

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, January 24, 2011, 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 Scott Boles of the First Baptist Church.

The Agenda was approved as printed, and with the addition of Item 9b., under Unfinished and Special Business, Discussion of the 214 Dutton Street Property Issue.

The January 10, 2011 Regular Minutes and the January 17, 2011 Worksession Minutes were approved as printed.

Councilwoman Brown moved that disbursements of \$633,254.92, with the breakdown being General Fund Checks in the amount of \$151,647.40 - check numbers 56700 through 56843 and Wire Transfers in the amount of \$481,607.52, be approved; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve the Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Property located at 747 Michigan Street; seconded by Councilman Letarte, passed unanimously.

City Manager Stoppels reviewed with Council the issue regarding the property located at 214 Dutton Street and that Staff needs Council direction on how to proceed with this issue. Councilman Greenhoe moved Council authorize the City Manager to act immediately and take whatever legal and procedural steps necessary to condemn the property and then immediately demolish and remove the structure pending consultation with the City Attorney; seconded by Councilman Letarte, passed unanimously.

Councilman Letarte moved Council approve the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Councilman Greenhoe to the Budget Committee; seconded by Councilman Harri. Councilman Greenhoe stated that he would be abstaining from the vote. The motion passed 4 yeas, 1 abstain (Greenhoe).

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the City of Eaton Rapids Internal Controls Policy and Procedures document; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the City of Eaton Rapids Fraud Risk Management Program document; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve for the City Clerk to place on file the Resolutions authorizing the sale of City property, property commonly known as Eaton Rapids Industrial Park, Outlot B, a portion of property tax code 23-300-053-000-001-01;

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portion of Hults Drive to be vacated; property commonly known as Eaton Rapids Industrial Park, Parcel F; and property commonly known as Eaton Rapids Industrial Park, Parcel J; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Les Hall, 158 S. Main Street, appeared before Council regarding his business being sold and that he will be having an Auction on January 27th, and would like to use the sidewalk space on Hamlin Street between his stairs and the curb to place large appliances that will be auctioned off. Council agreed to allow Mr. Hall to do this. Police Chief Malewski stated that he would provide Mr. Hall with tape so that he could tape off this area so that pedestrians would not be tripping.

Mayor Platte reported on the following: reminded Council that they needed to let the City Clerk know by Friday if they were planning on attending the MML Conference.

Councilman Greenhoe reported on the following: congratulated Mr. Hall on the sale of his business; thanked Council for the decision on the Dutton Street issue; and offered his condolences to Councilman Letarte.

Councilwoman Brown reported on the following: reminded citizens to keep their sidewalks clear of snow and ice; that the youth in our community need to feel appreciated and that the Strut Your Stuff competition at the School was a fantastic event; and offered her condolences to Councilman Letarte.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: thanked the Treasurer for putting together the policies.

City Clerk Reinecke reported on the following: that there would be no meeting on Monday, January 31st; and that Council was invited to attend the election at the High School on February 2nd during lunch for the Winterfest King and Queen.

City Manager Stoppels reported on the following: that he had met with an Energy Efficiency firm and was awaiting a proposal from them on the savings that they proposed that they could give the City; that he had met with a Commercial Realtor regarding the Second Floor of the Library; that he had met with the MML Insurance Inspector last week; that he had an individual who was interested in bidding on the City's casualty and property insurance and would be getting more information on this; commended the City Treasurer on the Policies; commended the DPW Director on all of his work on the URV Project; and thanked the Building Inspector and Police Chief on working together on the Code Enforcement issues.

Police Chief Malewski reported on the following: that the Department had assisted the Sheriff's Department with a chase this past week; that all Officer's have completed the Criminal Law and Procedures Update Training; that they had assisted the Sheriff's Department with a Meth Lab bust; that he would be giving a presentation on the

Department at the Kiwanis meeting on Tuesday at 7:30 a.m.; and that the suspect who had beat the Corrections Officer in 2009 had been sentenced on the counts put together by the Department for 58 months to 20 years.

Building Inspector Hill reported on the following: that the URV Project is moving along and there will be a Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting on February 16th regarding this issue, as well as a Site Plan Review at the March 7th Planning Commission Meeting.

Fire Chief McNutt reported on the following: that the ladder truck has been sent to Grand Rapids for repair; and that on Saturday and Sunday they will be having a training session on ice rescues.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk