

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, February 14, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Platte called the meeting to order.

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

The invocation was given by Rev. Sandra Carpenter of the Dimondale Mission.

The Agenda was approved as printed.

The January 24, 2011 Regular Minutes and the February 7, 2011 Worksession Minutes were approved as printed.

Councilman Harri moved that disbursements of \$818,651.16, with the breakdown being General Fund Checks in the amount of \$133,239.79 - check numbers 56844 through 56925, Meter Deposit Refund Checks in the amount of \$356.16 - check numbers 100550 through 100555 and Wire Transfers in the amount of \$685,055.21, be approved; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Mayor Platte read the Council's Resolution Honoring Nancy Pruden on her retirement and years of service. Mayor Platte presented Nancy with a clock. Nancy received a standing ovation.

Mayor Platte opened the Meeting for an Appeal Hearing in accordance with Chapter 12, Housing, Article VI, Property Maintenance, for property commonly known as 214 Dutton Street. Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Beebe were present at the meeting as the owners of said property. Mr. Beebe stated that there were issues of ownership with the property and they were in the process of going through the Court system to get this resolved, and to have the home demolished and the property cleaned up. Mr. Beebe stated that he was sorry that this was such an eyesore and issue, but they were doing everything in their power to comply with the City Code, but it was taking time as it has turned into a legal issue.

Mr. Beebe stated that if the City would contact him, he would be more than happy to let contractors on the property to give the City a quote on how much it would cost to demolish the building. Council thanked Mr. and Mrs. Beebe for attending the meeting and updating the City on the progress.

Councilman Letarte moved Council approve the Resolution for the property maintenance violation for property commonly known as 214 Dutton Street; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve the North American Natural Resources Renewable Energy Purchase Agreement as recommended by DPW Director Scott Poyer and the Michigan Public Power Agency; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve the Resolution to enter into an Agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation Hamman/Hults Street Project; seconded by Councilman Letarte, passed unanimously.

Councilman Letarte moved Council approve the Budget Adjustments as presented by City Treasurer Robert Damon; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Brad St. Aubin, 710 Hastay Blvd., appeared before Council thanking them for the assistance that they received from the Eaton Rapids Police Department regarding an issue with his property.

Mayor Platte reported on the following: wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day; thanked Nancy for all of her years of service to the City and that she will be missed.

Councilman Greenhoe reported on the following: thanked Nancy for her service to the City, and that it was a joy to have her out front and great representation to the City and that she will be greatly missed.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: thanked Nancy for her years of service and dedication; appreciates the Budget Review; and that challenges are still ahead for the City and urged all staff to find savings and efficiencies within their Departments.

Councilman Letarte reported on the following: thanked Nancy and hoped that she would enjoy her retirement; and wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

City Clerk Reinecke reported on the following: thanked Nancy for her service and dedication to the City and not only was she an asset to the City and Community, but was a friend as well and would be greatly missed.

City Manager Stoppels reported on the following: that the Water Department and Public Works Personnel were to be commended on a job well done with a water main break that occurred on Sunday that could have been devastating to the City; and that interviews were conducted today on the replacement for Nancy at City Hall and a choice would be made in the next few days.

DPW Director Poyer reported on the following: that he would be replacing a furnace at the Water Plant that has stopped working and was causing chemicals to freeze due to the cold temperatures; that there was an electric outage on Saturday; and that on Sunday the Police Department had found a water main break on Canal Street and four employees were called in and did exceptional work to save the City's water system and that the employees and WWTP Director Nichols were to be commended for their quick actions; that the crews would be dealing with a broken water main tomorrow on Marilyn Street.

Building Inspector Hill reported on the following: that there was a very important ZBA Meeting scheduled for Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. on the URV Site Plan.

Police Chief Malewski reported on the following: that 24 hours, seven day a week service to the citizens of Eaton Rapids was critical; that an Officer had participated with the County on meth sweeps this past week; that the new radios were in; that due to the Grant monies received new computers, cameras, digital voice recorders, vi-view cameras, video systems and laptops are being purchased at the Department.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

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Steven G. Platte, Mayor

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Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk