

A worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, June 3, 2013, at 5:00 p.m.

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

Administrative Staff Present was City Manager Jon Stoppels, DPW/WWTP Director Todd Nichols, City Assessor Mike Baker, Building Inspector Hill, Fire Chief Roger McNutt, Police Chief Joseph FitzGerald, Utility Director Scott Poyer, 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:

Bob Broughman, 740 Michigan Street, appeared before Council regarding posting of speed limit signs on Michigan Street.

Department Head Reports:

Fire Chief McNutt reported on the following: that the air compressor has seized and will need to be replaced at an approximate cost of \$350.00.

Councilman Greenhoe reported on the following: that he wanted to commend the Police Department on the work that they did on Sunday morning.

Old Business Topics of Discussion were:

City Manager Stoppels reviewed with Council the proposed agreement and letter of understanding with the property owners on Michigan Street for the access to the rear of their property through the City DPW grounds. Residents from Michigan Street were in attendance at the meeting and stated that they had reviewed the proposal and were in agreement with this. City Manager Stoppels stated that he would be finalizing the document and having the City Attorney review it and that hopefully this could be on the June 10th Agenda for Council action.

New Business Topics of Discussion were:

Utility Director Poyer reviewed with Council the proposal from C2AE for the State Street construction and design work. Utility Director Poyer stated that while the whole project could not be completed, a portion of it could be done and then monies budgeted in future years to finish the project. Utility Director Poyer stated that he would like to have this item on the June 10th Agenda.

Utility Director Poyer reviewed with Council the proposal from C2AE for the 2013 Bridge Inspection work that needs to be performed. This item will appear on the June 10th Agenda.

Utility Director Poyer reviewed with Council the monies still needed for the Grand River Hydraulic Model and the information that has been gathered by C2AE. Utility Director Poyer stated that if the grant was given to the City, then the City would need to come up with \$25,000 to begin this project. Utility Director Poyer stated that he will keep Council updated on the developments of this project.

Utility Director Poyer reviewed with Council the MPPA Letter of Authorization for capacity charges/ purchases which is a five year cap purchase. Utility Director Poyer stated that he was very pleased with the rates and it was his recommendation that Council approve the Letter of Authorization. This item will appear on the June 10th Agenda.

City Manager Stoppels reviewed with Council the request from a citizen to have a block party on July 5th and to use City property. Mr. Thomas Remington, the person requesting the use of the property was available to answer questions. After a lengthy discussion, it was discovered that Mr. Remington had filled out the form incorrectly, and was only asking that the City property adjacent to his be roped off so that pedestrians could not access his property where he would be shooting off fireworks. Mayor Platte asked Mr. Remington to fill out the corrected paperwork by Thursday, so that this could be placed on the June 10th Agenda.

Utility Director Poyer reviewed with Council the MPPA Service Committee and his desire to be a part of this study at a cost to the City of \$12,000. This item will appear on the June 10th Agenda.

Old Business Topics of Discussion were:

City Manager Stoppels reviewed the proposed 2013/2014 Budget with Council and answered questions. This item will again be on the June 10th Agenda for the Public Hearing.

Public Comments:

None.

Council Comments for the Good of the Order:

Councilman Greenhoe asked what the status was on the 1114 Water Street situation with the property tax issue. City Assessor Baker stated that this will be dealt with at the July Board of Review and then sent on to the Tax Tribunal to resolve the situation.

Councilman Harri asked what the status was on the Grove Street property maintenance issue. Building Inspector Hill stated that the City Attorney was handling this.

Councilman Greenhoe asked what the status was on the Union Street School property. City Manager Stoppels stated that several letters and phone calls have been made, but to no avail. City Council instructed the City Manager to take the next step according to the Code for the incorrect use of the property.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk