

A worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, June 2, 2014, at 5:00 p.m.

Present were Mayor Platte and Councilpersons Harri, Brown and Burke. Councilman McGee was absent and excused.

Administrative Staff Present was City Manager Jon Stoppels, Utility Director Scott Poyer, WWTP/DPW Director Todd Nichols, City Assessor Mike Baker, Library Director Sandra Porter, Police Chief Larry Weeks, 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:

Police Chief Weeks reported on the following: that the Department had received nine active violent response kits today at no expense to the Department as it was received through grants.

New Business Topics of Discussion were:

City Manager Stoppels reviewed with Council the request from Espresso Self for Special Events on Wednesday evenings throughout the summer. Nathan Sweezey, the owner of Espresso Self, appeared before Council and answered questions regarding the event. Mr. Sweezey stated that he was working with Scott Frazier and that the events would start out small but would hopefully expand into something big throughout the summer months. This item will appear on the June 9th Agenda.

Utility Director Poyer reviewed with Council the Hyatt Street Drain issue and the problems that residents are having in this area. Utility Director Poyer stated that the residents have asked that this be a special assessment district to get the much needed work done. After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to have an Engineer come and review the work that would need to be done and to get an estimated cost to Council and the property owners.

Mayor Platte reviewed with Council the events that would be taking place on July 4th. The list of events includes vendors, parade, music, tractor pedal pulls, street closures and fireworks at Howe Field due to the construction that will be happening on State Street. This item will appear on the June 9th Agenda.

Old Business Topics of Discussion were:

WWTP/DPW Director Nichols reviewed with Council the proposed Dog Park that has been approved by the Parks Board. Bud Maxey, the founder of the Park, was in attendance to answer questions regarding the development of the Park. After a lengthy discussion it was the consensus of the Council to have the City Manager look into any liability issues regarding having a Park like this and get the information to them in the Council packets. This item will appear on the June 9th Agenda.

Utility Director Poyer reviewed with Council the water and sewer rate study that he had completed. The comparison were with surrounding City's in the area. After a lengthy discussion it was the consensus of Council to discuss this further at the June 16th worksession.

Utility Director Poyer reviewed with Council the proposal from HRC for the 2014 Road Maintenance Service Contract. Utility Director Poyer stated that the low bid was received from Mike and Son Asphalt, Inc., who did the work for the City last year. This item will appear on the June 9th Agenda.

City Manager Stoppels reviewed the proposed budget with Council. City Manager Stoppels reviewed with Council the highlights of the proposed budget. The truth in taxation public hearing will be on the June 9th Agenda.

Public Comments:

Iris Morgan, 603 W. Plain street, appeared before Council regarding the Hyatt Street Drain Issue.

Council Comments for the Good of the Order:

Mayor Platte reported on the following: congratulated Councilman McGee who had won the Food Court War Challenge this past week and who was busy with his new restaurant at the Lansing Mall.

Councilman Burke reported on the following: that with all the changes at the State and Federal levels that hard decisions were going to have to be made at the local level regarding utility rates.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk