

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, March 10, 2015. 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, Brown, McGee and Burke. None were absent.

The invocation was given by Councilwoman Brown.

The Agenda was approved as printed.

The February 23, 2015, Regular Minutes and the March 2, 2015 Worksession Minutes were approved as printed.

Councilwoman Brown moved that disbursements of \$623,163.72 be approved with the breakdown being General Fund Checks in the amount of \$83,900.24 - check numbers 63426 through 63478; Meter Deposit Refund Checks in the amount of \$510.96 - check numbers 101118 through 101121; and Wire Fund Transfers in the amount of \$538,752.52; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

Mayor Platte opened the meeting for a Public Hearing on the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Land and Water Conservation Fund 2015 Grant Application to aid in providing improvements to Howe Memorial Park. The Public Hearing opened at 7:05 p.m.

Quality of Life Director Stowell introduced Robert Ford from Landscape Architect and Planners who gave Council a presentation on the project that is being proposed at Howe Field. Mr. Ford stated that the project would make Howe Field a Trail Head that would connect the Park to the Downtown area; would make the Park ADA accessible, would add concession stands and restroom facilities and would add dugouts on Field 2. Mr. Ford stated that the proposed project was over budget, but with the removal of the overhang at the concession stand, would fall within \$17,000 of the City's Budget.

Councilman Harri asked if all of the overhang would be removed. Mr. Ford stated that it would need to be, but could be a Phase 2 project to have it added at a later date.

Councilman McGee asked if dugouts were going to be built on all of the Fields or just on Field 2. Mr. Ford stated at this time only Field 2 was being proposed.

Councilman Harri asked when the City would know if they had been awarded the Grant. Mr. Ford stated that the deadline for applications is April 1st and that the Grants will be awarded in December. Mr. Ford stated that the proposed project was a 90-120 day project that if awarded, could be started in the Spring of 2016.

There were no further comments.

Mayor Platte closed the Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Councilman Burke to the Budget Committee; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

City Clerk Reinecke read for First Reading Ordinance 2015-6, an Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Eaton Rapids by Amending Chapter 1, General Provisions. This was for First Reading Only, No Council Action was Required.

City Clerk Reinecke read for First Reading Ordinance 2015-7, an Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Eaton Rapids by Amending Chapter 2, Administration. This was for First Reading Only, No Council Action was Required.

City Clerk Reinecke read for First Reading Ordinance 2015-8, an Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Eaton Rapids by Amending Chapter 2 ½, Addresses. This was for First Reading Only, No Council Action was Required.

City Clerk Reinecke read for First Reading Ordinance 2015-11, an Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Eaton Rapids by Amending Chapter 5, Animals and Fowl. This was for First Reading Only, No Council Action was Required.

City Clerk Reinecke read for First Reading Ordinance 2015-12, an Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Eaton Rapids by Amending Chapter 6, Bicycles, Skateboards and Scooters. This was for First Reading Only, No Council Action was Required.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve the Resolution for the Michigan Department of Transportation Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Funding Project; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously.

Reuben Green, 630 Forest Street, appeared before Council regarding the enforcement of the Snow Removal Ordinance.

Rod Schultz, 1303 Montgomery Street, appeared before Council regarding Ordinance enforcement; and rental housing inspections.

Councilman Burke reported on the following: congratulated the wrestling team on a great year.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: thanked Quality of Life Director Stowell and Bob Ford for the Howe Field presentation; and that facade grants are available for business owners and homeowners; and that Council is in the process of revising the City Ordinances for clean-up of outdated language.

Councilwoman Brown reported on the following: that she is proud of the wrestling team; thanked all for their comments and concerns; and was encouraged with the Howe Field presentation.

City Clerk Reinecke reported on the following: congratulated the wrestling team as well as the individuals that placed at the State Level for wrestling.

City Manager Stoppels reported on the following: that he had prepared an informational update for Council and if they had any questions to see him regarding the report.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk