

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, March 24, 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.

The March 10, 2014, Regular Minutes and the March 17, 2014 Worksession Minutes were approved as printed.

Councilwoman Brown moved that disbursements of \$1,178,803.63 be approved, with the breakdown being General Fund Checks in the amount of \$96,531.49 - check numbers 61905 through 61948; and Wire Transfers in the amount of \$1,082,272.14; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

Mayor Platte read Council's Proclamation for the Eaton Rapids Girls Varsity Basketball Team and presented the Team and Coaching Staff with the Proclamation that Declares March 15th as Eaton Rapids Girls Varsity Basketball Day in the City of Eaton Rapids. The team received a standing ovation.

Councilman McGee read for Second Reading and Adoption 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; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve the quote from Peerless Midwest, Inc., for the overhaul of Pump #1 and the cleaning of Well #1 in an amount not to exceed \$38,199.00; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously.

Councilman Burke moved Council approve the Easement Application with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the Island City Bridge Restoration Project/ seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the Resolution to Certify Commitment for the Transportation Alternative Program Grant for the GAR Island Historic Pedestrian Bridge Project; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Russ Hicks, from the River Project, appeared before Council and gave a brief update on the Grant Applications that have been submitted and that the City should hear by April 15th.

Barb Lietzke, 1303 Hall Street, appeared before Council regarding the Smoking Ordinance; Brush pick-up; and the City Streets.

Mayor Platte reported on the following: Congratulated the Girls Basketball Team on their phenomenal performance and that they brought the community together and it was awesome to see all of the support that they had received; Congratulated Councilman McGee on being selected to be on the Food Network Television Show; and that warmer weather was coming with a high near 60 on Sunday.

Councilman Burke reported on the following: Congratulated the Girls Basketball Team and thanked them for the pride that they had given the community and the memories that they had created and that the character of this team speaks volumes; and thanked Mr. Hicks for all of his work on the River Project.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: Congratulated the Basketball Team as they had instilled pride in the Community and that they would be the talk of the town for years to come as they had made history; thanked Mr. Hicks for all of his work on the River Project; and that there are many positive things happening in Eaton Rapids.

Councilwoman Brown reported on the following: Congratulated Councilman McGee for being chosen to be on the Food Network Channel; thanked Mr. Hicks for being such a hard working volunteer; congratulated the Girls Basketball Team and that the City is so proud of them and that they have put Eaton Rapids on the map in a positive way and also thanked the coaches, parents, families and friends who have shown their overwhelming support during their season.

Councilman McGee reported on the following: Thanked Council for their support for him being on the Food Network as it has meant the world to him and has been awesome; congratulated the Girls Basketball Team for winning the Championship and that the team was awesome.

City Clerk Reinecke reported on the following: That it had been a pleasure watching this team succeed and that they made everyone feel as they were a part of the Basketball Family.

City Manager Stoppels reported on the following: Congratulated the Team on an outstanding season and it was great to see the community pull together for their support of this team.

Fire Chief McNutt reported on the following: Congratulated the Team and stated that it had been a privilege to lead them back into town.

Councilman McGee moved Council go into Closed Session to discuss the purchase or lease of real property; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously. Council went into Closed Session at 7:45 p.m.

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

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

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk