

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, June 11, 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, Harri and Norris. Councilwoman Brown was absent and excused.

The invocation was given by Pastor Sandra Carpenter of the Dimondale Christian Outreach Center.

The Agenda was approved with the addition of Item 10d., Council Resolution for the Eaton Rapids Lions Club to Apply for a Liquor License.

The May 29, 2012, Regular Minutes and the June 4, 2012, Worksession Minutes were approved as printed.

Councilman Harri moved that disbursements of \$359,119.12, with the breakdown being General Fund Checks in the amount of \$169,943.38 - check numbers 59104 through 59177 and Wire Transfers in the amount of \$189,175.74; seconded by Councilman Norris, passed unanimously.

Mayor Platte opened the meeting for an Administrative Hearing on a property maintenance issue at 416 Dutton Street. The meeting opened at 7:02 p.m.

There was no one in attendance at the meeting to speak on the property maintenance issue at 416 Dutton Street. Mayor Platte closed the Administrative Hearing at 7:03 p.m.

Mayor Platte opened the meeting for an Administrative Hearing on a property maintenance issue at 813 Hyatt Street. The meeting opened at 7:04 p.m.

Douglas Cortright, owner of the property, appeared before the Council stating that he is having some personal issues and had asked the City Manager to grant him an extension until the end of August so that he would be able to get the property cleaned up. Mr. Cortright stated that he is embarrassed of the condition of the lot, but will be working on it slowly to get it cleaned up and done. Mr. Cortright stated that the end of August was his best guess as to when he could have this property into compliance, and that this property has been this way for the past 5 years so didn't understand why there was a complaint now, but would work on it.

Councilman Norris stated that the end of August was unreasonable and was too much time for other property owners in this area to have to look at this lot.

Mayor Platte asked the Building Inspector that if no extension was granted, what the next step would be.

Building Inspector Hill stated that it would be turned over to the City Attorney.

Councilman Harri stated that he hated to see it step to this level but that he is in agreement with Councilman Norris, that the end of August is too long and it needs to be done sooner.

Mr. Cortright stated that if he was given until the end of July, then he felt that he could have it in decent shape.

Councilman Greenhoe stated that if the property looks the same as it did 5 years ago and the City has not done its job in enforcing our Property Maintenance Ordinance, then he had no problem with the extension until the end of August.

City Manager Stoppels stated that this was not correct. City Manager Stoppels stated that since the letter and notification was sent out, that actually Mr. Cortright has hauled more junk to his lot. City Manager Stoppels stated that the issue was that the property was not being used as the property is zoned.

Mayor Platte stated that if the ordinance has not been enforced for over 5 years, then he was in agreement with an extension, but that August was too long, and that July 15<sup>th</sup> seemed like a reasonable time frame to have the property cleaned up.

Councilman Norris stated that he was in agreement, but that the weeds and grass needed to be addressed immediately.

Mr. Cortright stated that he would take care of the weeds and grass immediately and would keep the property maintained by mowing it on a regular basis.

There were no further comments. Mayor Platte closed the Administrative Hearing at 7:18 p.m.

Councilman Norris moved Council allow an extension for the property located at 813 Hyatt Street, until July 15<sup>th</sup>; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Mayor Platte opened the meeting for a Public Hearing on the Proposed 2012-2013 Budget and the Proposed Millage Rate to be Levied to Support the Proposed 2012-2013 Budget. The Public Hearing opened at 7:19 p.m.

There were no comments. Mayor Platte closed the Public Hearing at 7:20 p.m.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve the Resolution in support of the 2012 Eaton Rapids Area Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plan; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Councilman Norris moved Council approve the Proclamation in Honor of the City's 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilman Norris moved Council approve the Proposed Budget Amendments; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve the Resolution for the Eaton Rapids Lions Club to Apply for a Liquor License for July 3<sup>rd</sup> and July 4<sup>th</sup> at Hamlin Court; seconded by Councilman Norris, passed unanimously.

Reuben Green, 630 Forest Street, appeared before Council regarding the cemetery looking great and the best that it has looked in a very long time and asked if consideration could be given to having something put down on the roads at the cemetery so that dust was not such an issue.

Mayor Platte reported on the following: reminded everyone about the Oldsmobile at the Farm Night at the Historical Society on June 16<sup>th</sup>; and that July 4<sup>th</sup> is coming up quickly and many events have been scheduled in honor of the City's 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with numerous dedications and activities; that the Fireworks display on the 4<sup>th</sup> will be spectacular as Roger Harris has worked very hard in getting the funding for this event doubled from previous years and thanked Mr. Harris for all of his volunteer work on this event.

Councilman Greenhoe reported on the following: that the Girls Softball Team has done wonderful things this year and should be commended for their outstanding season; and that Todd and his crews are doing a fantastic job and working hard to get everything done and thanked them for all of their hard work.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: complimented Todd and his crew, that they are really making the City shine and doing an excellent job.

Councilman Norris reported on the following: wondered if a rain date has been scheduled for the fireworks just in case.

DPW/WWTP Nichols reported on the following: thanked the Council for their compliments and he will pass this on to the crews; that he needs to tip his hat to the work crews as they are doing a fantastic job; the Welcome Center is moving along and that the work is being completed by the DPW and WWTP staff; that Keith Miller is doing an excellent job in the Cemetery and that the City is very fortunate to have such a talented work force; that work is continuing on having the screen ready for the Thursday night movie in the park and that he is proud to work with such a great crew and group of people.

City Treasurer St. Aubin reported on the following: that they are in the process of getting the tax bill situation figured out and bills printed and sent out and wanted to commend her Deputy Treasurer, Carla Mazur, on all the things that she does and what a hard worker she is and how amazing she is and all of the knowledge that she brings to the Department.

Mayor Platte reminded everyone that the Music and Movies in the Park will begin on Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, and will have music beginning at 7:30 p.m. and go until 9:30 p.m., and then the movie will begin shortly thereafter, with this weeks feature being the Muppets, and urged everyone to bring lawn chairs and enjoy the night at the Amphitheater.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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Steven G. Platte, Mayor

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Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk