 2010, and May 17, 2010 Worksession minutes were approved as printed.

Councilman Harri moved that disbursements of \$750,424.58, with the breakdown being General Fund Checks in the amount of \$148,247.98 - check numbers 52237 through 52293 and Wire Transfers in the amount of \$602,176.60 be approved; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously.

Councilman Greenhoe introduced Robert Hoffman, who is a DPW Employee and local historian, who gave a presentation regarding the History of the Main Street Brick project. Mr. Hoffman received applause for the wonderful presentation.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the Resolution to submit an Application to the Michigan Department of Transportation for the Hall Street Bridge Maintenance Plan; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe. City Superintendent Poyer explained that this was a \$181,000 project, but the City would only be funding \$16,000 of the project. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the Resolution to accept the funding from the Michigan Department of Transportation on the East Knight Street Bridge Contract, and authorize City Superintendent Scott Poyer to sign the Contract; seconded by Councilman Harri. Superintendent Poyer explained that this was a \$157,000 project, but the City would only be funding \$12,000 of the project. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Greenhoe move Council approve the recommendation from Waste Water Treatment Plant Director Todd Nichols to accept the bid from Synagro Central for the Land Application of the Biosolids at a cost of \$0.0343 per gallon for a three year period; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously.

Councilman Letarte moved Council approve a letter be sent to MDOT regarding the trees in the Downtown Street Project, with the letter stating that any damaged tree curbs scheduled to be removed, be removed and not replaced/ that any damaged sidewalk or

brick work that was identified to be repaired still be repaired; and to not install any of the new tree planters or trees for this entire project; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Allen Schlossberg, 10711 Country Side Lane, Grand Ledge, appeared before Council introducing himself as being a candidate for Eaton County Probate Court.

Rod Schultz, 1303 Montgomery Street, appeared before Council regarding the budget, City Attorney, and the Kinneville Road speed limit.

James Haley, 202 Alice Street, appeared before Council regarding the shut-off procedures.

Shelley Scarborough, 612 N. Gallery, appeared before Council regarding the shut-off procedures.

James Haley, 202 Alice Street, appeared before Council regarding proposed rate increases.

Cheryl McDowell, 5910 Houston Road, appeared before Council regarding the proposed cuts to the Police Department.

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Mayor Platte reported on the following: that local businesses need patronage during the construction; that Fitness Fridays will be this Friday at 6:30, meeting at the Amphitheater; and thanked Bob Hoffman for the interesting presentation.

Councilwoman Brown reported on the following: thanked the citizens for coming to the meeting; that the City is going through tough times and making major decisions in the Budget; and that she had attended a seminar on Youth and Teens and the issues with teens using prescription drugs and over-the-counter medicines to get high, and passed this information along to Council.

Councilman Greenhoe reported on the following: thanked Bob Hoffman for the history on the brick project; that Council needs citizen input on the budget as there are many tough decision to be made.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: that Council has been having weekly budget meeting to work through many items, and that some of the issues that have been discussed are the City Attorney, Police Department and incentive packages to retirees.

Police Chief Malewski reported on the following: that the Department had given tours to the second graders at Northwestern; that the Speed Trailer would be placed shortly; that tickets due to the construction had slowed down considerably; that the Department had sent out inoperable vehicle letters; that Officers would be receiving tactical training on Wednesday; that radios had been ordered; the Public Safety Scholarship would be awarded this week; that the garden plots were being filled; and explained the hit and run situation that had happened last week.

Superintendent Poyer reported on the following: that the annual City Trash Day had been held on Saturday, and that the dumpsters and extra trash would be taken care of tomorrow.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council go into Closed Session for Strategy and Negotiations regarding Collective Bargaining; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously. Council went into Closed Session at 7:58 p.m.

Councilman Letarte moved Council reconvene back into open session; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously. Council reconvened back into open session at 9:50 p.m.

Councilman Letarte moved Council keep Mayor Platte on the Negotiating Team for Contract Negotiations; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed 4 yeas, 1 nay (Letarte).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk