

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, December 9, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Platte called the meeting to order.

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

The invocation was given by Councilman Greenhoe.

The Agenda was approved with the removal of item 9a., Oath of Office to Police Chief Larry Weeks; and the addition of 12a., Closed Session for Contract Review.

The November 25, 2013, Regular Minutes and the December 2, 2013, Worksession Minutes were approved as printed.

Councilwoman Brown moved that disbursements of \$348,568.41 be approved, with the breakdown being General Fund Checks in the amount of \$166,998.23 - check numbers 61449 through 61504; Meter Deposit Refund Checks in the amount of \$650.14 - check numbers 100940 through 100946; and Wire Transfers in the amount of \$180,920.04; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve the 2014 Public Meeting Schedule; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the Mayor's recommendation to Reappoint Kevin Pople, 109 E. Knight Street, to the Downtown Development Authority, for a Four Year Term which will Expire on December 27, 2017; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the Mayor's recommendation to Reappoint Roger Harris, 331 W. Knight Street, to the Downtown Development Authority, for a Four Year Term which will Expire on December 27, 2017; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the Mayor's recommendation to Reappoint Dean Peters, 203 S. Main Street, to the Downtown Development Authority, for a Four Year Term which will Expire on December 27, 2017; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the Mayor's recommendation to Reappoint Adela Klein, 159 S. Main Street, to the Downtown Development Authority, for a Four Year Term which will Expire on December 27, 2017; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the Mayor's recommendation to Reappoint Ernest Phillips, 132 Hall Street, to the Downtown Development Authority, for

a Four Year Term which will Expire on December 27, 2017; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilman Greenhoe moved Council approve the Mayor's recommendation to Reappoint Marty Backofen, 709 West Street, to the Building Board of Appeals, for a Three Year Term which will Expire on December 31, 2016; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

Councilman Greenhoe moved Council approve the Mayor's recommendation to Reappoint Bob Tubbs, 417 Gould Street, to the Building Board of Appeals, for a Three Year Term which will Expire on December 31, 2016; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

Councilman Greenhoe moved Council approve the Mayor's recommendation to Reappoint Joseph Bennett, 218 S. East Street, to the Building Board of Appeals, for a Three Year Term which will Expire on December 31, 2016; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

Councilman Greenhoe moved Council approve the Mayor's recommendation to Reappoint Reuben Green, 630 Forest Street, to the Building Board of Appeals, for a Three Year Term which will Expire on December 31, 2016; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

Councilman Greenhoe moved Council approve the Mayor's recommendation to Reappoint Verlon Graham, 204 Holmes Street, to the Building Board of Appeals, for a Three Year Term which will Expire on December 31, 2016; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the Mayor's recommendation to Reappoint Mark Haubert, 125 S. Main Street, to the Hospital Finance Authority Board, for a Three Year Term which will Expire on December 31, 2016; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the Mayor's recommendation to Reappoint Daniel Wrubel, 136 S. Main Street, to the Hospital Finance Authority Board, for a Three Year Term which will Expire on December 31, 2016; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri, moved Council approve the Fair Housing Resolution; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously.

Rod Schultz, 1303 Montgomery Street, appeared before Council regarding the Christmas Parade; the Article in the Lansing Business Magazine; and property maintenance issues around the City.

Barb Lietzke, 1303 Hall Street, appeared before Council regarding the street maintenance program; and brush pick-up.

Eaton County Commissioner Roger Harris, 331 W. Knight Street, appeared before Council regarding the Fill-A-Cop Car event.

Councilman Elect Mark McGee, 406 Brook Street, appeared before Council regarding the pedestrian crossing signals on Main Street.

William Steele, 216 State Street, appeared before Council regarding the Conference that he had attended as the CERT Team Captain at Great Wolf Lodge and gave a brief report to Council.

Mayor Platte reported on the following: that the Christmas Parade was a success and thanked the Police Department, CERT Team, DPW and Electric Crew for all the help and work in putting the event together; and that the Fill-A-Cop car event was very well attended and was lots of fun and a great event for the City.

Councilman Greenhoe reported on the following: that the Christmas Parade was beautiful and it was a good turn out and thanked all of the City Employees for making it happen; and that Christmas is a time of giving and having an open heart and Eaton Rapids never failed in doing this and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilwoman Brown reported on the following: that the Christmas Parade was very nice and had heard good comments about the event; that the citizens in the community were very giving and always went above and beyond; that the Council is behind the CERT Team all the way and thanked them for their service; and thanked everyone on City Staff for working together to make the Holiday Season so wonderful and beautiful in Eaton Rapids and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: thanked everyone who participated in the Fill-A-Cop Car event in Eaton Rapids and it was amazing with the turn out and giving; thanked the City Manager, Mayor, Clerk and everyone involved with the Christmas Parade; and thanked all of the Board Members for giving throughout the year.

Councilman Burke reported on the following: that Eaton Rapids draws a huge crowd at the events that they have and thanked all the employees for their hard work as the City always looks great.

Fire Chief McNutt reported on the following: that the Parade went well; that the Fill-A-Cop Car event had raised more money than ever before and that the Department would be buying toys for 6 families and delivering them in the Fire Truck on Christmas Eve; and thanked Mr. Steele for all of his work and dedication to the CERT Team and for attending the conference.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council go into Closed Session for Contract Review; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously. Council went into Closed Session at 7:35 p.m.

Councilman Harri moved Council reconvene back into Open Session; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously. Council reconvened back into Open Session at 7:55 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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Steven G. Platte, Mayor

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Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk