

A worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, October 6, 2014, at 5:00 p.m.

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

Administrative Staff Present was City Manager Jon Stoppels, WWTP/DPW Director Todd Nichols, City Assessor Mike Baker, Quality of Life Director Troy Stowell, Library Director Sandy Porter, Fire Chief Roger McNutt, City Treasurer Marrie Jo Carr and City Clerk Kristy Reinecke.

Purpose of the meeting was a worksession. Notice of the meeting was duly given.

Public Comments:

Barb Lietzke, 1303 Hall Street, appeared before Council regarding utility bills; the fireplace; the City substation; consumers bills and roads.

Department Head Reports:

Mayor Platte asked what the electric issue was with Horner Mills. Utility Director Poyer stated that they wanted to see about some lines being moved and were working with the owner of the property.

Mayor Platte asked if Quality of Life Director Stowell could give an update on the Trick-or-Treat Main Street event as well as the meeting regarding a lacrosse grant. Quality of Life Director Stowell stated that there were 19 businesses participating with 4 of them donating monies for the event and that he was looking at getting some sidewalk entertainment to make it a more festive atmosphere during the event. Quality of Life Director Stowell stated that he has a meeting to see about getting lacrosse in Eaton Rapids with a grant and will keep Council informed on the status of the meeting.

New Business Topics of Discussion were:

Utility Director Poyer reviewed with the Council the Consumers Energy Commercial Gas Customer choice contract. This would lock in the City's price at \$4.85 for a two year contract. This item will appear on the October 13th Agenda.

City Manager Stoppels reviewed with the Council that current WWTP Director Todd Nichols will be leaving the City on October 10th and taking a position in East Lansing. City Manager Stoppels stated that until the City was able to go through an Executive search with the MML, that they were looking at contracting the position so that the City had the licensing that was needed to operate the Plant. This item will appear on the October 13th Agenda.

Old Business Topics of Discussion were:

None.

Public Comments:

City Manager Stoppels thanked WWTP/DPW Director Nichols for his service to the City and stated that he will be greatly missed.

Council Comments for the Good of the Order:

Councilman McGee reported on the following: that he was unable to bring his hotdog cart to the Urban Air Event, but that it was an awesome event and was a good time for all in Eaton Rapids.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk