

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, September 24, 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 Brown, Greenhoe, Harri and Norris. None were absent.

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

The Agenda was approved as printed.

The September 10, 2012, Regular Minutes and the September 17, 2012, Worksession Minutes were approved as printed.

Councilman Norris moved that disbursements of \$350,004.49 be approved, with the breakdown being General Fund Checks in the amount of \$58,304.65 - check numbers 59587 through 59657 and Wire Transfers in the amount of \$291,699.84; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously.

Rick Garcia, the Executive Director for Eaton County United Way, appeared before Council regarding the September 11<sup>th</sup> kick-off event that was held and how United Way is active in Eaton Rapids through the Senior Citizens Center, Heart and Hands and Eaton Rapids Medical Center Farmer's Market. Mr. Garcia stated that United Way will be hosting a "Track the Vote" forum on October 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Red Ribbon Hall. Mr. Garcia thanked Council for allowing him the time for the presentation.

Mayor Platte read Council's Proclamation Honoring Kim Byerly for her years of service to the City of Eaton Rapids.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Michael DeGrow, 902 Raeburn, to the Local Officer's Compensation Commission, to fill an unexpired term which will expire on October 1, 2016; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Councilman Greenhoe moved Council approve the Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Ed Shotwell, 930 McArthur River Drive, to the Local Officer's Compensation Commission, for a five year term which will expire on October 1, 2017; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the Power Generation Planned Equipment Maintenance Agreement with Cummins Bridgeway for the term of five years; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Reuben Green, 630 Forest Street, appeared before Council regarding the Cemetery and the grub control issues.

Mayor Platte reported on the following: read a letter from the Mayor of Charlotte thanking the Eaton Rapids Fire Department for their assistance with the elevator fire; and reminded everyone about the Education Foundation dinner and auction that is being held on November 10<sup>th</sup> at the English Inn.

Councilwoman Brown reported on the following: congratulated Chief McNutt and the Department.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: thanked Kim Byerly for all of her work and service to the City and that she is a great citizen to Eaton Rapids.

Councilman Norris reported on the following: thanked Kim Byerly for her years of service to the City and that she was an asset with her knowledge and will be missed and is very respected in the Community.

City Manager Stoppels reported on the following: that the City had received a bid for the work that needs to be done at the playground and they will review the bid and report back to Council in the future; that there was a walk-through for the Library facade replacement and bids should be arriving on this project; that Lot #5, behind Pettit's Hardware, was seal coated and marked last week; that bids are due on Friday for the 414 Brook Street property; that the City is continuing to work with the City Attorney regarding property maintenance issues; thanked the Fire Department for their work on the hydrant painting; and thanked Kim Byerly for her service to the City.

Utility Director Poyer reported on the following: thanked Kim for all of her help over the years.

Fire Chief McNutt reported on the following: that the CERT Program in Eaton County has received some grant monies for CPR equipment; that the hydrant project is moving along; and that Thursday he will be doing fire extinguisher training at Dowding.

Police Chief Malewski reported on the following: that the Eaton Rapids Historical Foundation will be hosting their Fall Festival on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; that the Drug Take Back Program will be on Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; that the Department will be at Safety Town on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; and that the Homecoming Parade was held on Friday and went well.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

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Steven G. Platte, Mayor

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Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk