

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, September 10, 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 Christian Outreach Church.

The Agenda was approved as printed.

The August 27, 2012, Regular Minutes were approved as printed.

Councilman Norris moved that disbursements of \$258,868.39 be approved, with the breakdown being Meter Deposit Refund Checks in the amount of \$1,090.56 - check numbers 100777 through 100787; General Fund Checks in the amount of \$64,515.22 - check numbers 59533 through 59586 and Wire Transfers in the amount of \$193,262.61; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Mayor Platte opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. for an Administrative Hearing on a property maintenance issue at 116 Frost Street.

Building Inspector Hill reviewed the property maintenance issues with the Council.

Denny Miller, owner of the property at 116 Frost Street, appeared before Council stating that he has been working on the property, but he is on disability so he has had to hire the work out. Mr. Miller stated that he felt he only needs a couple of weeks to complete the work that needs to be done on the property.

Mayor Platte asked that if Mr. Miller was given until September 24th, if he felt that he could wrap-up the project in that time frame. Mr. Miller stated that this could definitely be done.

Mayor Platte closed the meeting at 7:12 p.m. for the Administrative Hearing.

Councilman Greenhoe moved Council approve to give an extension for the property located at 116 Frost Street until September 24, 2012, to address the property maintenance issues that were cited; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Mayor Platte opened the meeting at 7:14 p.m. for an Administrative Hearing on a property maintenance issue at 214 S. Main Street.

Building Inspector Hill reviewed the property maintenance issues with the Council.

There was no one in attendance at the meeting to speak on behalf of the property.

Mayor Platte closed the meeting at 7:16 p.m. for the Administrative Hearing.

Councilman Greenhoe moved Council to not grant an extension and proceed with legal action on the property located at 214 S. Main Street; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

The presentation for the United Way Kick-off did not happen as Mr. Garcia was not at the meeting.

Collette Scrimgour, 6944 Island Hwy, appeared before Council as a representative from the Barry-Eaton District Health Department, and gave a brief update on all that the Health Department has to offer, and left brochures. Council thanked Ms. Scrimgour for the update.

Mayor Platte reported on the following: that he and the City Manager had been on the 92.9 Radio Show and would be on the radio the first Friday of every month promoting Eaton Rapids and what makes it so special; thanked Mr. Miller for being at the meeting and addressing the concerns with his property; and thanked Collette for coming and reviewing what is going on with the Health Department.

Councilman Greenhoe reported on the following: wondered what type of information has been received regarding the street sign issue; that he wanted to congratulate the Fire Chief on the successful golf outing and in raising funds for the Locke family; that the National Park Service has the Island City listed in the Historic District and there will be more information on this at a later date; thanked Mr. Miller for coming to the meeting; and that the Lamb Building has been an issue to the City for years and was glad to see the Council take this action to get rid of this eyesore.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: that community health is a very important issue, and thanked Ms. Scrimgour for the presentation; that the Council is a member of the Council of Governments, and works with the surrounding Townships, and he will be helping out at the Eaton Rapids Township Fire Department event on Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., as they raise funds for new equipment.

City Manager Stoppels reported on the following: that he is in the process of reviewing bids that were received for the Utility Master Plan and that a presentation will be given by two firms at the October 15th Worksession and that as part of this plan the City's street signs will be brought into conformance, but the date for this has been relaxed, so the City will be complying well ahead of the due date; that bids for the Parking Lot by Pettit's to reseal and reline are being received; that the City is looking into implementing a new plan for Howe Field and restructuring the existing buildings; that bids are being received for work to be done at the Playground of Dreams; that work is ongoing with security at the DPW Yard; and that a speaker is being scheduled to come to a future DDA meeting to talk about the National Recognition for the Historic District.

DPW/WWTP Director Nichols reported on the following: that the DEQ Inspection went well and the work will be completed by next week so that they are in compliance with everything; and that a lab inspection has been scheduled for December.

Councilman Harri moved Council go into Closed Session regarding Union Negotiations; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously. Council went into Closed Session at 7:42 p.m.

Councilman Harri moved Council reconvene back into Open Session; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously. Council reconvened back into Open Session at 8:17 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk