

A worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, February 3, 2014, at 5:00 p.m.

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

Administrative Staff Present was City Manager Jon Stoppels, DPW/WWTP Director Todd Nichols, Police Chief Larry Weeks, City Assessor Mike Baker, Treasurer Lisa St. Aubin, Library Director Sandy Porter, Building Inspector Jon Hill, Fire Chief Roger McNutt, Deputy Treasurer Marrie Jo Drake and City Clerk Kristy Reinecke.

Purpose of the meeting was a worksession. Notice of the meeting was duly given.

Public Comments:

Russ Hicks appeared before Council and gave a brief update on the River Projects and new grants that were available that he was working on that would be awarded on April 15th.

Department Head Reports:

Police Chief Weeks reported on the following: that he is looking to join the Southern Michigan Training Consortium for the Department.

New Business Topics of Discussion were:

Council reviewed the request to have Halloween Trick-or-Treating on the last weekend in October. Council noted that this year it was on a Friday and asked that this be reviewed in June or July at a Worksession.

Old Business Topics of Discussion were:

Mayor Platte reviewed with Council the desire to have the Non-smoking Policy in all City Parks. After a lengthy discussion it was the consensus of the Council to have language created to have this policy in all parks and to review language for this policy at a future Worksession.

Mayor Platte reviewed with Council the desire to have a local ordinance that would limit the days and times that fireworks could be shot off in the City Limits. After a lengthy discussion it was the consensus of the Council to have the Fire Chief draft language that would limit the times from 11:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. and to review the Ordinance at a future Worksession.

City Manager Stoppels reviewed with Council the presentation that was given to the Parks Board regarding the Playground of Dreams and the Parks Boards recommendation to proceed with the demolition of the Park and to build a new playground at the current location. After a lengthy discussion it was the consensus of

the Council to proceed with the recommendation of the Parks Board and for further sampling to be conducted as it relates to the disposal of the materials.

Public Comments:

None.

Council Comments for the Good of the Order:

Councilwoman Brown commented on the following: that she has concerns with the Library Appointment and the changing of their meeting times.

Councilman Burke commented on the following: that how blessed we are to live in this Community.

Closed Session:

Councilman Burke moved Council go into Closed Session for strategy and negotiations regarding collective bargaining; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously. Council went into Closed Session at 6:52 p.m.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council reconvene back into Open Session; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously. Council reconvened back into Open Session at 7:05 p.m.

Council Comments for the Good of the Order:

Councilman Harri commented on the following: that the Playground of Dreams was a tough decision but felt that the City was moving forward in the right direction.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk