

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, April 23, 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 Jim Riley of the Assembly of God Church.

The Agenda was approved as printed.

The April 9, 2012, Regular Minutes and the April 2, 2012, and April 16, 2012, Worksession Minutes were approved as printed.

Councilwoman Brown moved that disbursements of \$404,638.52, with the breakdown being General Fund Checks in the amount of \$148,539.70 - check numbers 58870 through 58934 and Wire Transfers in the amount of \$256,098.82; seconded by Councilman Norris, passed unanimously.

Mayor Platte read Council's Resolution honoring James Towers for his 43 years of service to the City of Eaton Rapids as the Cemetery Sexton and presented Mr. Towers with a clock. Mr. Towers received a standing ovation.

Mayor Platte and Fire Chief McNutt read Council's Resolution honoring Captain Jeff Dieter for his 20 years of service to the Eaton Rapids Fire Department and presented Captain Dieter with a plaque. Captain Dieter received a standing ovation.

Mayor Platte opened the meeting for a Public Hearing on the 2012-2017 Area Parks and Recreation Plan to be submitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The Public Hearing opened at 7:09 p.m.

Ms. Harmony Fierke Gmazel, from Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, appeared before Council to answer any questions.

There were no comments.

Mayor Platte closed the Public Hearing at 7:11 p.m.

Mayor Platte opened the meeting for a Public Hearing on the IFT Tax Exempt Application for Astraeus Wind Energy, Inc., for Property Tax Code 23-300-003-400-051-04, property commonly known as 503 Marilyn Street. The Public Hearing opened at 7:12 p.m.

There were no comments.

Mayor Platte closed the Public Hearing at 7:13 p.m.

Mayor Platte opened the meeting for a Public Hearing on the IFT Tax Exempt Application for Magnesium Products of America, Inc., for Property Tax Code 23-300-027-400-100-00, property commonly known as 2001 Industrial Drive. The Public Hearing opened at 7:14 p.m.

There were no comments.

Mayor Platte closed the Public Hearing at 7:14 p.m.

Councilman Norris moved Council approve the 2012-2017 Area Parks and Recreation Plan and authorize the submission of the Plan to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the Resolution for the Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate for Astraeus Wind Energy, Inc., for a 12 Year Tax Abatement; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Councilman Greenhoe moved Council approve the Resolution for the Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate for Magnesium Products of America, Inc., for a 12 Year Tax Abatement; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the Resolution in support of the Hall Street Bridge Project through the Michigan Department of Transportation; seconded by Councilman Norris, passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve the Parks Board recommendation to award the bid for concession stand services at Howe Memorial Field for the 2012 season to Mark McGee of Mark's Gourmet Dogs; seconded by Councilman Norris, passed unanimously.

Councilman Norris moved Council approve the Parks Board recommendation to reduce the youth membership fees to \$5.00 per player with no charge for youth who receive financial assistance for the YMCA Parks and Recreation Program; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Barb Lietzke, 1303 Hall Street, appeared before Council regarding the City's water and problems that she is having in her home.

Mayor Platte reported on the following: reminded the citizens that he and the City Manager will be on the radio on May 4th at 8:40 a.m., promoting the City.

Councilwoman Brown reported on the following: congratulated Jim Towers and Captain Jeff Dieter for their years of service to the City and that their expertise will be greatly missed; and that she was happy with the Area Parks Plan and the work that will be moving forward with this Plan and how nice it was to work cooperatively with Eaton Rapids and Hamlin Townships on this Plan.

Councilman Greenhoe reported on the following: congratulated Jim Towers for his 43 years of service to the City of Eaton Rapids and wished him well with his retirement and that he will be missed; and congratulated Captain Jeff Dieter on his retirement from the Fire Department and thanked him for his service to the City.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: thanked Jim Towers for his commitment to the City and for his service and dedication; and thanked Captain Jeff Dieter for his service to the City and its citizens and thanked all of the Firefighters for all they do for the City.

Councilman Norris reported on the following: congratulated Jim Towers and Captain Jeff Dieter on their retirement and that they have done a great job and have been appreciated by the City.

City Manager Stoppels reported on the following: that the Welcome Center is progressing well; that there is a water leak on Main Street that will be repaired this week, but will involve the closure of south bound traffic for a few days; thanked Jim Towers for his service to the City of Eaton Rapids as Cemetery Sexton; and thanked Captain Jeff Dieter for putting himself in harms way for the citizens of Eaton Rapids.

Utilities Director Poyer reported on the following: that there is a water service leak at the corner of Main and Knight Street, and that crews will begin working on this on Wednesday, and that traffic will be detoured through Friday for this project.

DPW/WWTP Director Nichols reported on the following: that the Welcome Center will be having a plumbing inspection done this week, and that the tuck-point on the chimney is being done this week, and that fascia repair and replacement will begin as well.

Fire Chief McNutt reported on the following: that the Department had responded to a call from the insurance company for Dowding Industries due to a machine fire and that they would be meeting with staff at Dowding to go over proper procedure; and congratulated Jim Towers and Captain Jeff Dieter on their retirement.

Police Chief Malewski reported on the following: that he would be giving the promotion of Sergeant to Officer Jeff Smith, who is an 11 year veteran to the Department.

City Clerk Reinecke administered the Oath of Office to Sergeant Jeff Smith. Police Chief Malewski presented Sergeant Smith with his new badge.

Police Chief Malewski further reported on the following: that the Department had received a Homeland Security Grant for \$4,000 and that a portable thermal imaging system has been purchased for use; that the Department will be holding the Drug Take Back Program this Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.; that Island City Academy will be holding a spaghetti dinner on Friday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to raise funds for the Relay for Life; that Office Dover has started with the Department yesterday; that

Officer Neff will start with the Department next week; and that he had just received notice that Officer Travis will be leaving in two weeks.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk