

A worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, May 16, 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:

None.

Department Head Reports:

None.

Old Business Topics of Discussion were:

None.

New Business Topics of Discussion were:

A presentation was given by Sensus Technologies and Al Weber, on a new proposed metering system for the City. The new system would enable the City to read all the electric and water meters in the City in one day. Mr. Weber explained that the new system would also enable the staff at City Hall to remotely disconnect meters as well. Mr. Weber answered questions of Council. Council thanked Mr. Weber for the presentation. City Manager Stoppels stated that this goes hand in hand with the Energy Audit Report that was passed out to Council several weeks ago. City Manager Stoppels stated that the firm that did the Energy Audit Survey will be at a future worksession to review the report with Council.

City Manager Stoppels reviewed with Council the request to become the first Gold Star Community in America. Jeff Ostrom appeared before Council regarding the request as it was his idea. Mr. Ostrom gave a brief presentation of the history of the Gold Star Moms. Mr. Ostrom stated that it would be his desire to have Council approve this and to have a presentation at the Memorial Day Parade. Council asked who would pay for the cost of the signs and what the signs would look like. Mr. Ostrom stated that he thought the cost would be minimal and that if the City would not fund this then he was sure that he could have donations cover the cost. Mr. Ostrom stated that if Council would approve this, then

the design of the signs and the cost would come back to Council at a future Worksession for their review.

Councilwoman Brown moved that Council approve to be a Designated Gold Star Community; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Mayor Platte reviewed the request from Relay for Life for the waiver of the noise ordinance, camping ordinance, camp fire/burn ordinance and the placement of ribbons on Main Street and State Street for the upcoming Relay for Life Event scheduled for Friday, May 20th and Saturday, May 21st at Union Street School. After a lengthy discussion, Police Chief Malewski stated that the camping ordinance would need to be addressed with him and did not require Council action. Council stated that with the placement of the ribbons on Main Street and State Street that these ribbons would need to be removed immediately after the event was concluded. Mr. Carter was in attendance at the meeting and stated that he would see that this was done.

Councilman Letarte moved Council authorize the waiver of the noise ordinance, camp fire/burn ordinance and allow the Relay for Life Organization to place ribbons on Main Street and State Street for their event scheduled for Friday, May 20th and Saturday, May 21st; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

City Manager Stoppels reviewed with Council the request from the property owner at 107 King Street for parking in the alley that is no longer used by the City. Mr. and Mrs. England, property owners adjacent to the alley were in attendance at the meeting as they have permission from the City to have a garden in this area. After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the Council that this was a civil matter that needs to be handled by the property owners, and that the only alternative that the City has is to make this alley not useable by either party. Mayor Platte suggested that Mr. and Mrs. England try to work this out with their neighbors. Mr. and Mrs. England thanked the Mayor and Council for their time.

Fire Chief McNutt left at this point in the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

City Manager Stoppels reviewed with Council the recommendation from the City Attorney regarding the moratorium on the medical marijuana issue. Council agreed to have the City Attorney draft an extension on the existing moratorium as this issue is still being reviewed at the State level.

DPW Director Poyer reviewed with Council the proposed pole use agreement that has been drafted. DPW Director Poyer stated that the last agreement is outdated. DPW Director Poyer stated that this request is coming from LAFCU who needs the services of a different cable provider to meet their needs. DPW Director Poyer stated that he will send

the proposed Agreement to them and hopefully have their signature so that this can be on the May 23rd Council Agenda.

City Manager Stoppels reviewed with Council the proposed budget. Mayor Platte reviewed the proposed water and sewer rates. Mayor Platte reviewed with Staff any additional items that they needed for their departments or funding for projects. Council agreed that several other expenditures need to be added to certain line items in the budget. City Manager Stoppels stated that he and City Treasurer Damon would work on this. Council asked when this would be available for review by the public. City Clerk Reinecke stated that the advertisement was going in the Community News next week, and that the Budget would be available for review by the public next week, and that the Truth in Taxation Public Hearing would be scheduled for June 13th, and the Adoption of the Budget would take place at the June 27th Council Meetings. Council thanked the budget committee as well as staff for all of the hard work that has been put into the budget.

Councilman Letarte left the meeting at 7:35 p.m. during the budget review.

City Clerk Reinecke reviewed with Council that there will be a City Election in November for Precinct 1, Precinct 2, and Precinct 3 Representatives. City Clerk Reinecke stated that the filing deadline has changed and is now the twelfth Tuesday preceding the election date, so the filing deadline is August 16th at 4:00 p.m.

Public Comments:

Reuben Green, 630 Forest Street, appeared before Council regarding the City Cemetery and the monies in the Perpetual Care Fund; and lawn mowing in the City on foreclosed properties.

Other Items of Discussion:

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk