

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, December 23, 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 and Burke. Councilwoman Brown and Councilman Harri were absent and excused.

The invocation was given by Councilman Greenhoe.

The Agenda was approved as printed.

The December 9, 2013, Regular Minutes and the December 16, 2013, Worksession Minutes were approved as printed.

Councilman Greenhoe moved that disbursements of \$385,582.51 be approved, with the breakdown being General Fund Checks in the amount of \$123,482.37 - check numbers 61506 through 61566: and Wire Transfers in the amount of \$262,100.14; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

City Clerk Reinecke administered the Oath of Office to Police Chief Larry Weeks. Council congratulated Chief Weeks and stated that they looked forward to his addition to the City.

Mayor Platte read Council's Proclamation honoring Councilman-at-Large Roger A. Greenhoe for his service to the City and citizens of Eaton Rapids. Councilman Greenhoe thanked the City for the opportunity to serve the citizens for the past 10 years and that he has enjoyed the position and the job that he was elected to do. Mayor Platte presented Councilman Greenhoe with a gift from the City. Councilman Greenhoe received applause from the audience.

Mayor Platte read Council's Proclamation honoring Deputy Treasurer Carla J. Mazur for her service to the City of Eaton Rapids for the past 24 years. Mayor Platte presented Deputy Treasurer Mazur with a gift from the City. Deputy Treasurer Mazur received applause from the audience.

Councilman Burke moved Council approve Amendment Number 3 to the Agreement for professional services from C2AE for the construction engineering for Option Number 2 for the State Street Rehabilitation Project for an amount not to exceed \$55,400.00; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Councilman Burke moved Council approve Amendment Number 2, Revision Number 1 to the Agreement for professional services from C2AE for the State Street Rehabilitation for a total contract design services fee of \$15,600.00; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Carol Oliver, 510 E. Knight Street, appeared before Council and thanked the Electric Crew for being so great and getting the City's power back up and running.

Reuben Green, 630 Forest Street, appeared before Council and wanted to personally thank Councilman Greenhoe for his service to the City as well as thanking Carla for her service.

Mayor Platte reported on the following: thanked Councilman Greenhoe for all of his experience and expertise, and for serving on the Budget Committee and for his service to the City and it being a pleasure to have served with him; thanked Carla for all of her help and hard work and service over the years; and that with the ice storm it was a true testament that the City Employees are the best employees and that the Electric Crew did a phenomenal job in getting the power back up and running and urged the Department Heads to relay this message to the employees about their hard work and dedication; and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and to be careful on the roads.

Councilman Greenhoe reported on the following: thanked everyone for their kind remarks; that it has been a pleasure to work with Carla and wished her well on her retirement; that he was very proud of the City workers and everyone in the City had electricity back on in a short amount of time and that the City Customers were well taken care of and that the Electric Crew put in long hard hours to make this happen; and that it has been a pleasure serving the citizens of Eaton Rapids and he has thoroughly enjoyed it; and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and to drive careful over the Holidays.

Councilman Burke reported on the following: thanked Councilman Greenhoe for his service to the City and that he had big shoes to fill and was going to miss his wisdom and quick wit; thanked Carla for her service and that 24 years was pretty cool and awesome; thanked the City Crews that worked hard during the ice storm and that their work was flawless; and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

City Manager Stoppels reported on the following: that he wanted to publicly thank the Electric Department, that they had a very dangerous job and did a great job during the ice storm and they took pride in their job and did it well by beating the big boys to the punch and getting the City back up and running in no time; thanked the DPW, Police Department and Fire Department for assisting during the power outage; thanked Councilman Greenhoe for his wisdom and time that he has spent serving the City and he will be missed; thanked Carla for her dedication, hard work and devotion to the City and she will be missed; and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Utility Director Poyer reported on the following: thanked Councilman Greenhoe for his service and he will be missed; thanked Carla for all of her support over the years; and that the Electric Crews busted their butts to get the job done quickly and safely; and thanked the Police and Fire Departments for their help during the outage.

City Treasurer St. Aubin reported on the following: congratulated Councilman Greenhoe for his years of service to the City and the hard questions that he had asked; and that Carla will be missed and thanked her for doing a fabulous job.

DPW/WWTP Director Nichols reported on the following: thanked Councilman Greenhoe for his dedication and it has been a pleasurable experience working with him and wished him well; thanked Carla for her efficiency and that she was his go to person at City Hall and was always very friendly and will be missed; wished everyone a Merry Christmas; and that the Electric Crew is top notch and his hat is off to them for a job well done.

Fire Chief McNutt reported on the following: that the Electric Crew had worked hard and thanked them for their work; thanked Councilman Greenhoe for his service to the City and that he was not afraid to ask the tough questions and thanked him for that and had enjoyed working with him; thanked Carla for her service to the City; and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Police Chief Weeks reported on the following: wished both Councilman Greenhoe and Carla the best of luck; and that the Department had collected monies amongst themselves and had distributed gifts to Island City Assisted Living and it was very well received.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk