

A worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, August 6, 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, 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, City Library Director Sandra Porter, 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:**

Police Chief Malewski reported on the following: that the Department had received a thank-you from the Ingham County Sheriff's Department; and that Family Fare has requested an on-site beer and wine tasting permit through the Liquor Control Commission. After discussion it was the consensus of Council to allow the ruling from the Liquor Control Commission.

**Old Business Topics of Discussion were:**

The Dog Park Review was not discussed as the presenter was not in attendance.

Fire Chief McNutt reviewed with Council the Training Center that the Fire Departments are looking at having at Island City Industrial Park. Fire Chief McNutt stated that this item was taken to the LDFA Board and that they were in agreement with having the Training Center at this location. This item will appear on the August 13<sup>th</sup> Agenda.

**New Business Topics of Discussion were:**

Mayor and Council reviewed the cell phone and Internet policy for Council. Mayor Platte reviewed that in the past cell phones have been given to Councilmembers as well as Internet service has been paid for and provided. Mayor Platte asked what Council wished to do in the future. After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to have a stipend paid of \$25.00 for cell phones and \$25.00 for Internet service to help with the costs. It was also the consensus of the Council that if a Councilmember wishes to have a City cell phone, and not their own personal one, then they would not received the \$25.00 stipend for the cell phone as the City would be paying their cost for the phone provided.

Police Chief Malewski reviewed with Council the possibility of the City passing a Fireworks Ordinance. After a lengthy discussion, Council was in agreement to continue to monitor this situation in the future.

City Clerk Reinecke reviewed with Council the Eaton Rapids High School Homecoming Parade request. This item will appear on the August 13<sup>th</sup> Agenda.

City Clerk Reinecke reviewed with Council the proposal received from Pitney Bowes for the replacement of the folder/stuffer machine as well as the postage meter. City Clerk Reinecke reviewed the quotes given on purchasing the equipment or leasing the equipment. This item will appear on the August 13<sup>th</sup> Agenda.

Maureen Wegener, from C2AE, reviewed with the Council the proposal for the Grand River Hydrology Study. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed to fund the field work portion of the proposal as this amount has been budgeted for.

#### **Public Comments:**

Russ Hicks updated Council on the status of the river project.

#### **Council Comments for the Good of the Order:**

City Manager Stoppels reported on the following: that he will be out of the office next week, Monday through Wednesday; and presented Council with a memo regarding the status of the Meter Replacements.

Councilman Norris reported on the following: stated that he would like it discussed at a future worksession the status and review on the restructuring of the Public Works Department.

After a short discussion, City Manager Stoppels requested that Council go into a Closed Session for a personnel evaluation per the request of the party involved.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council go into Closed Session for a personnel evaluation at the request of the party involved; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed 4 yeas, 1 nay (Norris). Council went into Closed Session at 7:02 p.m.

Councilman Norris moved Council reconvene back into Open Session; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously. Council reconvened back into Open Session at 7:42 p.m.

Mayor Platte reported on the following: that a letter needs to be sent by Council as advised by the City Attorney regarding a personnel issue.

Councilman Greenhoe reported on the following: wondered the status of the issue at Union Street and the Schools response; that the report that the Mayor provided at the Council of Governments meeting was enlightening and if such reports from the Mayor can be given to Council on a regular basis; asked for an update on the Colthorp property; asked for an update on the Foundry; and wondered why bids were not sent out to different Engineering firms other than C2AE.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Steven G. Platte, Mayor

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Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk