

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, August 25, 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, Burke and Harri. None were absent.

The invocation was given by Councilwoman Brown.

The Agenda was approved as printed.

The August 11, 2014, Regular Minutes and the August 18, 2014 Worksession Minutes were approved as printed.

Councilwoman Brown moved that disbursements of \$454,756.57 be approved with the breakdown being General Fund Checks in the amount of \$191,599.83 - check numbers 62574 through 62651; Meter Deposit Refund Checks in the amount of \$912.70 - check numbers 101049 through 101057; and Wire Transfers in the amount of \$262,244.04; seconded by Councilman McGee, passed unanimously.

Myron Montie, a Representative from the Senior Center, appeared before Council regarding funding at the Senior Center.

City Clerk Reinecke administered the Oath of Office to Quality of Life Director Troy Stowell.

Mayor Platte read Council's Proclamation to Jon Hill on his retirement from the City.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the recommendation from the Michigan Public Power Agency (MPPA) to purchase 1 MW of electricity for all hours, and 1.1 MW of electricity for On Peak hours for 2016, and 1.1 MW of electricity for all hours and 1.3 MW of electricity for On Peak hours for 2017, and authorize Utility Director Scott Poyer to sign the Letter of Authorization; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilman Burke moved Council approve the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) State Trunkline Maintenance Contract and to Authorize the City manager and City Clerk to sign said contract; seconded by Councilman McGee, passed unanimously.

Councilman McGee moved Council designate Councilwoman Claudia Brown to be the Official Representative to case the vote at the Annual Meeting of the Michigan Municipal League to be held in Marquette, on October 15-17, 2014; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

Clara Hipps, 300 King #114, appeared before Council and gave them a letter regarding additional concerns that she had with places around the City.

Councilwoman Brown reported on the following: thanked all who were in attendance at the meeting; thanked Building Inspector Hill for all of his work and dedication to the City and congratulated him on his retirement; that the memos that they are receiving from the Department Heads are very informative and keep Council aware of what is going on; welcomed Troy and his family to the City family; thanked all of her colleagues for voting for her to be the MML Delegate; and that she had attended an event held on Saturday for Veteran's by the Kayaking company and that over 45 veteran's were in attendance at this event.

Councilman McGee reported on the following: Congratulated Building Inspector Hill on his retirement; and welcomed Quality of Life Director Troy Stowell to the City.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: Welcomed Troy to the City; and congratulated Building Inspector Jon Hill on his years of service to the City.

Councilman Burke reported on the following: Thanked Troy for choosing to be at the City and was excited to see the changes that he would implement; congratulated Building Inspector Hill and wished him well; and thanked Councilwoman Brown for representing the City at the MML Convention.

City Clerk Reinecke reported on the following: Welcomed Troy and congratulated Jon Hill on his retirement.

City Manager Stoppels reported on the following: Thanked Building Inspector Hill for his service to the City; and Welcomed Troy and was impressed with the amazing amount of work that he had already accomplished.

City Treasurer Carr reported on the following: Wished Building Inspector Hill good luck on his retirement; and congratulated Troy on his position.

Utility Director Poyer reported on the following: Wished Building Inspector Hill good luck; and welcomed Troy on his position.

Quality of Life Director Stowell reported on the following: Congratulated Jon on his retirement; and thanked the Mayor, Council and City Manager for hiring him and that he is excited about the opportunity to serve the City.

City Assessor Baker reported on the following: Welcomed Troy; and wished Jon happiness on his retirement.

Police Chief Weeks reported on the following: Wished Jon well; and welcomed Troy.

Mayor Platte reported on the following: Congratulated Jon on his retirement and 12 years of service to the City; welcomed Troy and was excited about his expertise and was excited to see this area in the City explode with his development.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council go into a Closed Session regarding a personnel issue at the request of the person involved; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously. Council went into Closed Session at 7:30 p.m.

Councilman Harri moved Council reconvene back into Open Session; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously. Council reconvened back into Open Session at 8:45 p.m.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council to into Closed Session to discuss an attorney Client privilege information; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously. Council went into Closed Session at 8:46 p.m.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council reconvene back into Open Session; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously. Council reconvened back into Open Session at 9:20 p.m.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council authorize the City Attorney to send a letter to the persons and entity involved in making defamatory statements; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk