

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, April 28, 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 Father Ben of St. Peter's Catholic Church.

The Agenda was approved as printed.

The April 14, 2014, Regular Minutes and the April 21, 2014 Worksession Minutes were approved as printed.

Councilwoman Brown moved that disbursements of \$299,767.03 be approved, with the breakdown being General Fund Checks in the amount of \$84,062.16 - check numbers 62040 through 62085; Meter Deposit Refund Checks in the amount of \$603.76, check numbers 100984 through 100990; and Wire Transfers in the amount of \$215,101.11; seconded by Councilman McGee, passed unanimously.

Councilman McGee moved Council approve the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Jerry Herrera, 609 Drahner Drive, to the Planning Commission, for an unexpired term which will expire on January 31, 2015; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

City Clerk Reinecke read for First Reading Ordinance 2014-2, an Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Eaton Rapids by Amending Chapter 9, Fire Prevention and Protection, by Adding Article 5, Fireworks. This was for First Reading only, no Council action was required.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the Resolution to change the authorized signatures on all banking organizations for the City of Eaton Rapids and to have the designated signatures be the Mayor, City Manager and Acting Treasurer; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilman Burke moved Council approve Modification #2 to the Environmental Services Agreement between the City of Eaton Rapids and Parsons Brinckerhoff to extend the Agreement to August 25, 2016; seconded by Councilwoman brown, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the Resolution for Charitable Gaming Licenses for Freedoms Finest Outdoors Non-profit Organization in the City of Eaton Rapids; seconded by Councilman McGee, passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve the Resolution in support of the Hall Street Bridge Maintenance Plan and authorize Utility Director Scott Poyer to submit for funding for the Bridge Maintenance Repair Project; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve the Relay for Life to be held on Friday, May 9th through Saturday, May 10th, with the Event to be held at Union Street School, and for Council to waive section 20-1, Restrictions, to allow limited overnight camping at Union Street School, waiver of Section 15-26 (9), Noise Ordinance, to allow activities with loud music until 12:00 a.m., and waiver of Section 9-6 (3c), recreational fire hours, to allow recreational fires to burn throughout the event; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

Reuben Green, 630 Forest Street, appeared before Council regarding the brush pick-up notification.

Barb Lietzke, 1303 Hall Street, appeared before Council regarding the Dollar General Store; and brush pick-up.

Councilman Burke reported on the following: that there is new adoption legislation bills that have gone into affect that will speed up the adoption process in getting children placed and that would also speed up the process in formal adoption placement under the age of one year and also that if the mother relinquishes her rights that the father would get first rights for the child and that State Representative Shirkey had helped with this new legislation.

Councilwoman Brown reported on the following: that she has received phone calls regarding a tree issue in the City and wanted to make Council aware that they could be receiving calls as well; and thanked Ms. Lietzke for the information on the Dollar General property.

Councilman McGee reported on the following: that he had the opportunity to visit with someone who it was their first time in Eaton Rapids and how they thought it was a very friendly community and how nice all the people were that they had come in contact with.

City Clerk Reinecke reported on the following: that utility disconnects will be happening this week and that this is the first one being done in 2014 with the new guidelines.

City Manager Stoppels reported on the following: that the playground is progressing and a firm price has been received and that demo costs have come in less than budgeted; that the skate park, basketball courts, volleyball court, concessions and ball fields will see improvements this Spring; and that the Insurance carrier will be here tomorrow to do a facilities review on facilities and equipment.

Utility Director Poyer reported on the following: that the City had received the funding for the Safe Routes to School Grant, and that this is a 2015 Project and the Grant amount is for \$268,000.

Police Chief Weeks reported on the following: that the Department will be receiving Evidence Tech Training with the FBI this week and some of the training will take place at Northwestern Elementary School.

WWTP/DPW Director Nichols reported on the following: that there was a power outage tonight on the north side of the City, but it has been fixed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk