

A worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, October 7, 2013, at 5:00 p.m.

Present were Mayor Platte and Councilpersons Greenhoe, Burke and Harri. Councilwoman Brown arrived at 5:12 p.m.

Administrative Staff Present was City Manager Jon Stoppels, DPW/WWTP Director Todd Nichols, Police Chief Joe FitzGerald, City Assessor Mike Baker, Fire Chief Roger McNutt, Utility Director Scott Poyer, City Treasurer Lisa St. Aubin, Library Director Sandy Porter 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:

Police Chief FitzGerald introduced the newest Officer to the Department, Officer Michael Cheadle. Council welcomed him to the Department.

Old Business Topics of Discussion were:

Bud Maxey, a member of the Dog Park Committee, presented to Council the proposed project that has been reduced to a minimum due to funding obligations. After a lengthy discussion it was the consensus of Council to look into the project further and have questions and concerns answered by City Staff and be presented at the next Council Worksession.

New Business Topics of Discussion were:

City Manager Stoppels reviewed with Council the request from Shelly Odell Funeral Home to have a disinterment and re-interment at Rosehill Cemetery for a client. Councilman Greenhoe moved Council approve the request from Shelly Odell Funeral Home for the disinterment and re-interment at Rosehill Cemetery; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously.

City Clerk Reinecke reviewed with Council the current shut-off procedures and also the language in the City Code that allows Staff different procedures to collect on past due accounts in the City. After a lengthy discussion it was the consensus of the Council to have the City Clerk notify residents in their shut-off notices that effective in April, if a customer is shut-off for non-payment, they would be required to pay their entire past due balance as well as a reconnect fee to have service restored to their address. It was also the consensus of the Council to not have reconnect's after City Hall Offices have closed, and that the City would no longer be offering after hour reconnects, but the customer would have to have the service reconnected during normal business hours.

City Clerk Reinecke stated that this would give the customers a six month notice period to adjust to the changes in the procedures.

City Manager Stoppels reviewed with Council the request from a local business owner to lease the property above the City Library for additional office space. City manager Stoppels stated that he will be working on this and bringing back to Council a Lease Agreement at the next Council Worksession.

Public Comments:

Mike Mills, 518 S. Main Street, appeared before Council regarding the Staff Meeting Report.

Council Comments for the Good of the Order:

Mayor Platte reported to Council that the Urban Air Event will be starting with the arrival of coaches on Wednesday and will go through Sunday with many events planned.

Councilman Burke stated that the canoe signs that have been placed around town look very nice.

Councilman Greenhoe asked what the status was on the Community Fireplace. City Manager Stoppels stated that the Fireplace was still in the works to being built, but that it might not happen until the Spring.

Councilman Greenhoe asked what the status was on property located at the corner of River Street and Hamlin Street and that he had asked Building Inspector Hill to look into this issue but had not heard back from him. City Manager Stoppels stated that he would follow-up on this.

Closed Session:

Councilwoman Brown moved Council go into Closed Session to discuss a personnel issue at the request of the person involved; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously. Council went into Closed Session at 6:36 p.m.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council reconvene back into Open Session; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously. Council reconvened back into Open Session at 7:02 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk