

A Special Meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, June 26, 2010, at 8:30 a.m.

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

Also Present was Robert Hamilton, Executive Search Consultant for the Michigan Municipal League.

Purpose of the meeting was to interview and select a City Manager. Notice of the meeting was duly given.

Mr. Hamilton reviewed with Council the questions and procedures that were to be followed in conducting the interviews. Mr. Hamilton stated that the City Clerk would ask the questions of the candidates.

Council interviewed four candidates for the position. The candidates interviewed were as follows:

Jim Graham
Jon Stoppels
Randolph Terronez
Dale Stuart

Council recessed the meeting after the interview with Randolph Terronez at 12:30 p.m., and reconvened the meeting at 2:00 p.m., for the interview with Dale Stuart.

Gary Wichman, 103 S. Center Street, Chairman of the LDFA and previous member of the Planning Commission and DDA, as well as current School Board Member, appeared before Council stating that he was encouraged by the candidates and their comments.

Roger Harris, 331 W. Knight Street, appeared before Council wishing them good luck with the candidates and their selection.

Mr. Hamilton stated that he had checked the References for each candidate and that nothing had shown up that any of them should not be considered. Mr. Hamilton stated that before a decision was made, that background checks, physicals and a contract would need to be negotiated and that a final decision should be accepted at a Regular Council Meeting.

Mayor Platte asked if Council could have a Resolution to offer employment contingent on the results of a background, physical and contract negotiations. Mr. Hamilton stated that this would be fine, that he had each candidate sign paperwork authorizing him to conduct a background check, and would have this information available to Council in a week.

Mayor Platte asked how Council would go about with the procedure for a Contract with the City Manager candidate. Mr. Hamilton stated that he could assist with this and would help the City, along with the City Attorney, develop one.

After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to come back at the Regular Meeting on June 28th with either a recommendation for the City Manager position, or to have second round interviews on Thursday, July 1, 2010, in the evening, if Council felt at the Monday meeting it could not be narrowed down to one.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, Clerk