

A worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, May 7, 2012, at 5:00 p.m.

Present were Mayor Platte and Councilpersons Greenhoe, Harri and Norris. Councilwoman Brown arrived at 5:08 p.m. None were absent.

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

Mayor Platte reminded everyone that on July 16th Council will be reviewing the proposed legal changes to the Ordinance with Municipal Code Corporation.

Old Business Topics of Discussion were:

Bud Maxey, a member of the Island City Dog Park, reviewed proposed modifications to the Park Plan. Mr. Maxey stated that they would like to shift the fenced area to the East to provide more of a buffer between the fenced area and the neighbors to the West. Mr. Maxey stated that this would also provide more space for the surrounding on-leash path. Mr. Maxey stated that another change instead of having the cost of pervious concrete poured for a walking area, that the bricks that the City has when Main Street was torn up could be used in this area. Mr. Maxey stated that they would like the project in two phases, with the option of building the events area in the second phase. Mr. Maxey stated that the final change would be to shorten the fences by 100', thus resulting in a 200' x 200' area. Mr. Maxey stated that the proposed changes would be a savings of \$10,000, and that with other projects going on in the City and competitive funding and donations for this project, that at this time they would ask for Council to agree to the changes.

After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that the changes could be approved, with the exception of the use of the City bricks, as this would need to be looked into as the City was looking to use these in another project and wanted to make sure that there would be enough.

New Business Topics of Discussion were:

Utilities Director Poyer reviewed with Council the 2013-2018 MPPA Capacity Purchase. Utilities Director Poyer stated that from June 2014 through May 2018, the City would need to purchase up to 27 MW, with costs from \$1,250 per MW per month up to \$4,800 per MW per month. Utilities Director Poyer stated that he has reviewed these prices with the City's Electrical Engineer, Scott Childs, and they both feel that these prices are favorable. This item will appear on the May 14th Agenda.

Fire Chief McNutt reviewed with Council the proposed changes to the Fire Department Constitution and By-Laws. Chief McNutt stated that due to the retirement of a Captain, he would like the Captain's pay of \$1,000, to be split and make a Lieutenant's position, where he could promote two Officers for this. Chief McNutt stated that this would allow him to train more individuals as retirements from the Department occur. This item will appear on the May 14th Agenda.

Fire Chief McNutt reviewed with Council the hiring process of new employees in the Department. Chief McNutt stated that this is the format that has been followed at the Department, but has never been put in writing, and now will be made part of the criteria. Council thanked Chief McNutt for the review.

Fire Chief McNutt reviewed with Council the process for prospective Officers in the Department. Chief McNutt stated that all personnel who wanted to advance to an Officer, would need to take a 200 questions test, and pass by 80%. Chief McNutt stated that once this had been completed, the prospective candidates would then go to an oral review board, which would be made up of Chief's from other areas, and other personnel. Council thanked Chief McNutt for the update and stated that this was an excellent idea.

Russ Hicks, from the Rapids Project, reviewed with Council the monies that were needed for the River Study. Mr. Hicks stated that he has been in contact with an individual who would be willing to fund \$25,000 of the project, but that timing was everything with the DNR and work that needs to be done. After a lengthy discussion, it was recommended that this request go to the DDA at their meeting on Friday.

Kim Byerly reviewed with Council the request that McArthur River Drive, from Forest Street to South East Street, be closed on Saturday, May 19th, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. for the Boat and Car Show. Ms. Byerly stated that they have been in contact with Riverview Village, and that residents at this location will be able to get out through another drive. This item will appear on the May 14th Agenda.

Kim Byerly reviewed with Council the request for the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 28th at 11:00 a.m. Ms. Byerly stated that the parade route will be from Marilyn

Street to Knight Street, and that a ceremony will take place after the parade on Island Park. This item will appear on the May 14th Agenda.

Mayor Platte reviewed with Council the events that are being scheduled for the July 4th and City's 175th Celebration. Mayor Platte stated that the Parade will begin at 11:00 a.m. and will proceed from Marilyn Street to Knight Street. Mayor Platte stated that events will begin as early as 8:00 a.m. on the 4th and will end with Fireworks at Alumni Stadium. This item will appear on the May 14th Agenda.

Kim Byerly reviewed with Council the events planned for the Amphitheater will music and movies every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. The event will begin on Thursday, June 7th and continue through August. Ms. Byerly stated that music will go from 7:00 p.m. until approximately 9:00 p.m., and then family friendly movies will begin at dusk. Ms. Byerly stated that the Parks Board would like to request a waiver of the noise ordinance for these events. This item will appear on the May 14th Agenda.

Police Chief Malewski reviewed with Council the concern of skateboarders in the downtown area. Chief Malewski stated that he has received numerous complaints from business owners. Chief Malewski stated that he would like to have the signs posted on the store fronts of business owners who are in agreement, so that violators can be ticketed. Council thanked Chief Malewski for the update.

City Manager Stoppels reviewed with Council the proposed 2012-2013 Budget. City Manager Stoppels stated that this document is a working document, and will, by Charter, be made available to the public on June 1st. City Manager Stoppels did a overview of the proposed budget, and highlighted the areas in the Capital Outlay budget. This item will again be reviewed at the May 21st worksession.

Public Comments:

Russ Hicks, Columbia Hwy., appeared before Council stating that if the River Rapids project was successful, then Council in the future would need to consider the purchase of a river rescue pontoon and trailer.

Council Comments for the Good of the Order:

Councilman Harri stated that he had received concern from constituents regarding the grass being long by the hedge row and wondered if this would be taken care of prior to Memorial Day. DPW/WWTP Director Nichols stated that this will be taken care of.

Councilman Greenhoe asked when the parking signs would be put on Hamlin Street, with 2 Hour Only by the side of City Hall and No Parking by Hamlin Square Coffee. DPW/WWTP Nichols stated that this will be taken care of.

Councilman Greenhoe asked if there could be a report given on the Downtown Parking situation. Mayor Platte reviewed that a Committee of the DDA, Chamber, Downtown Merchants as well as himself and City Personnel, have been meeting to come up with a plan to take to the DDA. Mayor Platte stated that a Committee Meeting has been scheduled for this Friday, and that hopefully with this meeting a plan can be formalized and sent to the DDA for review and approval.

Closed Session

Councilman Harri moved Council go into Closed Session regarding the Administrative Staff Agreement; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously. Council went into Closed Session at 6:36 p.m.

Councilman Harri moved Council reconvene back into Open Session; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously. Council reconvened back into Open Session at 6:58 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk