

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, November 12, 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 Scott Boles of the First Baptist Church.

The Agenda was approved as printed and with the addition of Item 10c., presentation to Dowding Industries on the Energy Optimization Plan; and Item 10g., Council Approval of the June 30, 2012 Audit as Prepared by Abraham & Gaffney, P.C.

The October 22, 2012, Regular Minutes and the November 5, 2012, Worksession Minutes were approved as printed.

Councilwoman Brown moved that disbursements of \$467,191.16 be approved, with the breakdown being General Fund Checks in the amount of \$185,165.98 - check numbers 59786 through 59909, Meter Deposit Refund Checks in the amount of \$727.11 - check numbers 100802 through 100808 and Wire Transfers in the amount of \$281,298.07; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Mayor Platte opened the meeting for a Public Hearing on the IFT Tax Exempt Application for Dowding Industries, Inc., in the amount of \$1,976,617.00, for property tax code 23-300-003-400-051-04, property commonly known as 449 Marilyn Street. The Public Hearing Opened at 7:09 p.m.

City Manager Stoppels reviewed with the Council the request from Dowding.

Jeff and Chris Metts appeared before Council and reviewed with them the equipment that has been purchased and also that this was to help with job retention.

Mayor Platte Closed the Public Hearing at 7:14 p.m.

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Mayor Platte Closed the Public Hearing at 7:16 p.m.

Mayor Platte opened the meeting for a Public Hearing on the City's Application for a Michigan Economic Development Corporation Community Development Block Grant. The Public Hearing Opened at 7:16 p.m.

Utility Director Poyer reviewed with Council that this Application is reapplying for monies for the Eaton Rapids Casting Project that has been on hold. Utility Director Poyer stated that the LDFA has already approved the Resolution, but now Council needs to act on this. Utility Director Poyer stated that this was a 2.2 Million Dollar Grant, with the LDFA using \$574,000.00 for the match for infrastructure upgrades for this project.

Mayor Platte Closed the Public Hearing at 7:19 p.m.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the Resolution for the Application for Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate for Dowding Industries, Inc., for equipment purchases in the amount of \$1,976,617.00, for a 12 Year Tax Abatement; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve the Resolution for the Application for Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate for Dowding Industries, Inc., for equipment purchases in the amount of \$918,446.00, for a 12 Year Tax Abatement; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Platte presented Dowding Industries, Inc., with a check for \$8,000.00 for participating in the Energy Optimization Program.

Councilman Norris moved Council Approve the Resolution for the Application for a Michigan Economic Development Corporation Community Development Block Grant; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Norris moved Council Approve the Resolution for the Municipal Employees' Retirement System for Defining A Day of Work or Hours Per Month for MERS Retirement Purposes; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the Resolution for the Municipal Employees' Retirement System for the Department of Public Works New Hires to a B-1 with a F55/25 Rider, a 6.25% Employee Contribution and a Final Average Compensation of Five Years; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve the proposal from Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc., for Professional Engineering Services; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously.

Councilman Norris moved Council Approve the June 30, 2012 Audit Report as Presented by Abraham & Gaffney, P.C.; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Mayor Platte reported on the following: presented Council with the picture that was given to the City for the Urban Air Event; congratulated the Education Foundation for a successful event this past weekend; and asked for a moment of silence to remember Paul DiMegglia who had passed away a year ago today.

Councilman Greenhoe reported on the following: commended City Treasurer St. Aubin on the job that she had done in preparing the Audit.

Councilwoman Brown reported on the following: thanked all of the Veteran's for their service to the Country on this Veteran's Day.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: thanked all of the Veterans for all that they do and have done for us, and that this Country has been built on their service and sacrifice.

Councilman Norris reported on the following: that he agreed with all of the comments that his fellow colleagues have made and that this Country owes a great debt to the Veteran's for all they have done.

City Clerk Reinecke reported on the following: that the Presidential Election had been held last week and that the City had a 56% voter turn-out, and thanked her Staff, Election Workers, Fire Chief and Fire Department as well as the Department of Public Works for all of their help and assistance in getting ready for the Election.

City Manager Stoppels reported on the following: that the Library project is nearing completion; and that the tuck pointing at City Hall has been completed.

Police Chief Malewski reported on the following: that the Christmas Parade Plans are all in place; that he had made a presentation at the High School along with Bill DeFrance to interested parents at First United Methodist Church on volunteerism and parental responsibility.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

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Steven G. Platte, Mayor

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Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk