

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, February 28, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Platte called the meeting to order.

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

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

The Agenda was approved as printed and with the addition of Item 9h., under Unfinished and Special Business, Council Proclamation Honoring the Library for 135 Years of Service.

The February 14, 2011 Regular Minutes and the February 21, 2011 Worksession Minutes were approved as printed.

Councilwoman Brown moved that disbursements of \$90,208.34, with the breakdown being General Fund Checks in the amount of \$80,878.62 - check numbers 56927 through 56983, Meter Deposit Refund Checks in the amount of \$713.08 - check numbers 100556 through 100561 and Wire Transfers in the amount of \$8,616.64, be approved; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Deb Dansby, from Fowlerville, appeared before Council speaking in favor of the Astraeus and Dowding IFT Tax Exemption Certificates.

Mayor Platte opened the meeting for a Public Hearing at 7:07 p.m. for the purpose of hearing comments regarding the application from Astraeus Wind Energy, Inc., for an IFT Tax Exemption Certificate for a 12 year abatement for property tax code 23-300-003-400-051-04, property commonly known as 503 Marilin Street. There were no comments. Mayor Platte closed the Public Hearing at 7:08 p.m.

Mayor Platte opened the meeting for a Public Hearing at 7:08 p.m. for the purpose of hearing comments regarding the application from Dowding Industries, Inc., for an IFT Tax Exemption Certificate for a 12 year abatement for property tax code 23-300-003-400-051-04, property commonly known as 503 Marilin Street. There were no comments. Mayor Platte closed the Public Hearing at 7:08 p.m.

Mayor Platte opened the meeting for a Public Hearing at 7:09 p.m. for the purpose of hearing comments regarding the City's application for a Michigan Economic Development Corporation Community Development Block Grant for funding of an electrical upgrade project as related to URV, USA.

Blare Miller, Chief Financial Officer of URV, USA, appeared before Council regarding the MEDC-CDBG Block Grant and how this was needed for infrastructure improvements to the Industrial Park and how this was not only going to help URV, USA, but would also be an Council Minutes -2- February 28, 2011

investment in the future for the City residents as well as other companies that would come to the area. Ms. Miller thanked the City Staff and the Council for all of their help thus far in the project.

There were no other comments. Mayor Platte closed the public hearing at 7:11 p.m.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the Resolution authorizing the sale of property located in the City of Eaton Rapids to URV, USA, property commonly known as a portion of Outlot B, property tax code 23-300-053-000-001-01, in the Eaton Rapids Industrial Park; seconded by Councilman Letarte, passed unanimously.

Councilman Greenhoe moved Council approve the Resolution authorizing the sale of property located in the City of Eaton Rapids to URV, USA, property commonly known as a portion of Hults Drive to be vacated, in the Eaton Rapids Industrial Park; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve the Resolution authorizing the sale of property located in the City of Eaton Rapids to URV, USA, property commonly known as Parcel F, in the Eaton Rapids Industrial Park; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously.

Councilman Greenhoe moved Council approve the Resolution authorizing the sale of property located in the City of Eaton Rapids to URV, USA, property commonly known as Parcel J, in the Eaton Rapids Industrial Park; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Mayor Platte read Council Proclamation Honoring the Eaton Rapids Public Library for 135 Years of Service and presented the Proclamation to Library Director Sandy Porter and Library Board Members Lois DeCamp and Sonja Seaks.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the Resolution for the application for Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate for Astraeus Wind Energy, Inc., for a 12 Year Tax Abatement; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve the Resolution for the application for Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate for Dowding Real Estate, LLC, for a 12 Year Tax Abatement; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the Resolution for the City to submit the application for a Community Development Block Grant to fund an electrical upgrade project in conjunction with URV, USA; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the recommendation from the Parks Board for the placement of the Blue Star Memorial Marker in Memorial Park on South Main Street; seconded by Councilman Harri. After discussion, Councilwoman Brown and Councilman Harri withdrew their motion. Councilman Letarte moved that Council table Agenda Item 9d.,; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously.

Councilman Letarte moved Council approve the Resolution for the 2011 Parks and Recreation Master Plan; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Jerry Metts, 203 N. Donegal, appeared before Council regarding the URV and Dowding projects, and thanked Council for their steps and action taken tonight.

Jasper Graham, 608 Hyatt Street, appeared before Council regarding the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and if this would be for expansion of the Skate Park. Mayor Platte explained that this was for water development.

Mayor Platte reported on the following: that on March 5th, Hayes Green Beech Hospital will be holding a Health Festival and offering a medicine take back so that unused medications can be disposed of properly.

Councilwoman Brown reported on the following: thanked Sandy and her Staff for the Library Open House and what a wonderful celebration it was; that there is a new hire at City Hall and stop and meet her; and that the City was taking a leap of faith with the development of URV, and how this would benefit the citizens and the City; and that she was available at all times for her constituents.

Councilman Greenhoe reported on the following: that the Library Open House had a very nice turnout and that the cake made by the Mayor's wife was fabulous; thanked Mr. Metts on his comments and how proud the City was to welcome URV to Eaton Rapids; thanked Skip Dowding for all of his hard work; thanked Paul DiMegaglio on doing business in the City; that things in Eaton Rapids are looking up; that the City is beginning to work on the Budget and that Council will need to roll-up their sleeves and sharpen their pencils and look long and hard at funding issues.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: thanked the employees from URV, Astraeus and Dowding for coming to the meeting and showing their support for this major development; thanked Sandy and her Staff on their accomplishment of 135 years of service, and that the Eaton Rapids Library is one of the oldest libraries in the State of Michigan.

Councilman Letarte reported on the following: that the City is moving forward and is at the rising tide for change.

City Clerk Reinecke reported on the following: that Sheila Camp has started as the Part-

time Administrative Assistant, and that Sheila previously worked at SSB Bank for over 25 years and has great customer relation skills.

City Manager Stoppels reported on the following: congratulated the Library on a very well planned and professional 135 year Open House; that he had attended a meeting with C2AE regarding the Park Plan and was looking at the development of the Mill Street area and working with C2AE on submitting grants for this project; that Budget work has started and it will be another tough year due to the state of the economy; and stated that the URV project is huge not only for Eaton Rapids, but also for the State and how this will really put Eaton Rapids on the map nationwide.

Police Chief Malewski reported on the following: showed the Council the uniforms that were being purchased at the Officer's expense, which is a more contemporary uniform and that the Department is contemplating on going with this new style.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk