

A worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, February 18, 2013, at 5:00 p.m.

Present were Mayor Platte and Councilpersons Greenhoe, Brown, Harri and Norris. None were absent.

Administrative Staff Present was City Manager Jon Stoppels, DPW/WWTP Director Todd Nichols, Utility Director Scott Poyer, City Assessor Mike Baker, Treasurer Lisa St. Aubin, Building Inspector Hill, Fire Chief Roger McNutt 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:**

Fire Chief McNutt reported on the following: that there will be a kitchen safety show televised at the Department on Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Greenhoe reported on the following: asked what the procedures were for the phones at the Police Department.

**New Business Topics of Discussion were:**

City Manager Stoppels introduced Tom Biehl and Karyn Stickel from Hubbell Roth and Clark. Mr. Biehl and Ms. Stickel gave Council a presentation on the progress that is being made on the road and utility master plan. Mr. Biehl and Ms. Stickel also reviewed the MDEQ new funding program for stormwater, asset management and wastewater (SAW) projects and that this was a 10% local match, and the City would get more bang for their bucks. Council thanked them for the review and will discuss this at a future worksession.

City Manager Stoppels reviewed with Council the Resolution that has been drafted by the City Attorney to enter into an easement agreement with the Dollar General Store. There were no questions. This item will appear on the February 25<sup>th</sup> Agenda.

City Manager Stoppels and City Treasurer St. Aubin reviewed with Council the proposed Budget Amendments that need to be made. Council discussed the issue of transparency and having expenditures put in line items that would make sense to them. Treasurer St. Aubin stated that this would not be a problem and could be done. Council thanked them for the review. This item will appear on the February 25<sup>th</sup> Agenda.

Utility Director Poyer reviewed with Council the recommendation from Michigan Public Power Agency for the capacity purchase that needs to happen for the additional 11 MW

that the City needs to purchase. Council thanked Utility Director Poyer for the review. This item will appear on the February 25<sup>th</sup> Agenda.

Councilman Greenhoe had requested that an item be placed on the Agenda for a discussion on Act 51 Reporting at the last regular council meeting. Councilman Greenhoe stated that his questions had been answered by the City Manager in an email and that this item on the Agenda was no longer needed.

**Old Business Topics of Discussion were:**

None.

**Public Comments:**

None.

**Council Comments for the Good of the Order:**

Councilman Harri thanked Council for the Resolution for the Eagle Scout Award and that he had the honor of presenting the Resolution to Caleb at a ceremony that took place on Sunday.

**Closed Session:**

Councilman Harri moved Council go into Closed Session with the City Attorney to review an opinion letter; seconded by Councilman Norris, passed unanimously. Council went into Closed Session at 6:05 p.m.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council reconvene back into Open Session; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously. Council reconvened back into Open Session at 6:50 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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Steven G. Platte, Mayor

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Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk