

A worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, June 20, 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 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:**

DPW Director Poyer stated that there would be a huge softball tournament going on at Howe Fields beginning on Thursday and going through Sunday.

**Old Business Topics of Discussion were:**

None.

**New Business Topics of Discussion were:**

Kim Byerly reviewed with Council the list of events that would be taking place at the July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration. Fire Chief McNutt stated that he had the Fireworks Permit with all of the supporting documentation. These items will appear on the June 27<sup>th</sup> Agenda.

DPW Director Poyer reviewed with Council the power purchase proposal from MPPA in connection with NextEra Energy. DPW Director Poyer reviewed the prices that had been quoted. DPW Director Poyer stated that he has sent this information onto the City's Electrical Engineers, DaCott Energy, and is awaiting their review of the material received. DPW Director Poyer stated that he will bring the information that he receives from DaCott Energy back to the July 5<sup>th</sup> Worksession for further review and discussion by Council. Council thanked DPW Director Poyer for the review.

City Manager Stoppels reviewed with Council the proposal from the Energy Systems Group on proceeding with the business agreement regarding the energy audit presentation that was given by Jeffrey Durham. City Manager Stoppels stated that the next step was to sign a letter of intent to proceed with the recommendation made by Energy Systems Group. This item will appear on the June 27<sup>th</sup> Agenda.

Police Chief Malewski reviewed with Council the Agreement for Prosecution Services from the Eaton County Prosecuting Attorney. Police Chief Malewski stated that this Agreement would allow the Prosecuting Attorney to prosecute all misdemeanor crimes, traffic offenses, and ordinance violations. Police Chief Malewski stated that the

commercial motor vehicle violations would be exempt from this Agreement. Police Chief Malewski stated that the Agreement was for a 3 month period, and if at that time the City did not see a savings, then they could not renew the Agreement. This item will appear on the June 27<sup>th</sup> Agenda.

City Manager Stoppels reviewed with the Council the property located at 703 Jackson Street and the clean-up that was ongoing at this site. City Manager Stoppels stated that the Building Inspector was working with the property owner and that a bid has been received for demolition of this site. City Manager Stoppels stated that this item was for informational purposes only and he will keep Council informed.

Mayor Platte reviewed with Council the Planning Commission's recommendation to allow chickens in the City Limits. Councilman Harri stated that he was against this as it would create many issues. Councilman Greenhoe stated that he felt a lot of work had gone into investigating this and that Council should at least look into this. Councilman Letarte stated that he was against this, but would like to hear what the public has to say. Mayor Platte stated that before Council starts reviewing the changes that would need to be made to the Ordinance, that a Public Hearing be held so that citizens could come and address their concerns either for or against such a change. Mayor Platte instructed the City Clerk to publish a Public Hearing Notice so that this could be on the Agenda at the July 25<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

City Treasurer Damon reviewed with Council the recommended 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Budget Adjustments. This item will appear on the June 27<sup>th</sup> Agenda.

Mayor Platte reviewed with Council the proposed 2011-2012 Budget. There were no questions. This item will appear on the June 27<sup>th</sup> Agenda.

**Public Comments:**

Jack Stohr, 206 Albers, appeared before Council regarding the chicken Ordinance.

**Other Items of Discussion:**

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

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Steven G. Platte, Mayor

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Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk