

A worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, October 1, 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, 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 Safety Town was held on Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday of last week and went well.

Old Business Topics of Discussion were:

City Manager Stoppels reviewed with Council the three bids that had been received for the property located at 414 Brook Street. This item will appear on the October 8th Agenda.

City Manager Stoppels reviewed with Council the bid that had been received for the work that needs to be performed at the Playground of Dreams. After a lengthy discussion, it was the recommendation of the City Manager to have this project rebid in the Spring.

City Manager Stoppels reviewed with Council the work that needs to be performed at the Library, and it was necessary to have this work completed before winter weather. City Manager Stoppels stated that the bids are due on Wednesday, October 3rd, and it would be his recommendation to have this item on the October 8th Agenda if the bids came in below the estimated price.

New Business Topics of Discussion were:

Utility Director Poyer reviewed with Council the recommended purchases for electric from MPPA for years 2015-2024. Utility Director Poyer stated that it was his recommendation to proceed with the purchases. This item will appear on the October 8th Agenda.

Utility Director Poyer reviewed with Council the desire to retire Well #2. Utility Director Poyer stated that the quote from Peerless Midwest came in over the amount that was budgeted, but it was his recommendation to proceed with this project and have it done before the next fiscal year. This item will appear on the October 8th Agenda.

Police Chief Malewski reviewed with Council the request from Hamlin Square Party Store to have a pub in the back of their facility. Police Chief Malewski stated that there were many concerns with this request, including the back part of the building being brought up to Code to house such a business. After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of Council to have this item appear on the October 8th Agenda.

Fire Chief McNutt reviewed the bids that have been received for the purchase of a new fire truck. Council thanked Chief McNutt for the review. Fire Chief McNutt stated that the truck he was recommending would be a 10 year lease agreement, and the City owning the vehicle at the end of the lease. This item will appear on the October 8th Agenda.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the appointment of Councilman Thomas D. Norris to be the voting delegate at the Michigan Municipal League Annual Convention; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

City Manager Stoppels introduced Russ Hicks who has been working diligently on the Eaton Rapids Whitewater project. Mr. Hicks stated that the project was scheduled to apply for Grants next year, but the funding for this project has moved ahead of schedule and that Grants for this type of project are due on October 1st as well as October 19th. Mr. Hicks stated that it was the hope that with the Grant amounts being awarded and the work that has already been accomplished, that the project could be completely paid for if the City received the Grants. Mr. Hicks stated that the Council would need to approve the amount of \$8,750 for the data analysis part of the project in order to get the Grants filed by the October deadline. This item will appear on the October 8th Agenda.

Public Comments:

Russ Hicks, Columbia Highway, appeared before Council regarding the pub location at Hamlin Square Party Store.

Council Comments for the Good of the Order:

Councilman Greenhoe reported on the following: asked if Fire Chief McNutt could give an update on the possible consolidation of Fire Departments. Fire Chief McNutt stated that he and the Eaton Rapids Township Fire Chief have been working together with

training and other ventures, and that they have broached the subject and are looking into the possibility before having this presented to the Township Board and City Council for further discussion.

City Manager Stoppels reported on the following: that with shut-offs last week there was a situation at City Hall, but Staff handled the situation very well, and that a PPO has been filed against an individual and if Council wanted more information on this situation to see him.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk