

A worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, April 7, 2014, at 5:00 p.m.

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

Administrative Staff Present was City Manager Jon Stoppels, DPW/WWTP Director Todd Nichols, Police Chief Larry Weeks, Fire Chief Roger McNutt, Building Inspector Jon Hill, Deputy Treasurer Marrie Jo Drake and Recording Secretary Julie Kunkel.

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

Public Comments:

Russ Hicks appeared before the Council regarding the Rapids Project and the need for a Application Fee to the DEQ in the amount of \$800.00.

Department Head Reports:

Chief Weeks reported on the following: make sure that everyone received his email regarding the Burger King robbery.

New Business Topics of Discussion were:

Mayor Platte reviewed with Council that since the EMS changes and new contract have been made there has been a 66% respond time that has improved service since the changes and that they are planning on refurbishing the ambulances that they have in service and not purchasing new ones so this will help with cost for the service. Council thanked Mayor Platte for the update.

The Relay for Life of Eaton Rapids is asking that they be able to Paint the Town Purple for the event that is scheduled for Saturday, May 3rd and would like the permission to tie purple bows on lamp posts and trees throughout the community; place corrugated signage advertising the Event at various intersection in town and throughout the community; and permission to paint the store front on business windows with business owner approval. Council agreed that this is what has happened in the past and to proceed with the requests.

Old Business Topics of Discussion were:

Council reviewed the letter from the City Attorney regarding the proposed Fireworks Ordinance and the changes that he is recommending. This item will appear on a later Agenda.

Council reviewed the memo from Utility Director Poyer regarding the State Street Project and the additional work that could be funded using fund balance.

Public Comments:

None.

Council Comments for the Good of the Order:

City Manager Stoppels reviewed with Council the issue of brush pick-up and the availability of the drop-off site located at the Department of Public Works.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk