

A worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, June 6, 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 Jeffry Durham of the Energy System Group. Mr. Durham reviewed with Council the savings that could be offered to the City for completing several different recommendations made by his company, and how these savings were guaranteed or they would be writing the City a check for the losses. Mr. Durham's presentation ended at 5:30. Council thanked Mr. Durham for the presentation and advised him that this will be discussed further at the next worksession.

City Manager Stoppels reviewed with Council the Shelly O'Dell property issue on Hall and Broad Street. After a lengthy discussion, it was the direction of the Council to have the City Manager meet with Mr. Mills and Mr. O'Dell, and to possibly have the City Engineers look at the property and offer suggestions on how the water issue could be resolved.

Fire Chief McNutt left at this point in the meeting at 5:55 p.m. to attend another meeting.

DPW Director Poyer reviewed with Council the information and bids that he had received regarding the grub treatment quotes for Rosehill Cemetery. Council directed DPW Director Poyer to review this further with the MSU Extension office and then proceed with the issue as he felt was necessary.

DPW Director Poyer reviewed with Council the Energy Optimization Program. DPW Director Poyer stated that many smaller communities are turning the record keeping and requirements over to the State for a 2% fee and that this was his recommendation to the Council. This item may appear on a future Council Meeting Agenda if a Resolution is needed to have this function performed by the State.

Kim Byerly reviewed with Council the request from the Chamber of Commerce to hold the Farmer's Market on Hamlin Court. Ms. Byerly stated that last year the Market was moved over to Hall Street due to the street work, but that the Chamber felt the Market was more visible off of Main Street and was requesting for it to be moved back to this location. The Farmer's Market will begin on June 25th and run from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday's during the summer months. Council agreed that this was a more visible location and to have the Farmer's Market moved back to this location.

Kim Byerly reviewed with Council the recommendation from the Advisory Park's Board to have the player's fees lowered from \$7.00 per player to \$4.00 per player for the 2011 YMCA summer youth ball program. After Council discussion, this item will appear on the June 13th Council Agenda.

Kim Byerly reviewed with Council the recommendation from the Advisory Park's Board to form a Committee to look at the feasibility to have a Dog Park in the City of Eaton Rapids. Council agreed that they were in support of having a Committee formed and the finding brought back to Council for further review.

Mayor Platte reviewed with Council the Budget, and stated that this will be on the June 13th Agenda for the Public Hearing and will be Adopted at the June 27th Council Meeting. Councilman Harri stated that he would not be in attendance at the June 27th Council Meeting. There were no further questions regarding the Budget.

Councilman Greenhoe asked if the Fire Truck bill was going to be discussed. Mayor Platte reviewed the bill with Council. City Manager Stoppels stated that at the Staff Meeting this had been discussed and that Fire Chief McNutt was asked to come up with the different cost scenarios and present this to Council at a later date.

Public Comments:

None.

Other Items of Discussion:

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk