

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, April 25, 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 Sandra Carpenter of the Dimondale Mission Church.

The Agenda was approved as printed.

The April 11, 2011 Regular Minutes and the April 4, 2011 and April 18, 2011 Worksession Minutes were approved as printed.

Councilwoman Brown moved that disbursements of \$540,072.14, with the breakdown being General Fund Checks in the amount of \$126,389.72 - check numbers 57188 through 57247 and Wire Transfers in the amount of \$413,682.42, be approved; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilman Letarte moved Council approve the Memorial Day Parade to be held on Monday, May 30th, with the Parade beginning at 11:00 a.m. at Marilyn Street and ending at Knight Street; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve the City Clerk to place on file a Resolution authorizing the abandonment of an alley for property located in the City of Eaton Rapids, property commonly known as the alley running between Park Street on the north side and Alice Street on the south side, Mrs. Waldron's Addition to the City of Eaton Rapids, Eaton County, Michigan; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the Resolution in support of the Hall Street Bridge Maintenance Plan through the Michigan Department of Transportation, and to authorize the City Manager Stoppels to submit this project for funding; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the proposal from C2AE for the 2011 Bridge Inspection/Local Bridge Program Call for Applications, for an amount of \$8,300.00, and authorize DPW Director Poyer to sign said document; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council authorize City Manager Stoppels to sign the Agreement with METRO Act for the right-of-way permit extension in the City of Eaton Rapids; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve the recommendation from the City Treasurer and contract with Abraham and Gaffney, P.C., for the City of Eaton Rapids auditing services; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve the Resolution for a Michigan Department of Natural Resource Recreation Passport Grant, for the public restrooms at GAR Island Park, with the total project cost being \$60,000.00, and the City's portion being \$10,000.00; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the 2011 Budget Adjustments as recommended by the City Treasurer; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Leah DeVine, 634 State Street, Apt. B2, appeared before Council regarding the Bridge Maintenance Inspections.

Jeff Ostrom, 812 Michigan, appeared before Council regarding the City of Eaton Rapids becoming a Gold Star Community and to have signs placed at the City Limits. Mayor Platte stated that this would be discussed at the Worksession scheduled for May 16th.

Mayor Platte reported on the following: that new Library awnings will be installed next week thanks to the facade improvement Grant through the DDA; that the July 4th Committee has been meeting and plans are being made; and that the web calendar is being worked on and should be up and running shortly.

Councilman Greenhoe reported on the following: congratulated Andrea Reinecke, the daughter of the City Clerk, for her achievements at Hope College and setting a record at Hope College in softball for being the first pitcher in Hope College history to pitch a perfect game, as well as the 8th pitcher in Michigan history to reach this accomplishment.

Councilwoman Brown reported on the following: congratulated Andrea Reinecke for her accomplishment and setting history at Hope College; that the Memorial Day Celebration is being planned and thanked all citizens involved with this effort as well as thanking all City volunteers for all that they do.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: that communication is important throughout the City from Staff to Council, Council to Staff, and Council to the Citizens; that he is excited about the Public Restroom project as it really needed to be done.

City Manager Stoppels reported on the following: that the May 2nd Worksession is canceled due to a prior engagement; that the Budget has been modified again and feels that the final Budget should be ready after two to three more Worksessions; that he and the Mayor had been the speakers at the recent Chamber of Commerce roundtable

luncheon held at the Hospital on Friday; that the City will be submitting the Grant for the restrooms and there are two other Grants pending on the Mill street project; that road construction will begin on June 13th and take approximately 1 1/2 to 2 months for completion; and that an architecture is coming to view the public restroom facility to give an idea if the Grant will cover the work that the City is looking to have done at this facility.

Police Chief Malewski reported on the following: that he and the Fire Chief will be giving tours on Wednesday to the Daisy Scouts; that the Department will be holding a bike safety event on Friday at the School from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.; that several Officer's will be attending the funeral service in Kalamazoo for the fallen Police Officer; that he and the City Manager had met with the Eaton County Prosecuting Attorney to discuss using them for the City's legal service availability; that the Department had received several phone calls regarding the demonstration at the Post Office; and that as of Friday the City will no longer have the availability of the Nixle System as this was no longer going to be a service that was offered for free.

Fire Chief McNutt reported on the following: that the portable radios for the Department were received last week; that the Department had assisted the Dansville Department for the fire at the Wooden Nickel; that the ladder truck is back; that the Departments is making plans for the 4th of July events; and that the Department will be helping with the demonstration at the High School for SADD.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk