

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, December 28, 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 McGee, Burke and Brown. Councilman Harri was absent and excused.

The invocation was given by Pastor Joseph Williams.

The Agenda was approved as printed.

The December 14, 2015, Regular Minutes were approved as printed.

Councilwoman Brown moved that disbursements of \$427,958.98 be approved with the breakdown being General Fund Checks in the amount of \$151,828.64 - check numbers 64842 through 64897; Meter Deposit Refund Checks in the amount of \$1,118.74, check numbers 101248 through 101259; and Wire Fund Transfers in the amount of \$275,011.60; seconded by Councilman McGee, passed unanimously.

There were no Public Comments.

Councilwoman Brown read for Second Reading and Adoption Ordinance 2015-22, an Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Eaton Rapids by Amending Chapter 14, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, of the Eaton Rapids City Code; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

Mayor Platte presented the City Council's Proclamation Honoring Councilwoman Claudia Brown on her 27 years of service to the City of Eaton Rapids.

Mayor Platte presented the State of Michigan's Proclamation from Representative Brett Roberts, Senator Rick Jones and Governor Rick Snyder to Councilwoman Claudia Brown for her 27 years of service to the City of Eaton Rapids and State of Michigan.

Mayor Platte read Governor Rick Snyder's Tribute Letter honoring Councilwoman Claudia Brown for her dedication and commitment to the City and citizens of Eaton Rapids.

Mayor Platte presented the Michigan Black Caucus for Local Elected Officials Proclamation to Councilwoman Claudia Brown for her 27 years of service to the City of Eaton Rapids.

Mayor Platte read the Michigan Municipal League's Tribute Letter honoring Councilwoman Claudia Brown for her service to the City of Eaton Rapids, the State of Michigan and the Michigan Municipal League for 27 years.

Mayor Platte stated that Councilwoman Claudia Brown will be receiving a Tribute Letter from the White House and President Obama honoring her for her service to the City of Eaton Rapids, the State of Michigan, and the United States of America.

Councilwoman Brown received a standing ovation.

Joseph Harris, a grandson of Councilwoman Brown, appeared before Council stating that he had spent a lot of time in Eaton Rapids as a child and has fond memories of Eaton Rapids and thanked the City for honoring his grandmother in such an outstanding fashion.

Carmelita Berger, the daughter of Councilwoman Brown, appeared before Council stating that she is very proud of her Mom and all that she has done and accomplished.

Councilman Burke reported on the following: thanked all for coming and attending this special occasion in honoring Councilwoman Brown; that 2015 has been a prosperous year for the City; that he was glad to see the solidarity and progress that has been happening in the Police Department and hopefully there would be longevity with Police Officers in the Department; that he was excited about 2016 and all of the projects that have expanded and will continue to expand such as the July 4th Celebration and Urban Air; and thanked Claudia for her time on Council and that he was proud and her family was proud and it has been an honor to work with her.

Councilman McGee reported on the following: thanked all for coming out tonight; that he had been so lucky to sit next to Claudia and she will be missed and that he is working hard to be at the level that Claudia has achieved over the years and has learned a lot from her and that she is an amazing and awesome person.

Councilwoman Brown reported on the following: thanked all for their kind remarks; that she will miss sitting in this seat but it has been a honor to serve and that she has learned a lot over the years.

City Clerk Reinecke reported on the following: thanked Claudia for the legacy that she has established, that it has been a true honor and pleasure to watch a class act and a true politician for 27 years and that she will be missed.

City Manager Stoppels reported on the following: that it has been a pleasure serving with Claudia and for Claudia, that he has been in this business for 40 years and has never worked with someone as professional and knowledgeable as Claudia; thanked her for considering his opinions and suggestions and that she was very dedicated and will be missed.

Mayor Platte reported on the following: that he has had the privilege of working with Claudia for 6 years and it has been a learning experience for him and thanked her for

her wisdom and patience and appreciated her level headed position and well thought out responses and that he could always count on her to research the issues at hand and that her wisdom, dedication and knowledge will be missed.

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

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk