

A worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, November 15, 2010, at 5:00 p.m.

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

Administrative Staff Present was City Manager Jon Stoppels, DPW Director Scott Poyer, Police Chief Paul Malewski, City Assessor Mike Baker, Fire Chief Roger McNutt, City Treasurer Robert Damon, 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.

Department Head Reports: DPW Director Poyer reported that the walking path in the South Industrial Park had been paved over the weekend. Fire Chief McNutt reported that the radio Grant had come through and when received equipment would be ordered. City Assessor Baker reported that no bids had been received for the 747 Michigan property. Police Chief Malewski reported that Council needed to Contact their State Representatives regarding the Cost Recovery Bill.

Public Comments:

None.

Old Business Topics of Discussion were:

None.

New Business Topics of Discussion were:

Mayor Platte reviewed with Council the request from the Chamber of Commerce to hold the Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 4th. Council also reviewed the list of activities provided by the Chamber. This item will appear on the November 22nd Agenda.

Treasurer Damon reviewed with Council the proposal to pay off the fire truck early for a savings. Treasurer Damon stated that he had sent this request to the LDFA Chair, Gary Wichman, and was awaiting his response. Treasurer Damon stated that the next LDFA meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, January 4th, and he would keep Council informed of the Board's decision.

City Manager Stoppels reviewed with Council the communication that had been received from the City Attorney regarding the Howe Field issue. City Manager Stoppels also reviewed with Council the communication that he had received from the Attorney for who represented the citizens on the Howe Field Issue. After a lengthy discussion, Council was in agreement that the judgement had been reached by the Court regarding

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of the property and that the City could use this property in the future as they deemed appropriate.

City Manager Stoppels reviewed with Council the communication that had been received by the City Attorney regarding the Diversified Underground Claim. City Superintendent Poyer stated that he agreed with the recommendation by the City Attorney to settle this claim. Council agreed to have the City Attorney proceed with the negotiations in settling the claim.

Mayor Platte reviewed with Council the communication that had been prepared by Police Chief Malewski regarding the proposed Street Names in the South Industrial Park and the availability through the County. After a lengthy discussion it was the consensus of the Council to have this item placed on the November 22nd Agenda.

Mayor Platte reviewed with Council the issue regarding the smoking law in establishments that had gone into place and the impact this was having on the Downtown. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to have the City Manager draft a letter to the businesses addressing the concerns of the Council and the health and safety issues.

City Assessor Baker reviewed with Council that the property located at 747 Michigan Street has been shown, and no bids have been received by the due date. After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of Council to have a new RFP drafted with a reduced minimum bid price and see if there is any interest at that time.

Public Comments:

None.

Other Items of Discussion:

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, Clerk