

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, March 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 Pastor Tim Oetting from the Open Arms Lutheran Church.

The Agenda was approved as printed and with the correction of Item 10a., to have the City Manager sign the application and the addition of Item 10b., under New Business, Council Approval for Engineering Services from Parson Brinckerhoff Michigan for Task Order Number 4 as it Relates to the Landfill in the Amount of \$65,592.00, with \$33,811.00 being paid in the 2011 Budget and \$31,781.00 being paid in the 2012 Budget.

The March 14, 2011 Regular Minutes approved as printed.

Councilwoman Brown moved that disbursements of \$170,419.48, with the breakdown being General Fund Checks in the amount of \$163,736.70 - check numbers 57062 through 57121 and Wire Transfers in the amount of \$6,682.78, be approved; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Russ Hicks, 7900 Columbia Hwy, appeared before Council regarding the Grand River Park and DNR Trust Fund Grant Application.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the Mayor's Recommendation to Reappoint Brenda Stohr, 206 Albers and Mark McGee, 204 Rancho, to the Advisory Parks Board for a Three Year Term which h will Expire on March 31, 2014; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Mayor Platte Opened the Meeting for a Public Hearing on the 2011 Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Application to be Submitted for Park Improvements along the Grand River and G.A.R. Island Park. The Public Hearing Opened at 7:14 p.m.

There were no comments.

Mayor Platte Closed the Public Hearing on the 2011 Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Application at 7:14 p.m.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the City of Eaton Rapids to submit an Application for the 2011 Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Application for the Park Improvements along the Grand River and G.A.R. Island Park, and to authorize the City Manager to sign said Application; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Councilman Letarte moved Council approve the Engineering Services from Parsons Brinckerhoff Michigan for Task Order Number 4 as it relates to the Landfill in the amount of \$65,592.00, with \$33,811.00 being paid in the 2011 Budget and \$31,781.00 being paid in the 2012 Budget; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Mayor Platte reported on the following: that there are several new businesses in town and encouraged all to welcome them; that the new City Website is published and thanked the City Clerk for all of her work on the site.

Councilwoman Brown reported on the following: thanked Kristy for all of her work on the website, as well as all of the employees who work for the City; thanked the City crews for getting the gates open at the spillway; that the website is more accessible and makes the City look wonderful; that she has had a lot of comments regarding the Pocket Park and how beautiful it is; and that she is available to all of her constituents with their questions and concerns.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: that the website is nice and thanked Kristy and the Mayor for all of their work; that the Governor is making cuts and is urging communities to conglomerate services, which the City is ahead of the curve on this with the Council of Governments; and that on the Council of Governments they have been looking at transportation needs especially with the development of URV-USA.

City Manager Stoppels reported on the following: that work on the Budget continues; and that he was available to answer questions of Council regarding the spillway issue and MEDC Grant.

City Assessor Baker reported on the following: that the March Board of Review is done.

Police Chief Malewski reported on the following: that the radios have been received; that he is giving amnesty on the Parking Violations and that anyone coming in to pay old tickets in the months of April and May will only be charged \$1.00, after which the unpaid tickets will be issued Civil Infraction Violations; and that he is in the process of developing a customer service survey for the Department.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk