

A worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, December 15, 2014, at 5:00 p.m.

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

Administrative Staff Present was City Manager Jon Stoppels, City Assessor Mike Baker, Quality of Life Director Troy Stowell, Fire Chief Roger McNutt, Utility Director Scott Poyer, City Treasurer Marrie Jo Carr, Library Director Sandy Porter, Police Chief Larry Weeks, Building Official LeRoy Hummel 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 on Thursday he and the Mayor will be participating in the fund raiser for Officer Jason Gooley.

Utility Director Poyer reported on the following: that State Street will be closed from Main to River Street for a collapsed sewer repair; and answered questions regarding the FERC decision on the Smithville Dam and Mix Plant.

Building Official Hummel reported on the following: that he is reviewing different forms and Ordinances that need to be up to date and in compliance with the State Building Guidelines and will have these before Council for approval and review in the near future.

New Business Topics of Discussion were:

Alan Panter, from Abraham and Gaffney, reviewed with Council the Audit Presentation and findings. Council thanked Mr. Panter for the presentation. This item will appear on the December 21st Agenda.

Utility Director Poyer reviewed with Council the request from property owners on W. Plain Street and Hyatt Street for a Special Assessment because of a water issue in their back yards. This item will appear on the December 21st Agenda.

City Assessor Baker reviewed with Council the property the letter from the State of Michigan regarding the Tax-Foreclosed Property and the availability for a Title Transfer if the City so desires to own the property. After discussion it was the consensus of the Council to let the property go for State Auction.

Mayor Platte reviewed with Council the reports of the Eaton Area Medical Service Performance Review. Mayor Platte stated that with the changes that were implemented last year, that response times have improved. Mayor Platte stated that with the new Contract which will be for 2016, they will be asking for a 5% increase. Council thanked Mayor Platte for the review.

Utility Director Poyer reviewed with Council the proposal from HRC regarding the GAR Island Park Restoration Project and construction engineering services quote that the DDA approved at their December meeting. Council thanked Utility Director Poyer for the update.

Old Business Topics of Discussion were:

Mayor and Council reviewed Chapters 2 and 2 1/2 of the City Ordinances.

Council went through suggested changes and asked questions of the Staff.

Mayor Platte stated that at the next Worksession Chapters 3 and 4 will be reviewed.

Public Comments:

None.

Council Comments for the Good of the Order:

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk