

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, February 11, 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 Scott Boles of the First Baptist Church of Eaton Rapids.

The Agenda was approved as printed and with the Addition of a Closed Session for Strategy and Negotiations regarding Collective Bargaining.

The February 4, 2013, and February 5, 2013, Worksession Minutes were approved as printed. Councilman Greenhoe asked that the January 28, 2013, Regular Minutes be approved with the following correction: "That a discussion transpired at this meeting regarding the expenditure on page 4 of the Claims Report in the amount of \$1,034.42 for the Audit Conference and that it was questioned as to why it was being charged to the "Utility/Sewer Account", when the Treasurer is the one attending the educational class and Council had earlier decided to not have the Treasurer attend this Conference during this budget term." Mayor Platte asked if Council agreed with these changes. Councilwoman Brown stated that she felt this was important to add to the minutes. Councilman Harri had no problem with this being added. Councilman Norris had no problem with this being added. The January 28, 2013, Regular Minutes were approved as amended.

Councilwoman Brown moved that disbursements of \$331,341.89 be approved, with the breakdown being Meter Deposit Refund Checks in the amount of \$1,029.29 - check numbers 100824 through 100831; General Fund Checks in the amount of \$138,422.56 - check numbers 60208 through 60275 and Wire Transfers in the amount of \$191,890.04; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Dave Mattson, appeared before Council and thanked the City for all of their support of the Scout program, and that his son will be honored tonight with the Eagle Scout Award, but his family has four generations of scouting in Eaton Rapids with Troop 52, and thanked the City for all of their support of this fine organization.

Mayor Platte read Council's Proclamation Honoring Caleb Andrew Mattson for his achievement of reaching the rank of Eagle Scout. Caleb received applause and praise from the citizens and Council.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the request from the Business and Professional Women's Organization to hold the 2nd Annual Scrap Metal Drive at the City's Recycling Center on Saturday, April 20th from 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Councilman Norris moved Council approve the Resolution for a Charitable Gaming License for the Eaton Rapids Education Foundation to hold a raffle for tickets to Great Wolf Lodge; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously.

Roy Swindlehurst, 1115 S. Main Street, appeared before Council regarding his utility bill.

Bruce Vanfarowe, 794 Michigan Street, appeared before Council regarding having vehicle access and egress usage for the rear of his property across the WWTP/DPW grounds and asked if there could be a meeting with the property owners.

Tamah Goul, from the Barry-Eaton District Health Department, appeared before Council regarding the Building a Healthy Communities Program and gave a brief presentation.

Mayor Platte reported on the following: congratulated Caleb on his dedication to scouting and all of his hard work to reach the Eagle Scout Award; that the Business and Professional Women would be appreciative of any help during their Scrap Drive as this goes for scholarships; and that business owners can pick up applications to apply for the DDA Facade Grant Program at City Hall.

Councilman Greenhoe reported on the following: congratulated Caleb and what an excellent job he has done and that his family is very proud of him as it is a long standing family tradition; and that the Business and Professional Women's Club is doing a fantastic job in getting monies toward scholarships for High School students.

Councilwoman Brown reported on the following: thanked everyone for attending the meeting; congratulated Caleb for his Eagle Scout designation and the City was very proud of him as well as his family for continuing this longstanding family tradition; that when you have concerns, to let Council know so that they can improve communications with the citizens; and wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: congratulated Caleb on a job well done, that it was a very exclusive club that he was now a part of with the goal that he had achieved.

City Manager Stoppels reported on the following: congratulated Caleb on his accomplishment and that he would be very successful in life with his determination and to always have this on his Resume as this would show his dedication and work ethic; and that he was available to answer any questions regarding his Informational Update.

Councilman Norris moved Council go into Closed Session regarding strategy and negotiations for collective bargaining; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously. Council went into Closed Session at 7:32 p.m.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council reconvene back into open session; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously. Council reconvened back into open session at 8:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk