

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, October 27, 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 Scott Boles of the First Baptist Church.

The Agenda was approved as printed.

The October 13, 2014, Regular Minutes and the October 20, 2014 Worksession Minutes were approved as printed.

Councilman Harri moved that disbursements of \$440,648.16 be approved with the breakdown being General Fund Checks in the amount of \$135,415.97 - check numbers 62856 through 62921; and Wire Transfers in the amount of \$305,232.19; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Steve Kapff, 1311 West Street, to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three year term which will expire on November 1, 2017; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Rick Babbitt, 503 Raeburn, to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three year term which will expire on November 1, 2017; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

Councilman McGee moved Council approve the Settlement Agreement and Release with the property owners on Michigan Street for rear yard access; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve the Department Directors Wage Agreement; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

Tom Robinson, 110 E. South Street, appeared before Council regarding the Red Cross and the availability for them to assist with future disasters such as the storm in September.

Nathan Foote, 4670 Eaton River Trail, appeared before Council regarding the proposed rental property inspection program.

Dan Babbitt, 305 Kerry Street, appeared before Council regarding the proposed rental housing inspection and the sidewalk on Center Street.

Anthony Foote, 528 State Street, appeared before Council regarding the proposed rental housing inspection program.

Lynn Ball, 4679 Eaton River Trail, appeared before Council regarding the Building Inspector position.

Mayor Platte reported on the following: that there has been nothing decided or approved regarding the rental housing inspection program, but it will be discussed at future Worksessions and anyone interested is welcome to attend and give their input.

Councilwoman Brown reported on the following: thanked all who had brought concerns to Council; that the football team is in the playoffs and this is great for Eaton Rapids and the flags that the City has will be put up on Friday; that November 4th is the election and remember to vote; that the Main Street Trick-or-Treat event is Wednesday and regular Halloween activities will be on Friday and to be safe and drive careful during this busy time.

Councilman McGee reported on the following: thanked all for coming to the meeting and voicing their concerns; thanked Mr. Robbins for the information regarding the Red Cross; and that he had attended the Halloween on the Farm event at the Miller Farm and it was a great time and great turn out.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: thanked Mr. Robbins for the Red Cross information and that with events like this there are always ways to improve on emergency preparedness; that he was glad that the Michigan Street issue was resolved; and that property owners and tenants can bring their concerns to Council and they will look into the different ideas presented regarding the rental housing inspection program.

Councilman Burke reported on the following: thanked the landlords for their representation at the meeting; congratulated the football team on making Districts and was glad that Eaton Rapids was hosting the event; be very careful driving on Friday as the District playoffs will be that night as well as Halloween Trick-or-Treating; and was excited about the Wednesday night Main Street Trick-or-Treat event.

City Clerk Reinecke reported on the following: that City Hall will be closed on Tuesday, November 4th as staff will be assisting with the election.

City Manager Stoppels reported on the following: that a quarterly newsletter will be sent out beginning with this utility billing; that he has received a letter from the Governor stating that since Eaton Rapids did such a great job with the storm damage, they would not qualify for storm assistance; that the fireplace has been completed and invited people out to see if after the meeting.

Quality of Life Director Stowell reported on the following: invited everyone to attend the Main Street Trick-or-Treat event on Wednesday from 5-7 as over 30 businesses will be participating.

Police Chief Weeks reported on the following: reminded everyone to drive safely during the Halloween Trick-or-Treating and Football District event; and that a new Officer has been hired and will start on November 10th.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk