

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, September 22, 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, McGee, Brown and Burke. None were absent.

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

The Agenda was approved as printed.

The September 8, 2014, Regular Minutes and the September 15, 2014 Worksession Minutes were approved as printed.

Councilwoman Brown moved that disbursements of \$541,823.71 be approved with the breakdown being General Fund Checks in the amount of \$182,321.76 - check numbers 62691 through 62756; and Wire Transfers in the amount of \$359,501.95; seconded by Councilman McGee, passed unanimously.

Mayor Platte read Council's Resolution on the Mutual Aid Agreement and thanked the City of Grand Haven, Holland, St. Louis and the City Crews who worked so hard during the recent storm event. There were City Employees in attendance at the meeting and they received a standing ovation for their efforts.

Mayor Platte opened the meeting for a Public Hearing on the IFT Tax Exempt Application for Dowding Industries, Inc., in the amount of \$1,338,285.00, for property tax code 23-300-003-400-051-04, property commonly known as 449 Marilyn Street. The Public Hearing opened at 7:06 p.m.

City Manager Stoppels reviewed the application with Council and the financial impact that it would have on the City if the Application was approved. Council thanked City Manager Stoppels for the review.

Mayor Platte closed the Public Hearing at 7:07 p.m.

Councilman Harri moved Council approved the Resolution in support of the County Road Millage proposal; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the Application for Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate for Dowding Industries, Inc., for equipment purchases in the amount of \$1338,285.00, for a 12 year tax abatement; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve the Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Leonard Peters, 505 McArthur River Drive, to the Local Officer's Compensation Commission for a five year term which will expire on October 1, 2019; seconded by Councilman McGee, passed unanimously.

Paul Celentino, 418 Division Street, appeared before Council regarding service concerns.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: that the Utility Department and staff of the City did a commendable job under extreme circumstances and thanked them as well as the other City's who assisted.

Councilwoman Brown reported on the following: thanked all for their input at the meeting; that the citizens in Eaton Rapids had stepped up and had supported each other during the storm event and would like to see this team effort continue.

City Manager Stoppels reported on the following: thanked the crews for all of the work that was done and that the brush pick-up should be finished up tomorrow; thanked Todd and Scott for all of their work during the storm event; thanked Scott for all of his work on the State Street project; thanked Kristy for her work during the storm event; and thanked the community for being patient and understanding as the City worked hard to get their utilities repaired.

Mayor Platte reported on the following: thanked the crews, the electric, DPW and staff for all of their work and the many issues that were resolved and that the entire staff of the City had pulled together with everyone picking up slack left to other Departments having to work elsewhere; that the tremendous job had been completed with no injuries to anyone which was a miracle as crews were working up in a bucket in the rain and lightening working on electricity and that they should be commended for their efforts and recognized for their hard work.

WWTP/DPW Supervisor Nichols reported on the following: thanked the City of Charlotte for sending over two employees along with their chipper truck to assist with the brush clean-up in the City.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk