

A worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Tuesday, September 8, 2015, at 5:00 p.m.

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

Administrative Staff Present was City Manager Jon Stoppels, Library Director Anna Curtis, Quality of Life Director Troy Stowell, Utility Director Scott Poyer, Police Chief Larry Weeks, Fire Chief Roger McNutt, Building Official LeRoy Hummel, City Treasurer Marrie Jo Carr 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:**

None.

**New Business Topics of Discussion were:**

Russ Hicks presented to Council the availability of Funding from the DNR Aquatic Habitat Improvement Grant. Mr. Hicks stated that the Grant Application would need to be approved tonight so that he would be able to meet the deadline for filing for monies and that on the City's behalf would be asking for \$20,000 for the Return the Rapids Project in Eaton Rapids.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve for the City to apply for the DNR Aquatic Habitat Improvement Grant; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed 4 yeas, 1 absent (Harri).

Quality of Life Director Stowell reviewed with Council the Special Event Application from Landoh, LLC, to hold a day long charity event on October 25<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. that would feature a music festival for local artists, local vendor services and family friendly activities with donations being encouraged to support the Eaton Rapids Weekend Backpack Program at the Schools. This item will appear on the September 14<sup>th</sup> Agenda.

**Old Business Topics of Discussion were:**

Council reviewed Chapter 10, Forfeiture of the City Code and discussed proposed language changes. This will be brought back to Council with the changes at a future Worksession.

Council reviewed Chapter 11, Garbage and Trash and discussed proposed language changes. This will be brought back to Council with the changes at a future Worksession.

**Public Comments:**

Russ Hicks invited Council to help with the rock sorting project that will be taking place on Saturday at the DPW Grounds.

**Council Comments for the Good of the Order:**

Councilman McGee stated that he was looking into the possibility of having a haunted house at his store front location and wondered if there were any issues. Building Official Hummel and Fire Chief McNutt stated that they will get with Councilman McGee on any guidelines that would have to be followed.

Councilman McGee stated that he also had some unique ideas on the construction and painting of his building and will be reviewing his ideas with Building Official Hummel.

Mayor Platte invited Council and Department Heads to attend the Island Bridge Dedication that will be taking place with the DDA on Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

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Steven G. Platte, Mayor

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Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk