

A worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, November 7, 2011, at 5:00 p.m.

Present were Mayor Platte and Councilpersons Brown, Greenhoe, Letarte and Harri. None were absent.

Administrative Staff Present was City Manager Jon Stoppels, Police Chief Paul Malewski, WWTP Director Todd Nichols, City Assessor Mike Baker, DPW Director Scott Poyer, Fire Chief Roger McNutt, Treasurer Lisa St. Aubin 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 reported on the following: gave Council a brief synopsis of the State Street and Knight Street bridge issue, and will be working with MDOT to get this resolved.

Police Chief Malewski reported on the following: that he has a possibility of three vacancies within the Department within the next 90 days, and would like to begin the hiring process as well as a possible Lieutenants position for one of the vacancies.

Fire Chief Malewski reported on the following: that there will be an Emergency Alert Test on Wednesday, November 9th at 2:00 p.m.

Closed Session:

Councilman Harri moved Council go into Closed Session to review Attorney/Client privilege information regarding strategy and negotiations for collective bargaining/ seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously. Council went into Closed Session at 5:23 p.m.

Councilwoman Brown moved that Council reconvene back into Open Session; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously. Council reconvened back into Open Session at 6:31 p.m.

Old Business Topics of Discussion were:

City Manager Stoppels reviewed with Council the proposed Policy on the support of Community functions. Council thanked City Manager Stoppels for the Policy.

New Business Topics of Discussion were:

DPW Director Poyer reviewed with Council the bid that had been received for the tub grinder at the Department of Public Works. DPW Director Poyer stated that it was his recommendation to accept the bid as they had worked with Mid-Michigan Recycling in the past. This item will appear on the November 14th Agenda.

City Manager Stoppels reviewed with Council the issue with the property located at 414 Brook Street. After a lengthy discussion, it was the suggestion that Council received further information on the possible contaminants at this site. City Manager Stoppels stated that he will keep Council informed on this.

City Manager Stoppels reviewed with Council the concerns that a resident had regarding issues on Hall Street with sidewalks and the Street, as well as a drainage issue on her property. City Manager Stoppels stated that he had sent the resident a letter and that this issue has been resolved.

City Assessor Baker reviewed with Council an issue on S. Miller Drive regarding the City having a lien on this property, and the current owner wanting to sell the property so the City needed to waive the lien. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to have City Assessor Baker proceed and file the proper paperwork to have this issue resolved.

Public Comments:

None.

Other Items of Discussion:

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk