

A worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, February 16, 2015, 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, Building Official LeRoy Hummel, Utility Director Scott Poyer, City Treasurer Marrie Jo Carr, Library Director Anna Curtis, Police Chief Larry Weeks and City Clerk Kristy Reinecke.

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

Public Comments:

Russ Hicks, Columbia Hwy, appeared before Council regarding the Rapids Project.

Department Head Reports:

Police Chief Weeks reported on the following: that an Officer was injured over the weekend and is awaiting an MRI to see when he will be able to return to work.

Quality of Life Director Stowell reported on the following: that the Dance Class is scheduled for next Monday at 6:00 p.m. and there is still room for people to get signed up.

Library Director Curtis reported on the following: that the writing class being proposed is a workshop, not a contest.

New Business Topics of Discussion were:

City Manager Stoppels reviewed with Council the Planning Commission's recommendation for the Site Plan review for Advance Auto Parts and all of the work that has gone into the plan. City Manager Stoppels stated that this plan had been reviewed by McKenna and Associates and that the cost for their services would be reimbursed by Advance Auto Parts. City Manager Stoppels commended the Planning Commission for making the Site Plan adhere to the City Code by making the structure a brick structure, adding windows and addressing concerns with their signs. This item will appear on the February 23rd Council Agenda.

Utility Director Poyer reviewed with Council the bids that had been received for tree removal. Utility Director Poyer stated that the low bidder has declined the award of his bid as he feels that he is unable to do the work for the price quoted, so therefore he is recommending the second lowest bidder. This item will appear on the February 23rd Agenda.

Utility Director Poyer reviewed with Council the bids that had been received for a new dump truck purchase for the Electric Department. This is a budgeted item. This item will appear on the February 23rd Agenda.

Utility Director Poyer reviewed with Council the bids that had been received for the Hyatt Street Storm Sewer installation. Utility Director Poyer stated that this will be a Special Assessment District for the property owners in this area at their request. Utility Director Poyer stated that a Resolution for Council's Approval will need to be adopted creating the Special Assessment District and that there would need to be a Public Hearing on the District. This item will appear at a later date for Council consideration after it has been advertised for the Public Hearing.

Old Business Topics of Discussion were:

Mayor and Council reviewed Chapters 5 and 6 of the City Ordinances, as well as revisiting Chapters 1 and 2.

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

Mayor Platte stated that at the next Worksession Chapters 1, 2 and 5 will be reviewed.

Public Comments:

None.

Council Comments for the Good of the Order:

Councilman Burke reported on the following: urged everyone to contact their State Representatives regarding the ATF Outlaw of 223 Ammunition.

Councilwoman Brown reported on the following: asked what was happening at the Woolen Mill Complex. Utility Director Poyer stated that this property has gone back to the investors at this time.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: wondered about the status of the property owner at the old pizza shop on Michigan Street. Building Official Hummel stated that he has been in contact with the new property owner and is working with him.

Councilman Harri moved Council go into Closed Session to review a communication with the City Attorney; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously. Council went into Closed Session at 6:23 p.m.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council reconvene back into Open Session; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously. Council reconvened back into Open Session at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk