

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

The invocation was given by Councilwoman Brown.

The Agenda was approved as printed.

The November 24, 2014, Regular Minutes and the December 1, 2014 Worksession Minutes were approved as printed.

Councilwoman Brown moved that disbursements of \$287,566.96 be approved with the breakdown being General Fund Checks in the amount of \$88,312.93 - check numbers 63062 through 63119; and Wire Fund Transfers in the amount of \$199,254.03; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

Mayor Platte read Council's Proclamation honoring Library Director Sandra Porter. Mayor Platte presented Library Director Porter with a City of Eaton Rapids jacket. Library Director Porter received a standing ovation.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the 2015 Public Meeting Schedule; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilman Burke moved Council approve the request from the Business and Professional Women's organization to hold the 3rd Annual Scrap Metal Drive at the City's Recycling Center on Saturday, April 25th and Sunday, April 26th from 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Reuben Green, 630 Forest Street, appeared before Council stating that the City looks beautiful for the Holiday Season and also regarding concerns at the Cemetery with the maintenance.

Councilman Burke reported on the following: thanked Reuben for bringing the issues to Council's attention; and thanked all of the City Workers for all of the work they have done in preparing for the Holiday Season and how amazing the City looks.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: that the City Staff did a wonderful job and the City looks great and they are the unsung heroes for all of the work that they do; and thanked Library Director Porter for her service and dedication over the years to the City and wished her well in her retirement.

Councilman McGee reported on the following: thanked Library Director Porter for her service to the Library; and that the City looks awesome for the Holidays.

Councilwoman Brown reported on the following: that Library Director Porter has done a wonderful job at the Library and will be missed and thanked her family for sharing her with the City; that the City looks beautiful and thanked staff, volunteers and workers for all of the care that they give throughout the year, but especially during the Holidays; thanked Mr. Green for bringing the issues at the Cemetery to their attention and she will personally look into it; and that the fireplace got a real good workout over the weekend with the Hometown Family Christmas event.

City Manager Stoppels reported on the following: that the Hometown Family Christmas Event and Parade was excellent with a great attendance; that the City Christmas Party was a great event with over 50 participants; thanked the Electric Department for all of the work that they did in getting ready for Christmas; informed Council that the Building Official position has been filled with LeRoy Hummel who started with the City today; and thanked Sandy for all of her work and dedication to the City and wished her well in her retirement.

City Clerk Reinecke reported on the following: wished Library Director Porter a happy retirement.

City Treasurer Carr reported on the following: thanked Sandy for her dedication to the City and wished her good luck in her retirement.

Library Director Porter reported on the following: thanked everyone for all of the kind remarks and that the Library Board will be hosting a Retirement Tea in her honor on Wednesday and invited everyone to attend.

Police Chief Weeks reported on the following: that the Fill-A-Cop-Car event went well and thanked the Fire Department and CERT Team for their assistance as they had received 4 car loads to give to Heart and Hands.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk