

A worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, April 18, 2011, at 5:00 p.m.

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

Administrative Staff Present was City Manager Jon Stoppels, Police Chief Paul Malewski, Building Inspector Jon Hill, WWTP Director Todd Nichols, City Assessor Mike Baker, City Treasurer Robert Damon, DPW Director Scott Poyer, Library Director Sandy Porter, Fire Chief Roger McNutt, Deputy Carla Mazur and City Clerk Kristy Reinecke.

Purpose of the meeting was a worksession. Notice of the meeting was duly given.

Public Comments:

Mayor Platte stated that the May 2nd Council Worksession will be canceled due to a schedule conflict.

Patrick Rich appeared before Council requesting that the approval for the Memorial Day Parade be placed on the April 25th Council Agenda.

Department Head Reports:

DPW Director Poyer reported on the following: that the City was without power on Sunday due to the lines from Constellation coming in from Albion.

Police Chief Malewski reported on the following: that the Department had assisted the County on a rollover accident; that they had arrests for a mobile meth lab; and had arrests for possession of a narcotic with the intent to sell.

Building Inspector Hill reported on the following: that the 214 Dutton Street property has been torn down and cleared; and that the property on Jackson Street should be demolished by the end of the month.

Old Business Topics of Discussion were:

None.

New Business Topics of Discussion were:

City Treasurer Damon reviewed with Council the Third Quarter Budget Adjustments. Treasurer Damon answered questions of Council. This item will appear on the April 25th Council Agenda.

City Treasurer Damon reviewed with Council the proposals that had been received for preparing the City Audit. Treasurer Damon explained how he rated the different firms. City Treasurer Damon stated that it was his recommendation to contract with Abraham. This item will appear on the April 25th Council Agenda.

City Clerk Reinecke reviewed with Council the Metro Act Right Of Way Permit Extension that needs to be approved by the Council in order to receive monies from the State for the Pole Use Agreement. City Clerk Reinecke stated that this is something that the Council approves every three years. This item will appear on the April 25th Council Agenda.

DPW Director Poyer reviewed with Council the Proposal from C2AE to conduct the 2011 Bridge Inspections/Local Bridge Program Call for Applications. DPW Director Poyer stated that this project is a total cost of \$203,500, of which the City's portion would be \$8,300.00. This item will appear on the April 25th Council Agenda.

DPW Director Poyer reviewed with Council the Resolution that needs to be approved by Council for the MDOT Hall Street Bridge Project. This item will appear on the April 25th Council Agenda.

City Manager Stoppels reviewed with Council the 2011 Proposed Budget Document and the changes and recommendations that have been made since the last meeting. Kim Byerly reviewed with Council the monies that are needed in the Proposed 2011 Budget for the Playground of Dreams. Council thanked City Manager Stoppels for the continued work and will further discuss the Proposed 2011 Budget Document at the May 16th Worksession.

Public Comments:

None.

Other Items of Discussion:

None.

Closed Session:

Councilwoman Brown moved Council go into a Closed Session to discuss a personnel issue at the request of the party involved; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously. Council went into Closed Session at 6:18 p.m.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council reconvene back into Open Session; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously. Council went back into Open Session at 6:35 p.m.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council go into a Closed Session to discuss strategy and negotiations regarding collective bargaining; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously. Council went into Closed Session at 6:36 p.m.

Councilman Harri moved Council reconvene back into Open Session; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously. Council went back into Open Session at 7:32 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk