

A worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, August 15, 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 Lisa St. Aubin, Fire Chief Roger McNutt, DPW Director Scott Poyer, Library Director Sandy Porter, 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:

Fire Chief McNutt reported on the following: that the Department had received a notice of a possible Civil Rights Violation, but that the claimant had misrepresented themselves so was sure that this would be dismissed.

City Clerk Reinecke reported on the following: that Council interested in attending the MML Convention in Grand Rapids in October needed to let her know by Friday.

Old Business Topics of Discussion were:

None.

New Business Topics of Discussion were:

City Manager Stoppels reviewed with Council the request from the Eaton Rapids High School Student Council to hold their annual Homecoming Parade on Friday, September 30th. This item will appear on the August 22nd Agenda.

Kim Byerly reviewed with Council the request from the Eaton Rapids Historical Society to have the Noise Ordinance waived for the activities at the Miller Complex for the Dam Festival. This item will appear on the August 22nd Agenda.

DPW Director Poyer reviewed with Council the quotes from Peerless Midwest on Pumps 4 and 5. DPW Director Poyer stated that he needed to get one of these pumps fixed this year and had budgeted for this. DPW Director Poyer stated that it was his recommendation to have Pump 5 repaired this year and to put in the budget for next year Pump 4. This item will appear on the August 22nd Agenda.

Police Chief Malewski reviewed with Council the Traffic Control Order regarding Mike Simpson Drive between Kinneville Road to the south and Marilyn Avenue to the north. Police Chief Malewski stated that it was his recommendation to have the Speed Limit set at 30 mph. This item will appear on the August 22nd Agenda.

DPW Director Poyer reviewed with Council the MPPA Hedge Policy. DPW Director Poyer stated that it was his recommendation to go with the Stability Plan which is a 60 month agreement. DPW Director Poyer stated that this could be changed with the addition of URV and the load that would be required to service this company. This item will appear on the August 22nd Agenda.

City Manager Stoppels reviewed with Council the date that has been set for the City Picnic, September 24th, at Howe Field. City Manager Stoppels asked that Council Budget \$500.00 towards this event, and also, that the Council waive the Alcohol Ordinance to allow employees to bring their own beverage if so desired. This item will appear on the August 22nd Agenda.

DPW Director Poyer reviewed with Council the bucket truck bids that had been received. DPW Director Poyer stated that two bids had been received, with the low bid from Altec. DPW Director Poyer stated that he and the Electric Crew had worked hard on coming up with the specifications and that the Altec truck better met the needs of the Department. DPW Director Poyer stated that he had budgeted for this item, and that this bid was below the budgeted amount. This item will appear on the August 22nd Agenda.

Councilman Greenhoe reviewed with Council a concern that he had regarding the City Parks. Councilman Greenhoe stated that the parks were terrible looking and in need of maintenance. Councilman Greenhoe stated that he had concern regarding the City acquiring more park land when they could not even maintain the current parks that the City owns and operates. Councilman Greenhoe further stated that the City was the biggest noxious weed offender, and an example of this was the maintenance of the South Industrial Park. After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to have a punch list prepared and discuss this at the next worksession.

Public Comments:

None.

Other Items of Discussion:

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk