

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, September 8, 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 and Burke. Councilman Harri and Councilman McGee were absent and excused.

The invocation was given by Pastor Jim Riley of the Assembly of God church.

The Agenda was approved as printed.

The August 25, 2014, Regular Minutes were approved as printed.

Councilwoman Brown moved that disbursements of \$280,537.54 be approved with the breakdown being General Fund Checks in the amount of \$90,107.48 - check numbers 62652 through 62690; and Wire Transfers in the amount of \$190,430.06; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

County Commissioner Blake Mulder appeared before Council and gave a presentation on the ballot proposal language for the Eaton County Road Millage. Commissioner Mulder asked if Council would be willing to pass a Resolution in Support of the Road Millage. Mayor Platte stated that this would be discussed at the next Council Worksession. Council thanked Commissioner Mulder for the presentation.

Mayor Platte read Council's Proclamation Honoring the 150th Anniversary of the Miller House and presented it to the Miller House Representatives.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the decision of Police Chief Weeks on the Fraternal Order of Police Grievance regarding Officer Gibbard, in the Step Three Grievance procedure; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

Reuben Green, 630 Forest Street, appeared before Council congratulating the City on how well the storm has been handled by the City employees and the citizens, and it was great to see a community pull together.

Councilman Burke reported on the following: thanked the Historical Society on the occasion for the 150th year Anniversary of the Miller House, and that he looked forward to 150 more years; that the recent storm did significant damages and he was amazed at the work ethic of all the City Staff and was so proud to be a part of a community that pulled together.

Councilwoman Brown reported on the following: thanked all for attending the meeting; congratulated the Miller House on a terrific job with programs that they sponsor and all that they do for the Community; thanked the Staff and people providing the food to the workers and that it was great to see the town pull together and that the citizens have been patient and kind; and thanked Pastor Riley for his Day of Hope Event that was sponsored on Saturday.

City Manager Stoppels reported on the following: congratulated the Miller Farm for their accomplishments and that this was a unique facility and was one of the crown jewels of Eaton Rapids; that crews are making good progress with repairs and that there was 85% of the City without electricity on Friday and now the City only had 20% of residents without electricity and urged citizens to be patient and commended the staff for all of the hard work that was being done and the long hours that were being put in; that there were 4 other municipalities here helping and thanked them for their assistance; that on Monday the crews would begin the clean-up of the brush that was in the right-of-way.

Utility Director Poyer reported on the following: that the State Street base level asphalt was done and by Monday the whole project should be completed; and thanked the residents and staff for their assistance during this clean-up process after the storm.

DPW/WWTP Director Nichols reported on the following: that the staff was doing a phenomenal job and thanked everyone for their effort; that the phone system had been down all weekend and that he had received assistance calling workers in with an employees wife; that the citizens have been great and that this was a team effort.

Mayor Platte reported on the following: thanked Commissioner Mulder for the information on the Road Millage; congratulated the Historical Society on their 150 years and that this was a jewel in the crown of the City; that with the storm he has been able to see City Staff first hand and that the City has a first class staff here and thanked the CERT Team, Police and Fire Departments for their assistance during the storm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk