

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Tuesday, December 27, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Platte called the meeting to order.

Present were Mayor Platte and Councilpersons Greenhoe and Letarte. Councilwoman Brown and Councilman Harri were absent and excused.

The invocation was given by Pastor Jim Riley of the Eaton Rapids Assembly of God church.

The Agenda was approved as printed.

The December 12, 2011, Regular Minutes and the December 19, 2011, Worksession Minutes were approved as printed.

Councilman Greenhoe moved that disbursements of \$567,133.93, with the breakdown being General Fund Checks in the amount of \$91,239.87 - check numbers 58325 through 58394, Meter Deposit Refund Checks in the amount of \$709.53 - check numbers 100673 through 100677 and Wire Transfers in the amount of \$475,184.53; seconded by Councilman Letarte, passed unanimously.

Mayor Platte read Council's Resolution Honoring Councilman John W. Letarte on his years of service to the City of Eaton Rapids. Mayor Platte presented Councilman Letarte with the Resolution and stated that it has been a honor working with him. Councilman Letarte received applause.

Councilman Greenhoe read for Second Reading and Adoption Ordinance 2011-1, an Ordinance to Clarify that Violations of all laws are prohibited; seconded by Councilman Letarte. City Manager Stoppels reviewed the Ordinance with Council stating that Federal Law supercedes State and Local laws, so therefore, anything that was Federally prohibited, even though the State had different laws, was a violation. Councilman Letarte stated that the City was passing this Ordinance for the explicit reason of the recent State Medical Marijuana law, and that it would therefore be illegal and a violation of the Ordinance for such an establishment to exist in the City of Eaton Rapids. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Letarte moved Council approve the adoption of the 2010-2011 Audit; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe. City Treasurer St. Aubin stated that the City was in excellent financial condition, and that the Audit that was being presented did have a correction on page 27 regarding the breakdown of the MERS percentages for Administrative employees, and that this would be corrected before it was filed with the State of Michigan. City Treasurer St. Aubin stated that the auditing firm will be available at a future worksession to review and answer questions of Council. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Letarte moved Council approve the Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Edward Shotwell, 930 McArthur River Drive, to the Hospital Finance Authority Board for

a three year term which will expire on December 31, 2014; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Councilman Greenhoe moved Council approve the Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Kristy Reinecke, 200 S. Main Street, to the EATRAN Board of Directors for a three year term which will expire on December 31, 2014; seconded by Councilman Letarte, passed unanimously.

Councilman Letarte moved Council approve the Planning Commission's recommendation to grant a Conditional Use Permit for property located at 746 Michigan Street, for the occupant to operate a licensed day care business; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Mayor Platte reported on the following: thanked Councilman Letarte for his service to the City and that his input and voice on economy and legacy costs has not fallen on deaf ears and will continue to be looked at by the Council in future budget cycles and contract negotiations; hoped that everyone had a very Merry Christmas; and wished everyone a safe and Happy New Year.

Councilman Greenhoe reported on the following: thanked Councilman Letarte for his four years of service to the City and that it has been a pleasure to work with him and that his expertise has been invaluable to the City and he would continue to welcome his input; wondered what the current situation with the Ambulance Contract was; wished everyone a Happy New Year and to drive safe; and welcomed incoming Councilman Norris.

Councilman Letarte reported on the following: thanked everyone for their kind words and that it has been an honor to serve the City and be a part of the Council; and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

City Clerk Reinecke reported on the following: thanked Councilman Letarte for his service to the City.

City Manager Stoppels reported on the following: thanked Councilman Letarte for his service to the City and that he appreciates his passion for the issues regarding unfunded liabilities and that this will continue to be looked at by the City; that the second Revenue Sharing Report has been filed with the State and that this report deals with shared cooperation between entities; and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

City Assessor Baker reported on the following: wished everyone a safe and Happy New Year.

Building Inspector Hill reported on the following: that he has received bids for the cleanup of the property located at 414 Brook Street, and that it is his recommendation that the City take control of this property, and that if Council does not want this property

then they would need to act before the end of the year. This item will appear on the next Worksession.

Police Chief Malewski reported on the following: thanked Councilman Letarte for his insight and diligence to the City; that the Friday event for the Hurd family was well attended with over 100 people, and that the Department had helped to assist with this and that the Department is following up on leads that they have received regarding the vandalism of this property; and that the City will be seeing more meth homes in the future, and will inevitably end up being responsible for the clean-up of these types of property as the Federal monies are gone.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk