

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, March 25, 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 Sandra Carpenter.

The Agenda was approved as printed.

The March 11, 2013, Regular Minutes and the March 18, 2013, and March 19, 2013, Worksession Minutes were approved as printed.

Councilwoman Brown moved that disbursements of \$445,385.15 be approved, with the breakdown being General Fund Checks in the amount of \$182,065.40 - check numbers 60364 through 60418, Meter Deposit Refund Checks in the amount of 765.91 - check numbers 100838 through 100843 and Wire Transfers in the amount of \$262,553.84; seconded by Councilman Norris, passed unanimously.

Mayor Platte opened the meeting for a Public Hearing on the 2013 Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Application. The Public Hearing opened at 7:05 p.m.

City Manager Stoppels introduced Jamie Burton from Hubbell, Roth and Clark, Inc. Mr. Burton gave a brief presentation and summary of the process and the funding being asked for and the projects that this would cover on Island, GAR, Park. Mr. Burton answered questions of Council. There were no questions from the public.

Mayor Platte thanked Mr. Burton for the presentation. Mayor Platte closed the Public Hearing at 7:16 p.m.

Councilman Harri moved for Second Reading and Adoption Ordinance 2013-1, an Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Eaton Rapids by Amending Chapter 15, Offenses - Miscellaneous, Article I, In General, Section 20, Retail Fraud; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved for Second Reading and Adoption Ordinance 2013-2, an Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Eaton Rapids by Amending Appendix A - Zoning, Article II List of Districts, 3.02 MAP, for property described as 224 N. Main Street, Property Code 23-300-054-601-070-00, changing from Limited Industrial District to Central Business District; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Councilman Norris moved for Second Reading and Adoption Ordinance 2013-3, an Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Eaton Rapids by Amending Appendix A - Zoning, Article II List of Districts, 3.02 MAP, for property described as 224 N. Main Street, Property Code 23-300-054-601-011-00, changing from General Business District to Central Business District; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve the Resolution in support of GAR Island Park Access Corridor and for the City Manager to submit the 2013 Grant Application; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously.

Councilman Norris moved Council approve the Resolution in support of the Michigan Department of Transportation Hall Street Bridge Maintenance Program; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the Agreement with Capital Area Community Services, Inc., for the low income utility customer's program for the Energy Optimization Program; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Russ Hicks, 7900 Columbia Hwy., gave Council an update on the Rapids Grant project and showed Council the signage that will be placed along the river.

Bill Steele, 216 State Street, appeared before Council regarding the retirement of the Police Chief and the hiring process.

Mayor Platte reported on the following: congratulated Chief Malewski on his retirement; thanked the City Workers who repaired the vandalism damage at the Welcome Center so quickly; thanked Russ Hicks for all of his hard work and dedication to the River Project; and wished everyone a wonderful Easter.

Councilman Norris reported on the following: that the Council of Governments Area Wide Master Plan Committee has met and made a selection for a Consultant for this project and would like to see this discussed at a future Worksession.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: thanked Mr. Steele for his comments and that Chief Malewski would be a hard act to follow as he was so involved in the Community and was a big asset and factor to the City and citizens of Eaton Rapids.

Councilman Greenhoe reported on the following: that he was very surprised with the announcement of the Police Chief's retirement, but wished him well; thanked Russ Hicks for all of his work on the River Project; and wished everyone a nice Easter and to be safe.

Councilwoman Brown reported on the following: thanked all for attending and their comments; thanked Russ Hicks for all he is doing for the City; that Chief Malewski's retirement is sad news, and he will be greatly missed, but wished him well, and that he will always be her friend, and thanked his family for sharing him with the City; and wished everyone a Happy Holy Week and Easter.

City Manager Stoppels reported on the following: that the City's policy will be if anything is vandalized to have it fixed within 24 hours, and that the crew should be commended on their quick response at the Welcome Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk