

A worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, September 20, 2010, at 5:00 p.m.

Present were Mayor Platte and Councilpersons Greenhoe, Letarte, Brown and Harri. None were absent.

Administrative Staff Present was City Manager Jon Stoppels, WWTP Director Todd Nichols, Police Chief Paul Malewski, Fire Chief Roger McNutt, City Assessor Mike Baker, Building Inspector Jon Hill, Deputy Carla Mazur, Librarian Sandra Porter 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:

City Manager Stoppels reviewed with Council the status of the City owned property located at 747 Michigan. City Manager Stoppels stated that he and Building Inspector Hill had toured the property. City Manager Stoppels stated that since the City had posted the property for sale and that they had received 10 phone calls inquiring about the property, but once the person discovered that the house had to be demolished, they were no longer interested. City Manager Stoppels stated that maybe Council needed to consider leaving the structure, but having it renovated up to set guidelines. City Assessor Baker distributed to Council the guidelines that were used on the State Street Dollar home that was recently renovated. After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of Council to have the City Manager, Building Inspector and City Assessor review the guidelines and come back to Council at the next Worksession with a proposal.

Mayor Platte reviewed with Council the request from Don Colestock that the time capsule that was buried at Memorial Park be dug up with all the work that was being performed at the Park. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Council not pursue this issue.

New Business Topics of Discussion were:

City Manager Stoppels reviewed with Council the Resolution of Support that EATRAN was asking the Council to approve. After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to have this on the September 27th Agenda, and also to see if someone from EATRAN could attend the meeting to have questions answered.

City Manager Stoppels reviewed with Council the ice damming repair work that needs to be performed at City Hall. City Manager Stoppels stated that Council had thought that

this money was budgeted, but upon review from Treasurer Damon, it had been taken out of the

budget. City Manager Stoppels stated that he had a discussion with Treasurer Damon and DPW Superintendent Poyer, and that there were several budgeted items that had come in under budget, so the City could go out for bids and possibly still have this work performed this year if Council was willing to do a Budget Amendment. City Manager Stoppels stated that he will have this looked into further and come back to Council with a proposal at the October 11th Worksession.

Kim Byerly reviewed with Council the Chili Cook-off that is scheduled for November 6th. The cook-off will begin at noon, with the taste testing and voting being done from 5:00 to 6:00, and will be located on Hamlin Street. The City and Chamber are co-sponsors of this event. This item will appear on the September 27th Agenda for Council to approve the closure of Hamlin Street between Main and Island Park.

Councilman Greenhoe asked if any information could be given to Council regarding the request that was made from Shelly/O'Dell Funeral Home to have the alley closed. City Assessor Baker stated that he will bring information to Council at the next Worksession.

Public Comments:

None.

Department Head Reports:

Police Chief Malewski reported on the following: that the Kiwanis 5K Run was canceled due to inclement weather; and that a citizen had filed a formal complaint against the Department regarding use of force and that this matter would be investigated by the Michigan State Police.

Fire Chief McNutt reported on the following: that the Department will be doing a training session tonight at McArthur River Park on an extrication of a vehicle from the River at 7:00 p.m.

City Manager Stoppels reported on the following: that he has sent the letters requested by Council out to the Service Clubs advising them of the City's requirements to hold Special Events.

City Assessor Baker reported on the following: that he will be meeting with developers on two pieces of property that they are interested in developing located at Hall Street and Mill Street, but will be getting easement for the possible expansion of the Riverwalk for both properties.

Wastewater Director Nichols reported on the following: that he will be sending out an RFP for Engineering Services regarding local limits at the Plant.

Library Director Porter reported on the following: that the Library has been awarded a Grant to purchase two computers as well as software and furniture to house the computers, and the Grant that was awarded was for \$4,000, of which the Library has a \$500 match.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, Clerk