

A worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, May 6, 2013, at 5:00 p.m.

Present were Mayor Platte and Councilpersons Greenhoe, Harri and Norris. Councilwoman Brown was absent and excused.

Administrative Staff Present was City Manager Jon Stoppels, DPW/WWTP Director Todd Nichols, City Assessor Mike Baker, Building Inspector Hill, Library Director Sandra Porter, Police Chief Joseph FitzGerald, Utility Director Scott Poyer, Fire Chief Roger McNutt, Treasurer Lisa St. Aubin, Deputy Treasurer Carla Mazur 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 he had attended the Ambulance meeting last Thursday and there were no changes to the contract or the monies for the service, and that they would be now adding one full time staff person to Eaton Rapids on Monday through Friday's from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at no additional cost.

**New Business Topics of Discussion were:**

Treasurer St. Aubin reviewed with Council the proposed Budget Amendments. Treasurer St. Aubin stated that they were seeing the Adjustments in a new format to make it easier to follow. Council thanked Treasurer St. Aubin for the update and the new format. Treasurer St. Aubin asked if the Adjustments could be approved tonight as this would allow her to close March and move forward into April and start the preparation for the final year Adjustments.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve the Budget Amendments as presented by the City Treasurer; seconded by Councilman Norris, passed unanimously.

City Manager Stoppels presented Council with the draft of the 2013/2014 proposed budget. City Manager Stoppels reviewed with Council the major changes to the proposed budget and answered any questions of Council. Council thanked City Manager Stoppels for the review. Mayor Platte stated that this would continue to be on future Worksessions as this was a working document.

**Old Business Topics of Discussion were:**

Utility Director Poyer reviewed with Council Chapter 7 1/2, Cable TV, in the City Code and his suggested changes due to new laws.

Utility Director Poyer and City Clerk Reinecke reviewed with Council their recommended changes for Chapter 8 1/2, Electric, in the City Code.

Chapter 8 3/4, Fair Housing, was tabled until further information could be obtained.

Mayor Platte stated that at the next Worksession Council would be reviewing Chapter 11 and 12 of the City Code.

**Public Comments:**

Mike Mills, 518 S. Main Street, appeared before Council regarding the shut-off fees; the sidewalk program; and the roads in the Cemetery.

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

Mayor Platte asked what the status was of Eaton Rapids Casting. Utility Director Poyer stated that the documents were still being processed and the project was still moving along.

Councilman Harri asked what the schedule was for hydrant flushing this week and also wondered if the schedule had been set for street sweeping.

Councilman Greenhoe asked for further clarifications that he had on the two previous Department Head reports.

**Closed Session:**

Councilman Harri moved Council go into Closed Session to discuss strategy and negotiations for collective bargaining; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously. Council went into Closed Session at 6:21 p.m.

Councilman Harri moved Council reconvene back into Open Session; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously. Council reconvened back into Open Session at 7:15 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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Steven G. Platte, Mayor

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Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk