

A worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, November 3, 2014, at 5:00 p.m.

Present were Mayor Platte and Councilpersons Harri, Burke, Brown and McGee. None were absent.

Administrative Staff Present was City Manager Jon Stoppels, City Assessor Mike Baker, Quality of Life Director Troy Stowell, Library Director Sandy Porter, Utility Director Scott Poyer, Police Chief Larry Weeks, 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:

None.

Department Head Reports:

Police Chief Weeks reported on the following: that the month of November is “No Shave” month for mens health and with a donation from his Officers to go to the Eaton Rapids Medical Center he is allowing his Officers to not shave during the month.

Council gave Quality of Life Director Stowell kudos for a job well done with the Main Street Trick-or-Treat Event.

New Business Topics of Discussion were:

Chief Weeks reviewed with Council the vendor licensing process that is currently in place for door to door sales in Eaton Rapids. After a lengthy discussion Council instructed Chief Weeks to further research other Ordinances and bring back his recommendation to Council.

Utility Director Poyer reviewed with Council the bill that has been received for the removal of the substation that was located on Knight Street at the end of Hall Street. Utility Director Poyer stated that the substation was removed 2 years ago, but the City is just now being billed for the removal and this will be an expenditure item on the Claims Report. Council thanked Utility Director Poyer for the update.

Mayor Platte reviewed the request from John D. Greathouse and the American Postal Workers Union requesting Council to pass a Resolution in support of keeping the Lansing Postal Distribution Center open. After a lengthy discussion Resolution died for lack of support.

City Clerk Reinecke reviewed with Council the letter from the Chamber of Commerce requesting permission to hold the Hometown Family Christmas Parade on Saturday,

December 6, 2014 with activities scheduled during the day and the parade being from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. with the route being from McArthur River Drive to State to Main to Knight. This item will appear on the November 10th Agenda.

Old Business Topics of Discussion were:

Utility Director Poyer reviewed with Council the proposal that was previously discussed regarding the work from the Army Corp of Engineers for the Environmental Assessment. After a lengthy discussion, Utility Director Poyer was instructed to have the Army Corp of Engineers continue the assessment with the monies that they currently have available to them and bring back to Council when the funding is depleted for further review.

Public Comments:

None.

Council Comments for the Good of the Order:

Councilwoman Brown reported on the following: asked if further information had been given regarding the Red Cross being of assistance during the power outage. Police Chief Weeks stated that he had discussed the issue with the Red Cross Representative and that the City was aware that this was available but during the power outage the assistance was not warranted. Councilwoman Brown thanked Chief Weeks for the update.

Closed Session:

Councilwoman Brown moved Council go into Closed Session to review an attorney client privileged communication with the City Attorney; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously. Council went into Closed Session at 5:50 p.m.

Councilman McGee moved Council reconvene back into Open Session; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously. Council reconvened back into Open Session at 6:36 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk