

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, May 13, 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 Greenhoe, Harri and Norris. Councilwoman Brown was absent and excused.

The invocation was given by Pastor Jim Riley of the Eaton Rapids Assembly of God Church.

The Agenda was approved as printed.

The April 22, 2013, Regular Minutes and the April 23, 2013, Worksession Minutes were approved as printed.

Councilman Norris moved that disbursements of \$454,580.19 be approved, with the breakdown being Meter Deposit Refund Checks in the amount of \$1,388.61 - check numbers 100844 through 100854, General Fund Checks in the amount of \$190,647.39 - check numbers 60514 through 60582 and Wire Transfers in the amount of \$262,544.19; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Rod Schultz, 1303 Montgomery Street, appeared before Council regarding the Grove Street property.

Mayor Platte opened the meeting for an Administrative Hearing on a property maintenance issue at 917 Grove Street. The meeting opened at 7:08 p.m.

Building Inspector Hill reviewed with Council the issues that were in violation with the property located on Grove Street, as well as presented pictures to Council of the various issues.

Mayor Platte asked if there was anyone present at the meeting to speak on behalf of the property maintenance issues. There were no comments. Mayor Platte closed the Administrative Hearing at 7:21 p.m.

Councilman Norris moved that Council give the property owner at 917 Grove Street two weeks to clean-up the property and to bring it into conformance with the City Code, and if this was not done to have the Building Inspector contact the City Attorney to start legal proceedings; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilman Greenhoe moved that the Building Inspector contact the City Attorney to start eviction proceedings for the property owner located at 917 Grove Street; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed 3 yeas, 1 nay (Norris).

Councilman Harri read for Second Reading and Adoption 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; seconded by Councilman Norris, passed 3 yeas, 1 nay (Greenhoe).

Robert Broughman, 740 Michigan Street, appeared before Council regarding the concerned citizens on Michigan Street having access to the rear of their property from the DPW access road.

City Manager Stoppels reviewed with Council the concerns and liability issues with leaving access to this property opened all of the time.

Bruce VanFarowe, 794 Michigan Street, appeared before Council regarding the access to his property on Michigan Street as well as requesting a copy of the insurance assessment.

Walter Peebles, 730 Michigan Street, appeared before Council regarding access to his property on Michigan Street, as well as the possible consolidation of City materials and fencing and incorporating part of the Riverwalk system into this beautiful area.

Mike Iott, 784 Michigan Street, appeared before Council regarding access to his property on Michigan Street.

Barb Lietzke, 1303 Hall Street, appeared before Council regarding the new Dollar General Store and tree and brush removal from line clearance in her neighborhood.

Jeff Ostrom, 812 Michigan Street, appeared before Council regarding access to his property on Michigan Street.

Tamah Goul, from the Barry-Eaton District Health Department, appeared before Council and gave a brief update on programs offered in the County to municipalities.

Robert Broughman, 740 Michigan Street, appeared before Council regarding the trespass issue and gardens that need to be planted and access to the properties on Michigan Street.

Mayor Platte stated that this item will be further discussed and reviewed at the June 3, 2013, Worksession which takes place at City Hall at 5:00 p.m.

DPW/WWTP Director Nichols stated that any of the property owners on Michigan Street that need access to their property until the June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting can call him and he will arrange to have the gate opened so that they can have access.

Mayor Platte reported on the following: congratulated all of the participants in the Relay for Life Event that was held this past weekend; and reminded everyone about the St. Peter's Ox Roast Festival that would run from Thursday through Sunday.

Councilman Greenhoe reported on the following: that he was glad to see the citizen participation at the meeting tonight and hopefully at the Worksession on June 3<sup>rd</sup> they could have the problem solved.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: that the situation on Michigan Street reminded him of the Tale of Two Cities where the needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few, and that he hoped the issue could be resolved, but it might not be exactly how everyone wanted it, and that the citizens in this area were the eyes and ears of this portion of the City and if they heard or saw vandalism that they need to contact the Police Department immediately, and it was just upsetting that times have changed with 911 and that the City was having to look at major liability issues.

City Manager Stoppels reported on the following: presented the painting to Council that was donated by Charles Blackman to be hung in Council Chambers that his mother had painted and what a lovely addition this was to the Council Chambers and he would be sending Mr. Blackman and thank-you from the City.

Police Chief FitzGerald reported on the following: that everything was moving along at the Department and they were very busy making changes and all the Officer's were being very supportive.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

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Steven G. Platte, Mayor

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Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk