

A worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, July 15, 2013, at 5:00 p.m.

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

Administrative Staff Present was City Manager Jon Stoppels, DPW/WWTP Director Todd Nichols, Building Inspector Hill, City Assessor Mike Baker, 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 3 under New Business, review of the City Code, Chapter 14, will be discussed at the Worksession scheduled for August 5th.

#### **Public Comments:**

Nancy Belanger, 784 Michigan Street, appeared before Council regarding the rear access to her property and being very frustrated with the situation.

#### **Department Head Reports:**

Utility Director Poyer reported on the following: that the Dollar General Store will be putting in the conduit and the directional bore work will be starting.

#### **Old Business Topics of Discussion were:**

City Manager Stoppels reviewed with Council the letters from the City Attorney and the City's Insurance Carrier regarding the Michigan Street property access agreement. City Manager Stoppels stated that it was the Attorney's advice and the Insurance Carrier's advice to not allow access at all, but if Council chose to allow access then it needed to be very limited and supervised for liability reasons.

After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of Council to have the Attorney and Insurance Company work together and draft an Agreement that they would feel would cover the City.

Utility Director Poyer reviewed with Council the Horner Mill Redevelopment Plan under the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act for their property at 224 N. Main Street. Utility Director Poyer stated that this will be on the July 22<sup>nd</sup> Agenda for the Public Hearing and the approval of the Plan and Reimbursement Agreement.

Utility Director Poyer reviewed with Council the Resolution approving the Roadway Asset Management Plan as presented by Hubbell, Roth and Clark, Inc., on May 28, 2013.

Councilman Greenhoe moved Council approve the Resolution for the Roadway Asset Management Plan as presented by Hubbell, Roth and Clark, Inc.; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

**New Business Topics of Discussion were:**

Police Chief FitzGerald reviewed with Council Traffic Control Order 99, which would rescind Traffic Control Order 83, and allow parking on the east side of Hall Street. City Clerk Reinecke stated that once the signs have been removed for the "No Parking", then Council would have 90 days to approve the Traffic Control Order to make it permanent.

Utility Director Poyer reviewed with Council the quote that he had received from Peerless Midwest for the High Service Pump that needs to be repaired. Utility Director Poyer stated that the whole pump could need a possible overhaul and would ask for Council approval to not exceed \$16,000. This item will appear on the July 22<sup>nd</sup> Agenda.

**Public Comments:**

Bob Broughman, 740 Michigan Street, appeared before Council regarding the proposed Agreement and if the letters from the attorney and insurance company would be available to be reviewed by the citizens. Council stated that they could have copies of the letters.

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

Councilman Greenhoe asked who the permits had been pulled by for the work that is being done at the Old Mills Restaurant location. Building Inspector Hill stated that the permits had been pulled by the owner and work was being performed by the owner's representative.

Councilman Harri asked for an update on URV and the Dollar General Store. Utility Director Poyer stated that URV is still having problems securing funding. Utility Director Poyer stated that the Dollar General Store is moving along, and ground breaking should happen within the next month or so.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

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Steven G. Platte, Mayor

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Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk