

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, August 11, 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 Brown, McGee and Harri. Councilman Burke was absent and excused.

The invocation was given by Councilwoman Brown.

The Agenda was approved as printed.

The July 28, 2014, Regular Minutes were approved as printed.

Councilman Harri moved that disbursements of \$427,210.98 be approved, but that the check to Hammond Farm and Grand Valley Automation be held until further information could be gathered and with the breakdown being General Fund Checks in the amount of \$227,753.90 - check numbers 62491 through 62573; and Wire Transfers in the amount of \$199,457.08; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown read for Second Reading and Adoption Ordinance 2014-3, an Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Eaton Rapids by Amending Chapter 12, Housing, Article VI, Property Maintenance, Section 12-171, Short Title; Intent; and Purpose (B)(5) of the Eaton Rapids City Code; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri read for Second Reading and Adoption Ordinance 2014-4, an Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Eaton Rapids by Amending Chapter 12, Housing, Article VI, Property Maintenance, Section 12-173, Administration and Enforcement (J), (K), (L), and (M), of the Eaton Rapids City Code; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously.

Councilman McGee read for Second Reading and Adoption Ordinance 2014-5, an Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Eaton Rapids by Amending Chapter 2, Administration, Article VII, Municipal Civil Infractions, Section 2-132 - Civil Penalties(a); of the Eaton Rapids City Code; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously.

Natalie Cornish, 114 W. Broad Street, appeared before Council and presented them with a check for the donations that she has received for the Playground of Dreams. Council thanked Ms. Cornish for all of her efforts.

Linda Putnam, 120 W. Hamlin Street, appeared before Council encouraging them to move forward with Housing Ordinances and that rental inspections are needed in the City; Ms. Putnam thanked Todd Nichols for assisting her with some issues at her storefront last week.

Lisa Vanderly, 632 Hyatt Street, appeared before Council regarding a garage sale sign issue.

Mayor Platte reported on the following: that the Quality of Life Director started with the City today and welcomed him on board and was excited about this position; thanked everyone for voicing their concerns and encouragement; and thanked Natalie for all of her efforts in assisting with the new playground.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: thanked Natalie for everything that she has done to assist with the playground; thanked the City Staff and volunteers for all of their hard work in the construction of the playground; thanked Ms. Putnam for her encouragement regarding the rental housing inspection; and thanked Ms. Vanderly for her issues and concerns regarding the garage sale sign issue.

Councilman McGee reported on the following: thanked Natalie for all of her efforts; and thanked Ms. Vanderly for her sign concerns and bringing them to the attention of Council.

Councilwoman Brown reported on the following: thanked all the citizens for coming to the meeting and allowing Council to hear their concerns, that this is the citizen's forum to have issues heard; thanked Natalie for all that she has done; thanked the City workers for all of their hard work in constructing the playground; that the special assessment issue is still being looked into; that Michigan BBQ is at the concession stand and to support him as he has great food; that the Library Summer Reading Program is going well with many events and activities planned; and that Wednesday nights at Hamlin Square are a great downtown event.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk