

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, August 22, 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 Pastor Sandra Carpenter of the Dimondale Mission Church.

Councilman Greenhoe moved Council approve the Agenda as printed, but with the addition of Item 12a., Closed Session to Discuss Strategy and Negotiations Regarding Collective Bargaining"; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously.

The August 8, 2011 Regular Minutes and the August 1, 2011, and August 15, 2011, Worksession Minutes were approved as printed.

Councilwoman Brown moved that disbursements of \$894,149.03, with the breakdown being General Fund Checks in the amount of \$289,998.34 - check numbers 57759 through 57820 and Wire Transfers in the amount of \$604,150.69; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the Eaton Rapids High School Student Council to hold the Annual Homecoming Parade on Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., with parade line-up occurring on River Street between State Street and Knight Street beginning at 5:00 p.m., and the parade route being River Street, West on East Knight Street to South Main Street, South to State Street, East on State Street to Greyhound Drive and ending at Alumni Stadium; seconded by Councilman Harri. Brittany Desgrange, the President of ERHS Student Council, appeared before Council stating that notices would be given to the residents on River Street letting them know in advance about the Parade and line-up, and that the City Council was invited to attend the King and Queen Election that would be held on September 28<sup>th</sup> during the lunch hour. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve to waive the Noise Ordinance for the Eaton Rapids Historical Society to hold the annual Dam Fest on Saturday, August 27, 2011, from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m., at 635 State Street; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously.

Councilman Letarte moved Council approve to waive the Alcohol Policy for Pavilion #2, at Howe Memorial Field, on Saturday, September 24, 2011, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for an employee picnic; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve Traffic Control Order Number 91, to post the Speed Limit on Mike Simpson Drive between Kinneville Road to the South and Marilyn

Avenue to the North at 30 m.p.h.; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve DPW Director Poyer's recommendation to approve the bid from Altec in the amount of \$109,484.00, for the replacement of the bucket truck in the Electric Department, which is a budgeted item; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed 4 yeas, 1 nay (Letarte).

Councilman Letarte moved Council approve DPW Director Poyer's recommendation to approve the bid from Peerless Midwest, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$41,095.00, for the pump overhaul and well lining installation in Well #5, which is a budgeted item; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilman Greenhoe moved Council approve DPW Director Poyer's recommendation to enter into an Agreement with Michigan Public Power Association for the Hedge Policy, and authorize DPW Director Poyer to sign said Agreement for the 60 month Hedging Horizon Stability Plan; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously.

Councilman Greenhoe moved Council approve the City Manager's recommendation to accept the custodial services bid for City Hall, Public Safety Facility and the Library from Anne Lock; seconded by Councilman Letarte, passed unanimously.

Mayor Platte reported on the following: thanked the Student Council for coming to the meeting in regards to the Homecoming Parade and was glad to see the Parade back on the original route through the downtown.

Councilman Greenhoe reported on the following: that the Election for Homecoming King and Queen would be at the High School on September 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. and that this Election was run by the City Clerk and thanked the Student Council for the invitation to attend.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: thanked the City Clerk for running the Homecoming Election as this showed the students that Election were run fairly and allowed them to vote in City, State and Federal Elections with having the security of being familiar with the equipment and process.

City Manager Stoppels reported on the following: that he had asked for the Closed Session to review the DPW Contract Negotiations; and that he had distributed information to Council regarding a park in a neighboring community and would be available to Council if they had any further questions.

Police Chief Malewski reported on the following: that there have been three related traffic accidents involving bicyclists and cars and urged caution to citizens to be aware; that he

had two Officers back from family medical leave; and that school supplies were being collected in exchange for PBT's at the Department.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council go into Closed Session to discuss strategy and negotiations regarding collective bargaining; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously. Council went into Closed Session at 7:50 p.m.

Councilman Letarte moved Council reconvene back into Open Session; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously. Council reconvened back into Open Session at 8:27 p.m.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve to ratify the tentative DPW Agreement; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously.

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

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Steven G. Platte, Mayor

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Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk