

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, March 10, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Platte called the meeting to order.

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

The invocation was given by Pastor Sandra Carpenter of the Christian Outreach Church.

The Agenda was approved as printed with the addition of Item 10g., under New Business, Mayor's Recommendation for Appointment to the Parks Board; and also the Addition of Item 12a., Closed Session to Discuss the Purchase or Lease of Real Property.

The February 24, 2014, Regular Minutes and the March 3, 2014 Worksession Minutes were approved as printed.

Councilman Burke moved that disbursements of \$292,088.68 be approved, with the breakdown being General Fund Checks in the amount of \$156,876.12 - check numbers 61825 through 61904; Meter Deposit Refund Checks in the amount of \$1,212.37 - check numbers 100962 through 100972; and Wire Transfers in the amount of \$134,000.19; seconded by Councilman McGee, passed unanimously.

Rod Schultz, 1303 Montgomery Street, appeared before Council regarding the Smoking Ban.

Mayor Platte read for First Reading Ordinance 2014-1, an Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Eaton Rapids by Amending Chapter 16, Parks and Recreation, Article I, In General, Section 10, Restricting Smoking and Use of Tobacco Products in City Parks. This was for First Reading Only, no Council Action was required.

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

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the contract for services with Revitalize, LLC, for the Eaton Rapids Downtown Rental Rehabilitation Program and to be the Third Party Administrator for the MSHDA Grants; seconded by Councilman McGee, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the City of Eaton Rapids Fair Housing Policy; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilman McGee moved Council approve the DPW Union Contract as negotiated by City Staff; seconded by Councilwoman brown, passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve the Administrative Assistants Union Contract as negotiated by City Staff; seconded by Councilman McGee, passed unanimously.

Councilman Burke moved Council approve the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Christopher Sebastian, 1500 S. Main Street, to the Advisory Parks Board for an unexpired term which will expire on March 31, 2014; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Rod Schultz, 1303 Montgomery Street, appeared before Council regarding the City's efforts in addressing the unfunded liabilities; the DPW and great job they do; the recycle area; the Police Department; and volunteer fire personnel.

Jim McBride, 519 S. Main Street, appeared before Council regarding the flooding issues; storm drain issues; and the river ice.

Susan Kandell, 605 E. Knight Street, appeared before Council regarding the recycle area.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: that his prayers are with the Poyer family at this time during their loss.

Councilwoman Brown reported on the following: that she was filled with sorrow for the Poyer family for their loss of their daughter; and thanked all for sharing information with the Council.

Councilman McGee reported on the following: that there are several new businesses in town with Fahrenheit Tanning and Salon and that they had remodeled the building beautifully; and that Aunties was a new restaurant and reminded everyone to support local businesses.

Chief Weeks reported on the following: that he has a training session scheduled for the end of April which will be at no cost to the City for an Evidence Technician class; that he has been consulting with the Prosecuting Attorney on training for the Officer's regarding the new legislation that will be going into effect; that he has a Department Meeting scheduled to review changes that will be happening in the Department; that the new Expedition will have a radio installed as well as a partition installed and should be on the road this week; and that with the Assault Case that is still ongoing, that the City will need to have the interviews transcribed at an approximate cost of \$800, which was not a budgeted item.

Mayor Platte reported on the following: to have the Poyer family in your prayers during this time; and thanked the City Manager for all of his hard work and diligence with the Union Contracts.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council go into Closed Session to discuss the purchase or lease of real property; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously. Council went into Closed Session at 7:42 p.m.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council reconvene back into Open Session; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously. Council reconvened back into Open Session at 8:18 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk