

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, December 12, 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.

The Agenda was approved as printed.

The November 28, 2011, Regular Minutes and the December 5, 2011, Worksession Minutes were approved as printed.

Councilwoman Brown moved that disbursements of \$353,279.28, with the breakdown being General Fund Checks in the amount of \$80,665.57 - check numbers 58258 through 58324, Meter Deposit Refund Checks in the amount of \$1,383.55 - check numbers 100663 through 100672 and Wire Transfers in the amount of \$271,230.16; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

DPW Director Scott Poyer introduced Murdock Gemerson, who works for the Michigan Department of Recreation, Rose Lake District Office. Mr. Gemerson presented the Mayor with a check in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the Passport Grant that the City had applied for. Mr. Gemerson stated that only 24 Grants were given out this year, and that the State felt that the GAR Island Park Restroom Renovation and Welcome Center was a worthwhile project worthy of the Grant. Mayor Platte thanked Mr. Gemerson for the Grant Award and Presentation.

City Treasurer St. Aubin gave Council a brief synopsis of the 2010-2011 Audit. Treasurer St. Aubin stated that the Audit is currently in a draft format and in the preliminary stages of being finalized and a hard copy will be given to Council prior to the December 27th Council Meeting for their review and approval at that meeting. Mayor and Council thanked Treasurer St. Aubin for the update.

Councilman Greenhoe moved Council approve Traffic Control Order 93, Traffic Control Order 94, Traffic Control Order 95 and Traffic Control Order 96, which all deal with the removal of Stop Signs on Knight Street at Albers, Kerry and Union Street; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously.

Mayor Platte read for First Reading Ordinance 2011-1, an Ordinance to Clarify that Violations of all Laws are Prohibited. This was for First Reading only, no Council action was required.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve the Resolution for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Passport Grant, and authorize the City Manager to be the

authorized signature on documents; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the 2012 Public Meeting Schedule; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the Mayor's recommendation to Reappoint Gerald Kopack, 757 Island Court 6F, to the Board of Review for a four year term which will expire on December 10, 2015; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the DPW Director's recommendation to pay Peerless Midwest in the amount of \$11,282.48, for the Rehabilitation work that was performed to City Well #5; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilman Greenhoe moved Council approve the DPW Director's recommendation to purchase an autoclave unit for the Water Plant in the amount of \$4,633.00; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Mayor Platte reported on the following: congratulated the Parks and Recreation Department, and Kim Byerly and Scott Poyer for all of their work as well as other Staff on getting the documents submitted so that the City received the Grant Award and what a welcome addition to the City the Welcome Center and Restrooms would be to the Parks Department; that the Hometown Family Christmas Parade was fun and well attended; and that thanks to the City Manager, they are on the Tim Baron radio show the first Friday of every month at 8:30 a.m. to promote the City of Eaton Rapids.

Councilman Greenhoe reported on the following: congratulated the Parks and Recreation Department on the Grant Award; and that he had heard that the Christmas Parade was excellent and well attended.

Councilwoman Brown reported on the following: that the Parks and Recreation Grant for the City is good PR for the City; that Staff is working hard and taking all the opportunities that are available to them to better the City; that the City was well represented at the "It's A Breast Thing" Event for cancer awareness and calendars are available; and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: thanked all the Board Members and Staff for their service to the City this past year; that the City is a great team and works hard, and that Council, Staff and Board Members work well together to improve the City; and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilman Letarte reported on the following: that it has been a pleasure working with everyone and representing the citizens the past four years; that he has enjoyed working

with the Mayor and Council, and that the Mayor works very hard and is very dedicated to the City; and that there have been many improvements to the City during his tenure and it has been an honor to work with everyone.

City Manager Stoppels reported on the following: that the Audit will be presented at the next regular meeting, with the Auditing Firm giving a formal presentation in January; that the offices at City Hall are being reconfigured; that after the completion of the Audit, the Treasurer will begin working on Budget Amendments to present to Council in January; that work is still proceeding on the Welcome Center with the assistance of the DPW Director and using his Staff to assist with this project; that the Grants that the City has been receiving is due to the hard work of Staff and complimented Kim Byerly and Scott Poyer on their hard work in securing these funds for the City.

City Assessor Baker reported on the following: that the December Tax Board of Review will be meeting on Tuesday from 2:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.; and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Fire Chief McNutt reported on the following: that there was a serious accident at Dowding with a roofing company and that the Department had assisted the Hospital with the accident and the helicopter landing; that donations for the Dexter family can be taken to Eaton Rapids Township; and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Police Chief Malewski reported on the following: that the Christmas Parade was wonderful and there were no problems and that the CERT Volunteers had assisted with this event and it was very much appreciated; that the Fill-A-Cop Car was well received with over 40 carloads of food and over \$2,000.00 in cash being received; that the CERT Christmas Party was held on December 8th and was well attended; that there had been a dog search at the schools this past week; thanked the gentlemen from the Engineering Firm on the Island Park work that had found a very valuable ring and had turned it in at City Hall and the owner has been notified and was very grateful; and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk