

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, April 22, 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 of the Christian Outreach church.

The Agenda was approved as printed.

The April 8, 2013, Regular Minutes and the April 1, 2013, April 2, 2013 and April 15, 2013 Worksession Minutes were approved as printed.

Councilman Norris moved that disbursements of \$312,189.88 be approved, with the breakdown being General Fund Checks in the amount of \$68,202.72 - check numbers 60467 through 60513 and Wire Transfers in the amount of \$243,987.16; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously.

Mayor Platte read and presented Council's Resolution Honoring Officer Michael Seeley. Officer Seeley received a standing ovation.

Mayor Platte read and presented Council's Resolution Honoring Chief Paul O. Malewski. Chief Malewski received a standing ovation.

State Representative Mike Shirkey read a poem he had written as well as a State Resolution Honoring Chief Malewski and presented it to him.

First Lieutenant Tim Gill from the Michigan State Police read and presented Chief Malewski with a Resolution from the State Police and Tri-County Metro Narcotics Squad.

Mayor Platte read "What A Cop Is" to honor Officer Seeley and Chief Malewski.

Mayor Platte read for First Reading Ordinance 2013-4, an Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Eaton Rapids by Amending Chapter 9, Fire Prevention and Protection, Article I., In General, by Adding Section 10, Adoption of the 2012 International Fire Code. This was for First Reading only, no Council action was required.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve the Agreement with Helios Solar, LLC for a Solar Energy Facility at the old landfill site; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the Relay for Life to be held on Friday, May 10th through Saturday, May 11th, with the event to be held at Union Street Centre, and for Council to waive Section 2-1, Restriction, to allow limited overnight camping, Council Minutes

waiver of Section 15-26 (9), Noise Ordinance, to allow activities with loud music until 12:00 a.m., and waiver of Section 9-6 (3c), Recreational Fire Hours, to allow recreational fires to burn throughout the event; seconded by Councilman Norris, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the Parks and Recreation Department to hold Thursday night music and Friday night movie events at the Amphitheater, and for Council to waive Section 15-26 (9), Noise Ordinance, to allow activities with loud music until 12:00 a.m., from June through August, on Thursday and Friday nights at the Amphitheater located at 315 W. Knight Street; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the Memorial Day Parade to be held on Monday, May 27th, with the Parade beginning at 11:00 a.m. at Marilin Street and ending at Knight Street; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Mayor Platte reported on the following: thanked Officer Seeley for his service to the City and citizens of Eaton Rapids; thanked Chief Malewski for his time spent, his dedication and love for the community and hoped that he would continue to be involved in the many City functions that he is a part of and was honored to call him a friend; and reminded everyone that the Relay for Life is still accepting teams for anyone that wanted to be involved.

Councilman Norris reported on the following: that he appreciated Officer Seeley and Chief Malewski and thanked them for their friendship over the years.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: thanked Officer Seeley and Chief Malewski for their dedication, that they had become institutions of the City and the Police Department and that it was bittersweet to see them leave but thanked them for putting themselves in harms way every day for the citizens of Eaton Rapids.

Councilman Greenhoe reported on the following: congratulated both Officer Seeley and Chief Malewski on their retirement and prayed for continued good health and that they would be able to enjoy their retirement; thanked Officer Seeley for his 32 years of devotion to the City; thanked Chief Malewski and stated that he had had a good ride and it had been an honor to be on Council while he was Chief, and hoped that he could enjoy fishing and riding his Indian motorcycle; and that it was good to see Lucky at the Council meeting to wish Chief Malewski off on his retirement.

Councilwoman Brown reported on the following: thanked all for coming out to the meeting; that it was bittersweet to see Officer Seeley and Chief Malewski go as they were the faces of the past, but there would be new faces of the future in Eaton Rapids; that Officer Seeley had come a long way in serving the City as an Officer and as Chief of the Department and that she was honored to call him her friend, and that he was the very first person to take her on a ride along as a member of Council and that there were

many stories to tell; thanked Chief Malewski for his wonderful journey, that she was honored to call him her friend; thanked Deb Malewski for sharing Paul with the City and citizens of Eaton Rapids; and that it was National Volunteer Week and that these two gentlemen had made a huge difference in the lives of others with their volunteerism.

City Clerk Reinecke reported on the following: thanked Officer Seeley for his years of service, that he had been scary to her at first, but he was also very compassionate as he was Chief at the time her Grandmother had died and was the one to tell her; thanked Chief Malewski, that when she had started here the week prior she had just outran him on a three wheeler, and that there were a lot of good times and memories, that his wife, Deb, had painted her daughter's nursery and was now painting signs for her daughter's wedding, and that they had become like family.

City Manager Stoppels reported on the following: thanked Officer Seeley for his 32 years of service and that it was a tough job, but Officer Seeley had always been positive and light hearted; thanked Chief Malewski for his professionalism and that he was a stand-up guy and always had the public's best interest at heart and that it had been a pleasure working with him; and that even though Eaton Rapids is a small town, both Officer Seeley and Chief Malewski faced the dangers of a big City on a day to day basis and thanked them for putting their lives on the line for the community.

City Assessor Baker reported on the following: congratulated both Officer Seeley and Chief Malewski on their retirement.

Utility Director Poyer reported on the following: congratulated both Officer Seeley and Chief Malewski and thanked them for their help during storm outages with their assistance on the phones or with directing traffic.

Fire Chief McNutt reported on the following: thanked both Officer Seeley and Chief Malewski for their service to the City.

City Manager Stoppels asked that Chief Malewski's wife, Deb, be recognized for being the Chief's "second in command" throughout his career in the City. Deb Malewski received a standing ovation.

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

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk