

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, March 26, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Platte called the meeting to order.

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

The invocation was given by Pastor Sandra Carpenter of the Dimondale Mission Church.

The Agenda was approved as printed.

The March 12, 2012, Regular Minutes and the March 19, 2012, Worksession Minutes were approved as printed.

Councilman Greenhoe moved that disbursements of \$310,385.28, with the breakdown being General Fund Checks in the amount of \$49,960.55 - check numbers 58733 through 58805 and Wire Transfers in the amount of \$260,424.73; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously.

Mayor Platte opened the meeting for an Administrative Hearing on property located at 414 Osborn Street. The Administrative Hearing opened at 7:04 p.m.

There was no one in attendance at the meeting to speak on behalf of the property maintenance violations.

Mayor Platte closed the Administrative Hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Councilman Norris moved that the City proceed with the steps as outlined in the City Code regarding Property Maintenance Violations to have the situation at 414 Osborn cleaned up; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilman Norris read for second reading and adoption Ordinance 2012-1, an ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Eaton Rapids by amending Chapter 14, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article II, Motor Vehicles, Division 2. Parking Violations in Addition to the Uniform Traffic Code, Section 35, All-Night Parking Prohibited, which is considered emergency in nature and will become effective immediately; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Mayor Platte opened the meeting for the Fraternal Order of Police Grievance Presentation. Mayor Platte explained that this is the Third Step in the Grievance procedure.

Tom Krug, from Lodge 141, appeared before Council and stated that the grievance was related to retirees health insurance.

Council thanked Mr. Krug for the presentation and stated that this item will be discussed at a future Worksession.

City Clerk Reinecke read for First Reading Ordinance 2012-2, an Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Eaton Rapids by Amending Chapter 16, Parks and Recreation, Article I, In General, Section 10, Restricting Smoking and Use of Tobacco Products in City Parks. This was for First Reading only, no Council action was required.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Mary Maxey, 132 E. Knight Street and Robert Welch, 3088 Smithville Road, to the Advisory Parks Board, for a three year term which will expire on March 31, 2015; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the Planning Commission's recommendation for the Zoning Classification to be changed for property located at 224 N. Main Street, Property Tax Codes 23-300-054-601-070-00 and 23-300-054-601-011-00, changing from Limited Industrial District and General Business District to Central Business District; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilman Norris moved Council authorize Utility Director Poyer to purchase capacity through Michigan Public Power Agency in the amount of 12.2 MW for June 2012 through May 2013 at a cost not to exceed .10 \$/KW per month; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Rod Schultz, 1303 Montgomery Street, appeared before Council regarding the Police Health insurance and limb pickup after storm events.

Barb Lietzke, 1303 Hall Street, appeared before Council regarding limbs and brush pickup and Hall Street needing repair work.

Russ Hicks, Columbia Hwy., appeared before Council giving them an update on the Rapids Project.

Mayor Platte reported on the following: reminded everyone that the Facade Grant Program through the DDA would be accepting applications until April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Councilwoman Brown reported on the following: thanked Ms. Lietzke for coming to Council with her concerns; thanked Mr. Schultz for assisting Ms. Lietzke and that this issue will be discussed at a future worksession; and thanked Russ Hicks for all of his work and the monies that he has been receiving for the Rapids Project.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: that Hall Street is on the City's short list for repair work being done, and that the City has not neglected this, but due to the extra traffic that was on this Street during the MDOT Construction project, it has made Hall Street in need of repair a lot sooner than usual.

Councilman Norris reported on the following: that with employee grievance issues being brought to Council, he feels at a disadvantage in not having a hard copy of the Contract for him to be able to review and would like to have this available in the future; and agreed that brush pickup after storm events should be a service of the City.

City Manager Stoppels reported on the following: that demo work is continuing on the Welcome Center and is nearly complete and bids are being received for the remaining work; that Todd Nichols is coming up with a DPW Work Plan and Standard Operating Procedures manual; that he and Scott Poyer have been working with State Officials and the developer for Grant Funding on the Colthorp facility; that he is working on the 2012-2013 Budget; that Union Contracts are being finalized and that copies will be coming to the City in the future and if Council so desires, hard copies can be given to them.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council go into Closed Session for Strategy and Negotiations Regarding the Administrative Agreement; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously. Council went into Closed Session at 7:42 p.m.

Councilman Harri moved Council reconvene back into Open Session; seconded by Councilman Norris, passed unanimously. Council reconvened back into Open Session at 8:36 p.m.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council go into Closed Session for an Employee issue; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously. Council went into Closed Session at 8:36 p.m.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council reconvene back into Open Session ;seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously. Council reconvened back into Open Session at 8:50 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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Steven G. Platte, Mayor

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Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk