

A worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, October 21, 2013, at 5:00 p.m.

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

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

None.

Department Head Reports:

None.

Old Business Topics of Discussion were:

None.

New Business Topics of Discussion were:

Mayor Platte opened the meeting at 5:01 p.m. for a Property Maintenance Hearing on property located at 206 W. Elizabeth Street.

Building Inspector Hill reviewed with Council the violations with the property and shared photos of the property and the clean-up that was required.

Mayor Platte reviewed with Building Inspector Hill the time line of the violations and the time that has already been given to Mr. Jacox to clean-up the property.

Mr. Jacox appeared before Council stating that he is attempting to clean the property, but due to health reasons it is taking longer than he had anticipated.

Mayor Platte closed the Public Hearing on the Property Maintenance issue at 5:24 p.m.

Councilman Harri moved Council grant Mr. Jacox a 30 day extension to have the property completely cleaned up and authorized Building Inspector Hill to monitor the property in 15 days and if there is not a considerable amount of clean-up at this time to start legal proceedings; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed 3 yeas, 2 nays (Platte and Burke).

Police Chief FitzGerald reviewed with Council that his last day could either be this Friday or in two weeks, but would hopefully know by Tuesday. Chief FitzGerald stated that he has been working very closely with Sergeant Paling and is very confident that Sergeant Paling can run the day to day operations of the Department until Council hires a new Chief. Council thanked Sergeant Paling for taking on the extra responsibilities until a new Chief is in place.

Utility Director Poyer reviewed with Council the recommendation from MPPA to enter into a renewable energy project with Advantis which would be a solid waste disposal unit that would provide 1 MWH for a 20 year term at a beginning price of \$47.00 a MWH. This item will appear on the October 28th Agenda.

City Manager Stoppels reviewed with Council a letter that has been received by a Independent Film maker for a movie to be shot in Eaton Rapids in October of 2014. City Manager Stoppels stated that he would be answering the Film maker's letter letting him know that this would be acceptable and that any costs associated with the film would need to be reimbursed to the City.

City Clerk Reinecke reviewed with Council the Title VI Non-Discrimination Plan that needs to be adopted by the City Council in order to continue to received State and Federal Funding. This item will appear on the October 28th Agenda.

Public Comments:

Russ Hicks, Columbia Highway, appeared before Council and gave them an update on the Rapids Project. Council thanked Mr. Hicks for the update and all of his hard work.

Mike Mills, 518 S. Main Street, appeared before Council regarding concerns that he had at the Cemetery.

Council Comments for the Good of the Order:

Mayor Platte reminded Council that at the COG Meeting the home located on Waverly Road for the Wounded Veteran needs assistance with landscaping on Saturday, November 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk