

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, June 13, 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 Vicar Tim Oetting of the Open Arms Lutheran Church.

The Agenda was approved as printed.

The May 23, 2011 Regular Minutes and the June 6, 2011 Worksession Minutes were approved as printed.

Councilman Harri moved that disbursements of \$204,997.91, with the breakdown being General Fund Checks in the amount of \$203,757.27 - check numbers 57381 through 57486 and Meter Deposit Checks in the amount of \$1,240.64 - check numbers 10586 through check 10596, be approved; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Councilman Greenhoe moved Council approve the Resolution authorizing the abandonment of an alley located in the City of Eaton Rapids, for property commonly known as the 20 foot wide alley running north and south between Park Street and Alice Street, Mrs. Waldron's Addition to the City of Eaton Rapids, Eaton County; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Platte opened the meeting for a Public Hearing on the Proposed 2011 Budget and the Proposed Millage Rate to be Levied to Support the Proposed 2011 Budget. The Public Hearing opened at 7:08 p.m.

Don Colestock, 204 Kimbark Street, appeared before Council regarding clarification on the Public Hearing. Mayor Platte explained that this was a Public Hearing for citizens to ask questions regarding the Proposed 2011 Budget.

Rod Schultz, 1303 Montgomery Street, appeared before Council regarding if the line item for legal fees had been reduced and if the City had looked into utilizing local law firms.

There were no further comments. Mayor Platte closed the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m.

Councilman Harri moved Council remove from the table the Pole Attachment Agreement between the City of Eaton Rapids and Aria Link; seconded by Councilman Letarte, passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve the Pole Attachment Agreement between the City of Eaton Rapids and Aria Link; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri moved that Council approve to adjust the Sewer and Water Rates as follows:

1. Increase, Effective with the July Billing Cycle, the Monthly Sewer Base Charges for 5/8"-3/4" Meter Size, Residential from \$19.50 to \$20.17, Decrease for 1"-1 1/2" Meter Size, Commercial from \$37.00 to \$22.19, Decrease for 2" Meter Size from \$75.00 to \$58.50, Increase for 3" Meter Size from \$135.00 to \$221.90, for 1 1/2" Meter Size out of the City Limits from \$37.00 to \$35.65;
2. Increase, Effective with the July Billing Cycle, the Monthly Water Base Charges for 5/8" Meter Size, Residential from \$11.00 to \$11.55, 3/4" Meter Size from \$10.00 to \$12.70, Decrease for 1" Meter Size from \$20.00 to \$16.17, Decrease for 1 1/2" Meter Size from \$25.00 to \$20.79, Decrease for 2" Meter Size from \$40.00 to \$33.49, Increase for 3" Meter Size from \$80.00 to \$127.02, Increase for 4" Meter Size from \$140.00 to \$161.66, Decrease for 6" Meter Size from \$283.10 to \$242.49, Increase for 5/8" Meter Size out of the City Limits from \$12.50 to \$14.43, and Decrease for 1 1/2" Meter Size out of the City Limits from \$30.00 to \$24.56;
3. Decrease, Effective with the July Billing Cycle, the Water Commodity Rate from \$3.55 to \$3.47 per 1,000 Gallons.

seconded by Councilman Letarte, passed unanimously.

Councilman Letarte moved Council approve the Advisory Parks Board recommendation to change the player fees from \$7.00 per player to \$4.00 per player for the 2011 Youth Ball Leagues for the YMCA; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed 4 yeas, 1 abstain (Brown.)

Councilman Harri moved Council approve the Amended Resolution for URV, USA and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Greenhoe moved Council approve the Resolution authorizing the signature for the Burnham and Flower Healthcare Account; seconded by Councilman Letarte, passed unanimously.

Rod Schultz, 1303 Montgomery Street, appeared before Council regarding the City Charter and Section 6.3.7; the change in operation orders regarding the City Charter at the

Library; the City's phone use policy; the Cable Agreement; and the vacant housing in Eaton Rapids.

Don Colestock, 204 Kimbark, appeared before Council regarding the Weed Ordinance.

Mayor Platte reported on the following: that the City Code has been reviewed by Municipal Code Corporation, and that after the Budget process, Council will begin looking at the recommended changes and have all of the Ordinances reviewed and clarified.

Councilman Greenhoe reported on the following: that he was unable to attend the Memorial Day Parade, but understood that it was a great event for the City and was proud of all who have helped with the event.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: that he is sad to see the City Treasurer resign from the City, but wishes him well in his future endeavors and that he will be greatly missed; and that Council will begin to review all of the Ordinances in the City at future Worksession.

City Manager Stoppels reported on the following: that the Memorial Day Parade was a great event for the City and thanked all of the City Staff who worked hard in the Cemetery and Downtown area to make it look great; that he and DPW Director Poyer are reviewing the Cemetery grub/mole issue and will be working on different ideas to help with this situation; that the City Treasurer is leaving as of June 30<sup>th</sup> and will be greatly missed, and the City is working on hiring a replacement in the next few weeks; and that the dangerous building situation with bricks in the downtown area has been abated and fixed appropriately.

Police Chief Malewski reported on the following: that the last day of school went well; that the Memorial Day Parade went well with very few incidents; that Officers will begin to participate in the Wellness Program and be passing out tokens to kids throughout the summer; and that the inoperable vehicle letters have been sent out.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

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Steven G. Platte, Mayor

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Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk