

A worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, December 6, 2010, at 5:00 p.m.

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

Administrative Staff Present was City Manager Jon Stoppels, DPW Director Scott Poyer, Police Chief Paul Malewski, Building Inspector Jon Hill, WWTP Director Todd Nichols, City Assessor Mike Baker, Fire Chief Roger McNutt, City Treasurer Robert Damon, 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:**

Fire Chief McNutt reported on the following: that he will be out of town until next Tuesday.

**Public Comments:**

None.

**Old Business Topics of Discussion were:**

None.

**New Business Topics of Discussion were:**

Mayor Platte thanked Blare Miller from URV for attending the meeting and asked for an update on the status of the project. Blare stated that several permits have been submitted, and recently the CDBG funding will be reviewed on December 15<sup>th</sup>; that the Strategic plan will be presented to MEDC on December 15<sup>th</sup>; that the Air Permit Approvals are being submitted to the DNRE; and that the tentative date for the ground breaking ceremony is December 20<sup>th</sup>. DPW Director Poyer reported that the total project cost for the electric was now at five million, and that at the LDFA Meeting scheduled for tomorrow morning, he would be asking them for 1.8 million for the matching funds on the electric.

City Manager Stoppels reviewed with Council that the language that Council adopted for Ordinance 2010-6, for the Flood Plain District, had been incorrect in Section 3, and this was an error that the State sent the wrong language, so Council needed to Adopt Ordinance 2010-7, with the correct Section 3 for the Flood Plain District. This item will appear on the December 13<sup>th</sup> Agenda.

DPW Director Poyer reviewed with Council the quote for the overhaul of High Service Pump #1. DPW Director Poyer stated that the quote was from Peerless-Midwest in the

amount of \$16,980.80. This item will appear on the December 13<sup>th</sup> Agenda.

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DPW employee Byerly reviewed with Council the proposal from C2AE in the amount of \$4,800.00, for the River Recreation Master Plan. DPW Director Poyer stated that C2AE has currently been doing work for the City in this location and would be very familiar with the area. DPW Director Poyer stated that the Advisory Parks and Recreation Board had approved this and was asking for Council approval. This item will appear on the December 13<sup>th</sup> Agenda.

DPW Director Poyer reviewed with Council the exchange of property that needs to happen with Rapids Tumble Finish. DPW Director Poyer stated that he would be reviewing this with the LDFA at their meeting tomorrow and would come back with a recommendation from them for Council approval.

City Manager Stoppels reviewed with Council the proposal that had been given to the Martins and the Quality Dairy property exchange. City Manager Stoppels stated that the Martins had come back with a counter proposal. City Manager Stoppels stated that there was no problem with what they were asking for, but just wanted Council direction. Council agreed for the City Manager to proceed with the negotiations on the property exchange.

City Manager Stoppels reviewed with Council the Resolution that has been drafted for Kim Freer in honor of his 36 years of service to the City of Eaton Rapids that will be presented to him at the December 13<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

City Assessor Baker reviewed with Council that two bids had been received on the 747 Michigan Street property. Assessor Baker stated that the first bid was from Remodeling USA, and was in the amount of \$7,100.00. Assessor Baker stated that the second bid received was for a lower amount. After a lengthy discussion it was the consensus of the Council that all of the requirements were being met that had been outlined in the RFP and that Council should proceed.

Councilwoman Brown moved that Council accept the bid from Remodeling USA in the amount of \$7,100.00, and that the proper paperwork and Resolution be drafted for Council approval; seconded by Councilman Letarte, passed unanimously.

Police Chief Malewski reviewed with Council Traffic Control Order #90, which deals with Mike Simpson Drive in the South Industrial Park. This item will appear on the December 13<sup>th</sup> Agenda. Chief Malewski also reviewed with Council the new State Law going into effect regarding Sunday Liquor Sales and the steps that Council would need to take if they wanted to prohibit this in the City. There were no comments.

**Public Comments:**

None.

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**Other Items of Discussion:**

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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Steven G. Platte, Mayor

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Kristy Reinecke, Clerk