

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, August 24, 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, McGee, Burke and Brown. None were absent.

The invocation was given by Pastor Jim Riley of the Assembly of God Church.

The Agenda was approved as printed.

The August 10, 2015, Regular Minutes and the August 17, 2015, Worksession Minutes were approved as printed.

Councilwoman Brown moved that disbursements of \$617,224.04 be approved with the breakdown being General Fund Checks in the amount of \$300,786.49 - check numbers 64206 through 64283; and Wire Fund Transfers in the amount of \$316,437.55; seconded by Councilman McGee, passed unanimously.

There were no Public Comments.

Mayor Platte opened the meeting for Public Comments on the City's Renewable Energy Plan. Utility Director Poyer reviewed with Council the Plan and the savings that the City has received over the years. Council thanked Utility Director Poyer for the review.

There were no further Public Comments on the City's Renewable Energy Plan.

Mayor Platte opened the meeting for Public Comments on the City's Energy Optimization Program. Utility Director Poyer reviewed with Council the Program and how it work in conjunction with the City's Utility Billing. Council thanked Utility Director Poyer for the review.

There were no further Public Comments on the City's Energy Optimization Program.

Mayor Platte opened the meeting for a Public Hearing on the Application from Dowding Machining, LLC, for IFT Tax Exemption. The Public Hearing opened at 7:09 p.m.

City Manager Stoppels reviewed with Council the Application that has been filed for Dowding to receive the IFT Tax Exemption. Council thanked City Manager Stoppels for the review.

There were no further Public Comments. Mayor Platte closed the Public Hearing on the Dowding Machining, LLC, IFT Tax Exemption Application at 7:12 p.m.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Marrie Jo Carr, City treasurer, to be the Officer Delegate and Kristy REinecke, City

Clerk, to be the Officer Alternate at the 2015 MERS Annual Conference; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

Councilman Burke moved Council approve the election conducted by City Staff to have Patrick Reinecke be the Employee Delegate and Dan Chamberlin be the Employee Alternate at the 2015 MERS Annual Conference; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the Resolution for the Application of Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Dowding Machining, LLC, for a 12 Year Tax Abatement; seconded by Councilman McGee, passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve the Letter of Authorization for Michigan Public Power Agency (MPPA) to purchase energy on behalf of the City; seconded by Councilman McGee, passed unanimously.

City Clerk Reinecke read for First Reading Ordinance 2015-17, an Ordinance to Amend the Code of the city of Eaton Rapids by amending Chapter 9, Fire Prevention and Protection. This was for First Reading Only, no Council action was required.

City Clerk Reinecke read for First Reading Ordinance 2015-18, an Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Eaton Rapids by amending Chapter 8 3/4, Fair Housing. This was for First Reading Only, no Council action was required.

Barb Rogers, Eaton County Commissioner, appeared before Council and gave a brief update on what has been happening at the County level and passed out brochures regarding upcoming events in the County. Council thanked Commissioner Rogers for the update.

Kathleen Bibler, a resident of Springbrook Manor, appeared before Council regarding a fallen tree in Spring Brook and the purple flowers growing along the Knight Street bridge.

Councilwoman Brown reported on the following: that the Safe Routes to School is a very positive addition to the City and she has heard many positive comments; and thanked all for coming to the meeting and sharing their concerns.

Councilman McGee reported on the following: that the Safe Routes to School opening was a very nice event; and that the Island Bridge is now open and looks really good.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: that the Safe Routes to School project was a great project and wanted to commend the City Manager on having it named after Roger Harris who had worked very hard on the project so it was very fitting that it be named in his honor.

City Clerk Reinecke reported on the following: that Charlie has been a great addition to City Hall, and that he is now receiving weekly visitors who want to come visit him; and that this is the 5th year that the City has participated in “It’s a Breast Thing” Event which is a charity that helps local women who are dealing with breast cancer and need assistance with monies when their insurance falls short.

City Manager Stoppels reported on the following: that the “It’s a Breast Thing” Event has been going on now for 8 years, and that the City has participated for the last 5 years, and that each bra that has been decorated by the City has made it into the calendar that the charity sells.

Utility Director Poyer reported on the following: that the lights should be installed on the Island Bridge within the next two weeks and that after they are installed the Mayor will be planning a ribbon cutting event to officially open the new bridge.

Mayor Platte reported on the following: thanked Commissioner Rogers for her update; thanked Ms. Bibler for bringing her concerns to Council; and read a thank-you from the family of Roger Harris on the honor of the Safe Routes to School Project being named after him.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk