

A worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, July 1, 2013, at 5:00 p.m.

Present were Mayor Platte and Councilpersons Brown, Greenhoe and Harri. None were absent.

Administrative Staff Present was City Manager Jon Stoppels, DPW/WWTP Director Todd Nichols, 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.

Mayor Platte stated that due to the length of the Agenda, that item 4 under New Business, review of the City Code, Chapter 14<sup>th</sup>, will be discussed at the Worksession scheduled for July 15th.

**Public Comments:**

None.

**Department Head Reports:**

Utility Director Poyer reported on the following: that the Electric Department with the assistance of the City of Portland had the power restored from the storm on Friday night by 6:00 a.m. on Saturday morning and were to be commended for a job well done.

**Old Business Topics of Discussion were:**

City Manager Stoppels reviewed with Council the proposed Agreement with the property owners on Michigan Street who abut City property. Mayor Platte further reviewed with Council the proposed Agreement, and asked that a spokesperson be appointed from the Michigan Street property owners to speak on the issue. Mr. Robert Broughman appeared before Council addressing their concerns with some of the language in the proposed Agreement, specifically item numbers 3, 5, 7, 10, 12, 13 and 14.

After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to send the proposed Agreement along with the concerns from the property owners to the City Attorney to have him review the language and bring back a potential access Agreement.

Police Chief FitzGerald introduced Officer Glen Meyers, the new Police Officer that was hired. Council welcomed Officer Meyers to the City Staff.

Mayor Platte reviewed with Council the request from Dog Park Chairman Bud Maxey to have the City front the remaining funding of approximately \$3,000 so that the Dog Park could be up and running this year, and to have future monies collected for membership

paid back to the City. After a lengthy discussion it was the consensus of the Council to not proceed as requested and to have the funding raised by the Dog Park Committee.

Police Chief FitzGerald reviewed with Council the Liquor License Application that has been submitted by Vines and Grains on Main. Police Chief FitzGerald stated that he has done his background investigation on the applicant and has no issue with the request. This item will appear on the June 8<sup>th</sup> Agenda.

**New Business Topics of Discussion were:**

Mayor Platte introduced Chad Burke, of 708 Hastay Blvd., to Council who he is recommending to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Thom Norris. Mr. Burke gave Council a brief history of himself and his qualifications and why he was interested in being on City Council. Council asked questions of Mr. Burke. Council thanked Mr. Burke for his desire to be a part of Council and for answering the questions.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve the Mayor's recommendation to Appoint Chad Burke, 708 Hastay Blvd., to the City Council to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Councilman Norris, and that said term will expire on the Monday following the November 5<sup>th</sup> Election; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously. Council congratulated Councilman Burke on his appointment.

Utility Director Poyer reviewed with Council the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Plan for the Horner Mill Redevelopment Plan. Utility Director Poyer stated that this will need Council action with the adoption of a Resolution as well as the need for Council to hold a Public Hearing. Utility Director Poyer stated that he will have the final drafts of the Resolution available for Council review at the July 15<sup>th</sup> Worksession, and with the Public Hearing and Adoption of the Resolution being put on the July 22<sup>nd</sup> Agenda.

City Clerk Reinecke reviewed with Council the upcoming MML Convention that is being held in September in Detroit. City Clerk Reinecke stated that early bird registration is at a discount and wondered if any Councilmember was interested in attending. Councilwoman Brown stated that she wanted to attend this conference. City Clerk Reinecke will get the registration submitted by the end of this week, so if another Councilmember wished to attend to get with her by Friday.

**Public Comments:**

Jeff Ostrom, 812 N. Michigan Street, appeared before Council regarding the proposed Agreement.

Bob Broughman, 740 Michigan Street, appeared before Council regarding the proposed Agreement.

Bruce Vanfarowe, 794 Michigan Street, appeared before Council regarding the proposed Agreement.

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

Councilwoman Brown welcomed Councilman Burke to Council and looked forward to working with him. Councilwoman Brown also thanked the Michigan Street residents for all of their comments and stated that Council is working hard on this for a win/win situation.

Councilman Greenhoe welcomed Councilman Burke to Council.

Councilman Harri welcomed Councilman Burke to Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

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Steven G. Platte, Mayor

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Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk