

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, January 28, 2013. 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 Jim Riley of the Eaton Rapids Assembly of God Church.

The Agenda was approved as printed.

The January 14, 2013, Regular Minutes and the January 21, 2013, Worksession Minutes were approved as printed.

Councilman Norris moved that disbursements of \$273,448.44 be approved, with the breakdown being General Fund Checks in the amount of \$47,472.26 - check numbers 60152 through 60207 and Wire Transfers in the amount of \$225,976.18; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed 4 yeas, 1 abstain (Brown).

Mayor Platte read Council's Resolution Honoring Robert K. Hoffman for his years of service to the City. Mayor Platte presented the Resolution and a clock to Jo Hoffman and thanked Jo and her family for sharing Bob with the City and that he will be greatly missed. The Hoffman's received a standing ovation.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the Library Board's recommendation to reappoint Jan Denton, 423 Dexter, to the Library board for a Five Year Term which will expire on January 30, 2019; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Steve Kapff, 1311 West Street, to the Planning Commission as the Liaison to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a one year term which will expire on January 31, 2014; seconded by Councilman Norris, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Martin Vanek, 1211 S. Main street and Deb Malewski, 1308 Hall Street, to the Planning Commission for a three year term which will expire on January 31, 2016; seconded by Councilman Norris, passed unanimously.

Mayor Platte asked for a moment of silence to honor Robert K. Hoffman.

State Representative Mike Shirkey appeared before Council and gave a brief report as to what is happening at the Capitol with policy development; legislation; and that the City of Eaton Rapids looks beautiful at night and was beautiful during the holiday season.

Barb Lietzke, 1303 Hall Street, appeared before Council regarding the news reports on the Police Department.

Mayor Platte reported on the following: thanked Jo Hoffman for Bob's service and his historical knowledge was remarkable and he will be greatly missed; that there is a seminar on Thursday for the National Registrar and for anyone interested in learning more about this designation to attend the meeting at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Councilman Greenhoe reported on the following: thanked Jo Hoffman for Bob and his service to the City, that he will be missed at McDonald's in the mornings and he was a fantastic history buff; thanked Representative Shirkey for his report; and that Eaton Rapids is a pretty place with the lights in the downtown and is something that everyone should be proud of.

Councilwoman Brown reported on the following: thanked everyone for attending the meeting; thanked Jo Hoffman and the family for sharing Bob with the City and offered her condolences to the family for their loss.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: that the Resolution for Bob was bitter sweet as he would like to be presenting the Resolution to Bob, but Jo and the family must be very proud of him and all of his contributions to the City and he will be very much missed.

Councilman Norris reported on the following: Bob was a truly great guy, that he met in 1989 and that they served on the Fire Department together and that Bob was a tough trainer and was very passionate about the Fire Department and will be missed.

City Manager Stoppels reported on the following: that you see accomplishments all over the City that Bob had a big part in and he will be missed.

Utility Director Poyer reported on the following: that Bob will be missed.

DPW/WWTP Director Nichols reported on the following: that Bob is missed, he was like everyone's favorite Uncle at the DPW and is missed at the garage.

Police Chief Malewski and Officer Seeley reported on the following: that the Department was formed in 1981, and the Department was housed at the Fire Department, and that Bob welcomed the Department with an open heart and open arms; that Bob was Officer Seeley's best friend and will be sorely missed; and that the litigation and the attention brought to the City will be as well publicized at the end of this matter as it has been at the forefront as the persons involved will be cleared of any wrong doing.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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Steven G. Platte, Mayor

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Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk