

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, October 11, 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 Pastor Sandra Carpenter.

The Agenda was approved as printed.

The September 27, 2010 Regular Minutes and the October 4, 2010 Worksession Minutes were approved as printed.

Councilwoman Brown moved that disbursements of \$109,001.14, with the breakdown being General Fund Checks in the amount of \$75,693.19 - check numbers 56167 through 56250, Meter Deposit Refund Checks in the amount of \$1,115.33 - check numbers 100503 through 100514 and Wire Transfers in the amount of \$32,192.62, be approved; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilman Letarte moved Council remove from the table the EATRAN Millage Proposal Resolution; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed 4 yeas, 1 nay (Harri).

Councilman Letarte moved Council approve the Resolution in support of the EATRAN Millage Proposal; seconded by Councilwoman Brown. Councilman Greenhoe stated that he does not feel that Council should be passing a Resolution for or against any type of millage. Mayor Platte stated that he agrees, but Council will support a City Millage and EATRAN is a service for the City and its citizens so feels that Council should support the Resolution. Councilman Harri stated that he concurs with Councilman Greenhoe, that this is the voters obligation to decide, not the Council. Councilwoman Brown stated that she feels that it is for the good of the citizens, that if this service is taken away then the citizens will have nothing, and that this is also an Economic Growth issue as it would enhance job creation and feels that the Council should approve the Resolution as it is a quality of life issue. Councilman Letarte stated that he had researched this issue, and it is a very worthwhile service to the City. Councilman Letarte stated that the City has an International Company looking at moving their business here and they would look to Eaton Rapids to see what type of transportation they could provide. Councilman Letarte stated that the Millage Proposal would help with the LCC West Campus, which transportation to this facility was spotty at this point, and that this is what the City and County need to keep growing and moving forward. After the discussion the motion passed 3 yeas, 2 nays (Greenhoe and Harri).

Councilman Letarte moved Council approve the Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Jan McRee, 123 N. East Street, to the Local Officers Compensation Commission for a five

year term which will expire on October 1, 2015; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve the Halloween Trick-or-Treat hours to be on Sunday, October 31, 2010, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., with the Fire Siren Signaling the beginning and ending; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Councilman Greenhoe moved Council approve to appoint DPW Director Scott Poyer as a Delegate and City Treasurer Robert Damon as an Alternate to the Ratepayer's Association; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously.

Reuben Green, 130 Forest Street, appeared before Council regarding the condition of the Cemetery looking better all the time.

Dale Nyquist, 442 W. Plain Street, appeared before Council regarding the old Michigan Packaging Building on Plain Street and truck traffic at early hours of the morning being in violation of City Ordinance.

Don Colestock, 204 Kimbark, appeared before Council regarding the Ordinance that Mr. Nyquist was referring to.

Mayor Platte reported on the following: that Main Street is open and it is wonderful to see traffic moving; that the rest of the project is anticipated to be completed by November 15th; that the City had hosted a meet and greet with the URV President and Officials from Finland and it had gone very well.

Councilwoman Brown reported on the following: reminded everyone to vote on November 2nd and that Absentee Ballots would be available until October 30th; that the Siren Shelter will be hosting a Fundraiser on November 7th; that St. Peters Catholic Church will be holding a free community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thanksgiving from noon until 3:00.

Councilman Greenhoe reported on the following: that Main Street looks great; that the Knight Street Bridge project will be finished soon; that Hall Street and Hamlin Street are moving along; that the Pocket Park will look nice once it is completed; and that he has nothing against EATRAN or the Resolution, but does not feel that Council should endorse these types of things.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: that he felt the voters should speak on the EATRAN issue on November 2nd; to remember to continue to support the downtown businesses; that good things are coming to Eaton Rapids with renovations being done to the Hamlin Street Restrooms as well as the Island Wall at Island Park; and that the downtown is alive and beautiful.

City Manager Stoppels reported on the following: that the meeting with URV was very positive and informational; that MEDC members had been in attendance at the meeting and were very complimentary about the City Staff and the response time from the City on the this issue; that bids had been received on the ice melt system for City Hall and would be reviewed and brought to Council at the next Worksession; that the Hamlin Restroom Project was discussed at the last DDA meeting, and specifications and designs have been drafted and are in the process of being reviewed; and that he had sent Council an Informational Update and would be happy to answer any questions.

Police Chief Malewski reported on the following: that the Department has been awarded a Grant to cover 50% of the cost of vests; that a Tech Grant has also been received in the amount of \$10,340.00 and will be used to purchase cameras, security systems for the Building and laptops, but will bring information to Council at the next Worksession; that the Homecoming Parade had gone successfully; that the Historical Society Applefest was very well attended; that the Community Motor Vehicle Code had so far brought in this year \$4,480.00, of which the Department will receive 70%.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk