

A worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, April 21, 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, Utility Director Scott Poyer, City Assessor Mike Baker, Library Director Sandy Porter, Fire Chief Roger McNutt, Building Inspector Jon Hill, Acting 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:

None.

Department Head Reports:

City Clerk Reinecke reported on the following: that Mr. Gumbrecht, the HS Band Director, would like permission to use the Amphitheater for a MS and HS Band performance on Wednesday, May 21st. Council agreed that this was a wonderful event and instructed the City Clerk to contact Mr. Gumbrecht and proceed with the plans.

New Business Topics of Discussion were:

Utility Director Poyer reviewed with Council the Modification #2 to the Environmental Services Agreement with the City and Parsons Brinckerhoff for the work at the old Landfill site. Utility Director Poyer stated that the modification was only changing the date of the contract from August 25, 2009, and would terminate on August 25, 2016. Council thanked Utility Director Poyer for the overview. This item will appear on the April 28th Agenda.

City Clerk Reinecke reviewed with Council the Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner that is scheduled for Friday, May 2nd. City Clerk Reinecke asked that Council get with her after the meeting if they were interested in attending so that reservations could be made.

City Manager Stoppels reviewed with Council the request from Freedoms Finest Outdoors to obtain a 501(c)3 permit. City Manager Stoppels stated that the Bylaws for this organization were included in the packet and that any organization that is requesting a 501(c)3 permit must first get approval from the Council. This item will appear on the April 28th Agenda.

Utility Director Poyer reviewed with Council the Resolution and Bridge Cost Repair Estimate from C2AE. Utility Director Poyer stated that the Hall Street Bridge is in need

of repair and that this is something that the City applies for annually for all of the bridges that are located in the City. This item will appear on the April 28th Agenda.

City Clerk Reinecke reviewed with Council the request from the Relay for Life Event that will be held in Eaton Rapids at Union Street School on Friday, May 9th through Saturday, May 10th. City Clerk Reinecke stated that they are asking for the waiver of the Noise Ordinance as well as the Burning Ordinance. City Clerk Reinecke stated that these two items have been requested and granted in the past for the event. This item will appear on the April 28th Agenda.

Utility Director Poyer reviewed with Council the extension of the State Street project that would fix the area from the City Limits to Miller Drive if funding permitted. Council thanked Utility Director Poyer for the update and hoped that the funding would be available to have this extra work done.

City Manager Stoppels reviewed the Proposed Budget with Council. City Manager Stoppels gave an overview of the Proposed Budget. Mayor Platte stated that Council needed to review the Budget in detail and that this would continue to be a Worksession item for more in-depth discussion.

Old Business Topics of Discussion were:

None.

Public Comments:

Russ Hicks, from the Rapids Project, appeared before Council regarding the Grant that was recently denied. Mr. Hicks stated that there is still funding available through the end of this year and that members will be talking with Senator Debbie Stabenow to see if she could help with this project. Council thanked Mr. Hicks for all of his work and for the update on the project.

Council Comments for the Good of the Order:

None.

Closed Session:

Councilwoman Brown moved Council go into Closed Session to discuss pending litigation; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously. Council went into Closed Session at 6:00 p.m.

Councilman Burke moved Council reconvene back into Open Session; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously. Council reconvened back into Open Session at 6:26 p.m.

COG Update:

Mayor Platte gave a brief update on the recent COG Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk