

A worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, January 16, 2012, at 5:00 p.m.

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

Administrative Staff Present was City Manager Jon Stoppels, Police Chief Paul Malewski, Public Service/WWTP Director Todd Nichols, City Assessor Mike Baker, Utilities Director Scott Poyer, Fire Chief Roger McNutt, Treasurer Lisa St. Aubin, Deputy Carla Mazur, Building Inspector Jon Hill, Library Director Sandy Porter 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:

None.

Old Business Topics of Discussion were:

City Clerk Reinecke and Utilities Director Poyer reviewed with Council the issues with the current meter system. Staff explained that the Turtle System has failed, and that it is necessary to move forward with a new meter system. Staff reviewed with Council the presentation that was given by Etna Meter Systems back in October and answered questions. It is Staff's recommendation to proceed with the meter system from Etna Supply, the addition to the contract of 100 electric meters that have the remote shut-off availability, as well as the financing for the project from Ervin Leasing for a 60 month financing period. This item will appear on the January 23rd Agenda.

New Business Topics of Discussion were:

City Manager Stoppels reviewed with Council the sidewalk replacement program. City Manager Stoppels stated that this was done in the City several years ago, but with new State Law on this issue, the program needed to be implemented again. City Manager Stoppels explained how the program would work, and that Staff could be out in the next couple of weeks marking the problem areas so that when Spring was here, letters could be sent to the property owners with the program plan. This item will appear on the January 23rd Agenda.

Fire Chief McNutt reviewed the letter from Hayes Green Beach Memorial Hospital regarding the Ambulance Service for the City at the request of Councilman Greenhoe. Fire Chief McNutt answered questions of Council and addressed their concerns

regarding this change. Fire Chief McNutt stated that as long as the changes were followed by the way they had been explained in the letter, that he did not foresee any problems with the change. Council thanked Fire Chief McNutt for the explanation.

Fire Chief McNutt reviewed with Council the repair work that has been performed on one of the trucks at the station and the problem with the transmission. Fire Chief McNutt stated that the truck had been sent to Spartan Motors for the repair, and is now back at the station and working properly. Fire Chief McNutt stated that the cost was a little over \$3,000.00 for the repair. Council thanked Fire Chief McNutt for the update.

Utilities Director Poyer reviewed with Council the proposed Smoking Ordinance. Utilities Director Poyer stated that this was in conjunction with the Eaton Rapids Healthy Community Coalition and the Grant that had been received and would further incorporate the areas for No Smoking Signs to be posted for the bleachers and dug outs at Howe Memorial Field. Utilities Director Poyer stated that the Ordinance already on the City Books included the Playground of Dreams, the Skate Park and the Amphitheater. Utilities Director Poyer stated that Grant monies would be utilized to purchase the additional signs. This item will appear on the January 23rd Agenda.

Public Comments:

None.

Other Items of Discussion:

Councilman Greenhoe reviewed with Council concerns that he had with the City Clock, the Mural placement and the Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk