

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, May 14, 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 Christian Outreach Church.

The Agenda was approved with the addition of a Closed Session for the purpose of strategy and negotiations regarding the Administrative Staff Agreement.

The April 23, 2012, Regular Minutes and the May 7, 2012, Worksession Minutes were approved as printed.

Councilman Norris moved that disbursements of \$425,429.34, with the breakdown being General Fund Checks in the amount of \$116,418.58 - check numbers 58935 through 59936, Meter Deposit Refund Checks in the amount of \$2,956.59 - check number 100709 through 100727 and 100736 through 100739 and Wire Transfers in the amount of \$306,054.17; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously.

Mike Shirkey, State Representative, appeared before Council regarding the issue at the State on Personal Property Taxes. Council thanked Representative Shirkey for the update.

Councilman Greenhoe moved Council approve the Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Richard Freer, 112 Kilkelly, to the Local Development Finance Authority Board, for a four year term which will expire on May 23, 2016; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Kirk Wiltse, 502 Drahner, to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an Alternate, for a three year term which will expire on November 1, 2015; seconded by Councilman Norris, passed unanimously.

Councilman Norris moved Council approve the Relay for Life to be held on Friday, May 18th through Saturday, May 19th, with the event to be held at Union Street School, and for Council to waive Section 20-1, Restriction, to Allow Limited Overnight Camping at Union Street School, waiver of Section 15-26 (9), Noise Ordinance, to Allow Activities with Loud Music until 12:00 a.m., and waiver of Section 9-6 (3c), Recreational Fire House, to Allow Recreational Fires to Burn throughout the event; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve the Parks and Recreation Department to hold Thursday Night Music and Movie Nights at the Amphitheater, and for Council to waive Section 15-26 (9), Noise Ordinance, to Allow Activities with Loud Music until 11:00 p.m.,

from June through August, on Thursday nights at the Amphitheater; seconded by Councilman Norris. After discussion, Councilman Harri amended his motion to include to waive Section 16-7 (b) (3), City Parks, Hours Open to the Public, to Allow Activities and the Park to Remain Open on Thursdays, from June through August until 12:30 a.m.; seconded by Councilman Norris, passed unanimously as amended.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the Memorial Day Parade to be held on Monday, May 28th, with the Parade beginning at 11:00 a.m. at Marilin Street and ending at Knight Street; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Councilman Greenhoe moved Council approve the Classic Boat and Car Show to be held on Saturday, May 19th, at McArthur River Park, and for the closure of McArthur River Drive between East Street and Forest Street from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., to accommodate the event; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously.

Councilman Norris moved Council approve the Eaton Rapids July 4th Committees list of activities and special event permit application and also waive the Noise Ordinance, Section 15-26 (9), Noise Ordinance, to Allow Activities with Loud Music until 11:00 p.m., and for the Parade on Wednesday, July 4th, at 11:00 a.m., with the Parade route being Marilin to Main to Knight Street; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the recommendation from Utility Director Scott Poyer for the purchase of capacity by the Michigan Public Power Agency on behalf of the City of Eaton Rapids for the quantity and rate as negotiated, and authorize Utility Director Poyer to sign said Agreement as the Member Authorized Representative; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilman Greenhoe moved Council approve the recommendation from Fire Chief Roger McNutt on the changes to the Eaton Rapids Fire Department Constitution and By-Laws; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously.

Mayor Platte reported on the following: that the DDA Facade Grant has been extended until June 1st, and it is for the front, side and rear of businesses; and that Eastern Michigan University has completed the City's National Historical Designation for the Downtown and MSHDA will be giving approval on Friday; and that at the DDA Meeting held last Friday, they have approved the Funding for the River Project.

Councilwoman Brown reported on the following: congratulated City Clerk Kristy Reinecke on being City Clerk of the Year.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: that there was an article in the Detroit News on white water rafting and it listed cities such as Traverse City, Grand Rapids, and Eaton Rapids was listed as well and it was good to see this type of positive article for Eaton Rapids.

Utility Director Poyer reported on the following: that the ER Casting Project is moving forward as they have received a contract from Caterpillar and that he is in the process of changing the paperwork and getting it filed by the June 1st deadline as the funding through the MEDC has changed from 3.2 million to 2.2 million.

DPW/WWTP Director Nichols reported on the following: that the Welcome Center is moving along and that concrete for the floor will be poured tomorrow, that the roof replacement will begin and be finished this week, that windows will be ordered this week; that the WWTP is running fine; that crews are working hard and giving 100% and that the City is looking great do to their efforts; and that the Cemetery work is continuing and will be ready for Memorial Day.

Councilman Harri moved Council go into Closed Session to discuss strategy and negotiations on the Administrative Staff Agreement; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously. Council went into Closed Session at 7:40 p.m.

Councilman Harri moved Council reconvene back into Open Session; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously. Council reconvened back into Open Session at 8:18 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk