

A worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, September 17, 2012, at 5:00 p.m.

Present were Mayor Platte and Councilpersons Brown, Greenhoe, Harri and Norris. None were absent.

Administrative Staff Present was City Manager Jon Stoppels, DPW/WWTP Director Todd Nichols, Police Chief Paul Malewski, Fire Chief Roger McNutt, Deputy Treasurer Carla Mazur, City Assessor Mike Baker, Utility Director Scott Poyer, City Library Director Sandra Porter, Treasurer Lisa St. Aubin and City Clerk Kristy Reinecke.

Also Present was City Attorney Gary Francis.

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 Friday was Homecoming; that on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday they would be participating in Safety Town; that on the 29th they would be doing the Drug Take Back Program from 10:00 until 2:00; and that the Department will be hosting a Traffic Radar School next week.

Old Business Topics of Discussion were:

None.

New Business Topics of Discussion were:

Utility Director Poyer reviewed with Council the proposal that he had received from Cummins Bridgeway for the generation planned equipment maintenance Agreement. Utility Director Poyer stated that all of the City's generators were Cummins Bridgeway and it would be his recommendation to go with the Five Year Plan. This item will appear on the September 24th Agenda.

Public Comments:

None.

Council Comments for the Good of the Order:

Councilwoman Brown reported on the following: stated that it was good to be back and thanked her colleagues for their support.

Mayor Platte reported on the following: that the City had received an invitation for the Education Foundation Dinner on November 10th, and if Council was interested in attending to let Kristy know by September 24th; that he was receiving a new quote from Municipal Code for the Codification and would be presenting this to Council at an upcoming Worksession; that the City had received the Historical Designation and National Recognition, and that the DDA would be having a speaker come from the State and give a presentation to business owners; and that the Chamber and City Staff were working to put together an event on October 26th through the 28th with the Urban Air outfitters out of Grand Rapids, and more information would be coming on this event.

Councilman Greenhoe reported on the following: asked if Utility Director Poyer could give a brief overview on the new sign law. Utility Director Poyer stated that as long as your current signs were in compliance with the standards on reflectivity, you had until 2018 to comply, but as the City's do not comply, then you need to have a plan in place to be in compliance. City Manager Stoppels stated that this would be reviewed with the Engineer that was in the process of being bid on, which Council would be receiving a presentation in October.

Councilman Norris reported on the following: asked the status of the Lamb Building. City Manager Stoppels stated that letters have been sent out.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: wondered the status of the URV Project. Utility Director Poyer stated that there is a meeting next Tuesday and he will be reporting back to Council after this meeting.

Closed Session:

Councilman Harri moved Council go into Closed Session to discuss mediation regarding the Collective Bargaining Agreement; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously. Council went into Closed Session at 5:30 p.m.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council reconvene back into Open Session; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously. Council reconvened back into Open Session at 5:58 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk