

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, June 28, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Platte called the meeting to order.

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

The invocation was given by Councilwoman Brown.

Councilwoman Brown moved the Agenda be approved as printed, and with the Addition of Item 10h., under New Business, Council Approval to Hire a City Manager for the City of Eaton Rapids, pending Background Checks, Physical and Contract Negotiations; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

The June 14, 2010 Regular minutes and the June 21, 2010, Worksession minutes were approved as printed.

Councilman Harri moved that disbursements of \$167,692.58, with the breakdown being General Fund Checks in the amount of \$121,462.02 - check numbers 52397 through 52451, Meter Deposit Checks in the amount of \$1,978.49 - check numbers 100270 through 100288 and Wire Transfers in the amount of \$44,252.07 be approved; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously.

Rod Schultz, 1303 Montgomery Street, appeared before Council regarding the Budget and the legal fee line item.

Sheila Kathleen McCoy, appeared before Council stating that she was running for the Probate Judge position in Eaton County.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve the Budget Adjustments as presented by City Treasurer Robert Damon; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the Resolution to Adopt a Budget for the General Municipal Purposes of the City of Eaton Rapids for the Fiscal Year of 2010/2011 to set the Millage Rates to be Levied, and to appropriate funds for said purposes; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve the MERS Resolution for changing MERS benefits for the Administrative Employees, to have the employee contribution rate be 2% effective July 1, 2010; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Greenhoe moved Council approve the Mayor's recommendation to appoint an Administrative Staff Personnel to be the Officer Delegate at the 2010 MERS Annual Conference; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilman Greenhoe moved Council approve the election conducted by the City Clerk to have Jeff Verhougstraete be the Employee Delegate and Steve Fuller be the Employee Alternate at the 2010 MERS Annual Conference; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the Resolution Proclaiming July 2010 Safe Storage and Disposal of Medications Month in the City of Eaton Rapids; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the Eaton Rapids July 4th Committee list of activities and Special Event Permit Application and also waive the Noise Ordinance; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve the Mayor's Recommendation to Hire Jon Stoppels as the City of Eaton Rapids City Manager, pending background checks, physical and contract negotiations; seconded by Councilwoman Brown. After a lengthy discussion regarding contract negotiations, the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Patrick Rich, 208 S. East Street, appeared before Council regarding Rob Henderson who was just sworn in to the Marine Corp.

Gary Wichman, 103 S. Center Street, appeared before Council regarding the City Manager selection as well as the contract negotiations.

Rod Schultz, 1303 Montgomery Street, appeared before Council regarding the City obtaining a local attorney; and a new company coming to Eaton Rapids.

Mayor Platte reported on the following: that local businesses need patronage during the construction; that the Farmers Market has begun and is located in City Parking Lot #4, which is back by the bridge to Howe Field; thanked Council, CORE and Department Heads for all the effort that was put into the Budget process; and that he will be in the 4th of July Pie Eating Contest.

Councilwoman Brown reported on the following: that she had pamphlets available on the Resolution that passed by Council regarding prescription drugs; that school is out and remember to drive safely; thanked CORE, Staff, Department Heads and her colleagues for all the work that was done in the 2010/2011 Budget preparation; that the Home and Garden Club is active on beautifying the City even during construction; thanked all who took the time to attend the City Manager Interviews on Saturday; and that the City was fortunate to have dedicated and loyal employees.

Councilman Greenhoe reported on the following: thanked the Treasurer's Office for all of their hard work on the Budget Preparation; thanked the CORE Group for their tremendous help; thanked the Mayor and his colleagues for all of the hard work and time that they have put in on the Budget and City Manager interviews; and urged the citizens to have a safe 4th of July and to stay in the City as lots of activities were planned.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: that during the City Manager interviews it was refreshing to see how positive the candidates are about the City and encouraged that it is progressing so well; thanked Treasurer Damon and staff on the Budget process; and urged everyone to have a safe 4th of July.

Fire Chief McNutt reported on the following: there has been several house fires in the City and Townships; that the Department had helped serve food for the PALM Riders; that Firefighters had passed their Firefighter I & II Tests; and that they had used the 747 Michigan Street property for training.

Police Chief Malewski reported on the following: that on July 8th the CERT Team will be training on a water rescue at 6:00 p.m.; that the Department had policed 10 accidents due to the construction and had issued 35 citations with 70 hours of patrol logged; that all Officers had passed the Bi-Annual Firearm Qualification Certification; that on July 19th the Department will receive training on the Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement; and that he had an Officer injured in the house fire on Jackson Street due to smoke inhalation.

Superintendent Poyer reported on the following: that State Street will be asphalted this week; that the Main Street LED lights have been energized on the east side; that the underground work is being completed at the corner of State and Main, and the concrete work should be finished within the next week and a half; and that brick work will be beginning soon on Hamlin Court.

Councilwoman Brown reported on the following: wanted to take time to acknowledge the CORE Group and to let the citizens know that the CORE was made up of City Treasurer Robert Damon, City Superintendent Scott Poyer and City Clerk Kristy Reinecke, and thanked them for all of their hard work.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk