

A worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, June 4, 2012, at 5:00 p.m.

Present were Mayor Platte and Councilpersons Greenhoe, Brown, Harri and Norris. 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 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:

None.

New Business Topics of Discussion were:

City Manager Stoppels reviewed with Council the Resolution that needs to be approved for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in support of the Council of Governments Area Parks Plan. City Manager Stoppels stated that the Area Plan was previously approved by Council, but that the MDNR needs to also have this Resolution. This item will appear on the June 11th Agenda.

Utility Director Poyer reviewed with Council the need to sell two vehicles. Utility Director Poyer stated that in the past these vehicles were taken to the State Auction, but the State is no longer holding an auction and doing everything on line. Utility Director Poyer stated that he has had some local interest, so was asking for permission to advertise the sale of these vehicles in the local paper. Council stated that this would be acceptable.

Old Business Topics of Discussion were:

City Manager Stoppels reviewed with Council the proposed budget. City Manager Stoppels and staff answered questions of Council regarding the budget. City Manager Stoppels stated that this was a working document and would continue to be looked at and changed up until the adoption at the end of June. City Manager Stoppels stated that they would be adjusting the budget to account for the figures that the City has received on the increase in Health Insurance costs, which is an increase of 19 1/2 %. This item will appear on the June 11th Agenda for the Public Hearing on the Proposed 2012-2013 Budget as well as the Proposed Millage Rate to be levied to support the Proposed Budget. This item will also appear on the next worksession for further review.

Public Comments:

None.

Council Comments for the Good of the Order:

Mayor Platte distributed the final design for the plaque that will be placed on the City Street Clock for the 175th Anniversary Celebration for Council review.

Utility Director Poyer stated that he had just received an email from MEDC that Eaton Rapids Casting has been granted a 45 day extension to have their Capital Plan submitted.

Councilman Greenhoe asked for the status on the property located on Dutton Street. Building Inspector Hill stated that the property has been cleaned up to about 75%, and that they have until Monday to get it 100% done, or this will be on the Council Agenda for an Administrative Hearing.

Councilman Greenhoe asked for the status on the property located on Haven Street. City Manager Stoppels stated that they were working under the advisement of the Police Chief on this do to a previous history, and that a letter has been sent to the property owner.

Councilman Norris asked what the status of the City being designated as a Historical Downtown and on the National Historic Registry, what this would entail for business owners. City Manager Stoppels stated that business owners would still be able to change their business in any way that they wanted, as long as Federal or State monies were not being used. If grant monies were being used, then they would have to meet certain criteria. Councilman Norris thanked City Manager Stoppels for the explanation.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk