

A worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, February 20, 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, 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:

Utilities Director Poyer reported on the following: that at the MPPA Meeting he attended last week there will start to be a meter charge per the Government to assist low income individuals.

Assessor Baker reported on the following: that he is working on Assessment notices.

Fire Chief McNutt reported on the following: that he had a Captain resign so he will be filling that position.

Treasurer St. Aubin reported on the following: that the LDFA Bond Audit is completed; and that she will be meeting with the MML on the City's insurance.

Police Chief Malewski reported on the following: that he is working with the City Attorney on an Ordinance change.

WWTP/DPW Director Nichols reported on the following: that the asbestos will be removed from the Welcome Center this week and crews will begin demolition again on the ceiling; and that he is working on the IPP Annual report.

Old Business Topics of Discussion were:

Utilities Director Poyer reviewed with Council the quote that he has received from Peerless Midwest to clean and treat Water Well #1. Utilities Director Poyer stated that it was his recommendation to proceed with this and have Council approve a Budget Adjustment and to have this project completed before July when the work will begin on the Water Tower Maintenance program. This item will appear on the February 27th Agenda.

New Business Topics of Discussion were:

Kim Byerly and Russ Hicks presented to Council the work that has been done on the River Master Plan. Mr. Hicks stated that he has acquired the boulders and stone that are needed to complete this project with the only cost associated with this project would be the hauling of the stone. Mr. Hicks stated that this was just a review and update for Council and work will continue on this project and Council will be kept informed. Council thanked Mr. Hicks for the presentation and for all of his work on this project.

Utilities Director Poyer reviewed with Council the MDOT Grant for road work on Kinneville at the South Industrial Park. Utilities Director Poyer stated that the MDOT Grant was not tied to the Economic Development Grant and the Eaton Rapids Casting project, so therefore the road work could proceed. This item will appear on the February 27th Agenda.

City Manager Stoppels and Utilities Director Poyer reviewed with Council the Riverwalk Easement at the Knight Street Bridge location. City Manager Stoppels stated that the City has been working on obtaining these easements in this location for several years and that even though the development in this area is unsure at this time, it would be his recommendation to go ahead and obtain the easements while the property owner is in agreement. This item will appear on the February 27th Agenda.

Public Comments:

None.

Other Items of Discussion:

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk