

A worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, June 7, 2010, at 5:00 p.m.

Present were Mayor Platte and Councilpersons Greenhoe, Letarte and Harri. Councilwoman Brown arrived at 7:45 p.m, Councilman Letarte left the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

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, Fire Chief Roger McNutt, Deputy Carla Mazur, Librarian Sandra Porter and City Clerk Kristy Reinecke.

Also Present was City Attorney Phil Erickson.

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:

Police Chief Malewski reviewed with Council the request from Agape Salon and Day Spa to hold a Battle of the Bands at Miller Farms on June 22nd from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. to welcome the Palm Riders, and requesting the waiver of the Noise Ordinance, Section 15-26, Items 8 and 9. This item will appear on the June 14th Agenda.

City Treasurer Damon introduced Bill Faber, the City's Health Insurance Agent. Mr. Faber gave a brief presentation on HRA and HSA Accounts. After discussion, Mr. Faber agreed to come back to Council when the new rates were released for BC/BS and review further with Council options for the City's Health Insurance and Health Plan layouts.

City Superintendent Poyer reviewed with Council the proposal from Parsons Brinckerhoff for the Eaton Rapids Landfill project. Superintendent Poyer stated that it was his recommendation to continue using this firm for this project. This item will appear on the June 14th Agenda.

Councilman Letarte moved Council approve the Resolution for the City of Eaton Rapids Parks Department to apply for a Liquor License for events to be held at the Amphitheater on June 25th, July 9th and July 16th; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Mayor Platte read for First Reading Only Ordinance 2010-1, an Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Eaton Rapids by Amending Chapter 14, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article II, Motor Vehicles, Division 1., Moving Violations in Addition to the Uniform Traffic Code, by Adding Section 18, Implementing a Program to Recover Use Fees for the Deployment of Fire, Police and DPW Departments rendered by the City of Eaton Rapids for Motor Vehicle Accidents Services that are outside the Scope of Basic Crime Prevention, Investigation and Fire Protection. This was for First Reading Only, no Council action was required.

Mayor Platte read for First Reading Only Ordinance 2010-2, an Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Eaton Rapids by Amending Chapter 14, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article II, Motor Vehicles, Division 1., Moving Violations in Addition to the Uniform Traffic Code, by Adding Section 19, Adopting by Reference the Motor Carrier Safety Act. This was for First Reading Only, no Council action was required.

Mayor Platte asked that the Electric Rate Discussion be postponed until a future worksession.

Mayor Platte recessed the meeting at 6:45 p.m., so that Councilmembers could have dinner and also so that the Planning Commission could hold their meeting. Councilman Letarte left at this point in the meeting.

Mayor Platte reconvened the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Councilwoman Brown arrived at this point in the meeting.

Mayor Platte reviewed with Council and Department Heads the Proposed 2010-2011 Budget. Discussion took place regarding possible sewer and water rate increases and reductions in staffing. This item will appear on the June 14th Agenda for the Public Hearing on the Truth in Taxation.

Public Comments:

Jeff Verhougstraete, a Police Officer, appeared before Council thanking them for the tremendous work and the progress that had been made by Council on the Proposed Budget, and that the City has excellent services.

Other Business:

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, Clerk