

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, March 14, 2016. 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 Colestock. None were absent.

The invocation was given by Pastor Marty DeBow of the First United Methodist Church.

The Agenda was approved as printed.

The February 22, 2016, Regular Minutes and the March 7, 2016, Worksession Minutes were approved as printed.

Councilman Burke moved that disbursements of \$1,517,031.44 be approved with the breakdown being General Fund Checks in the amount of \$847,391.70 - check numbers 65167 through 65279; Tax Payment in the amount of \$428,907.93 - check numbers 1468 through 1470; Meter Deposit Refund Checks in the amount of \$658.67 - check numbers 101271 through 101279; and Wire Fund Transfers in the amount of \$240,073.14; seconded by Councilwoman Colestock, passed unanimously.

Rod Schultz, 1303 Montgomery Street, appeared before Council regarding the purchase agreement at 114 Mill Street.

Bernie Morgan, Eaton Rapids Township Trustee, appeared before Council to show his support of the Joint Park Purchase and Maintenance Agreement between the City and Eaton Rapids Township.

Mayor Platte read Council's Proclamation Honoring the 150th Anniversary of the Grand Army of the Republic and presented the Proclamation to the GAR.

Councilwoman Colestock moved Council approve the Special Event Permit Application for the Light the Town Blue Autism Event to be held on Saturday, April 16th; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve the reappointment of Linda Gillentine, 603 Cumberland, to the Advisory Parks Board for a three year term which will expire on March 31, 2019; seconded by Councilman McGee, passed unanimously.

Councilman Burke moved Council; approve the real estate purchase agreement between the City and the Eaton Rapids Development Corporation for the property commonly known as 114 Mill Street; seconded by Councilman McGee, passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilwoman Colestock moved Council approve the joint park purchase and maintenance agreement between the City and Eaton Rapids Township for the property located at Northwestern School; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve the issuance of the General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2016, in the amount of \$1,600,000.00, for the 2016 Road Improvement Project; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Rod Schultz, 1303 Montgomery Street, appeared before Council regarding the kayak business; the Joint Purchase Agreement for park property; an issue at his residence; street plowing; the recycle center; and scaffolding on Main Street.

Russ Hicks, Columbia Hwy., appeared before Council and gave an update on the Return the Rapids to Eaton Rapids project.

Councilman Burke reported on the following: that it is good that Bernie is staying on the Eaton Rapids Township Board as a Trustee; congratulated the Township Board on working together on the Park and is excited about this venture and it will be an asset to the community; that there is so much going on in the Parks and it is nice to see all of the hard work coming to fruition and what a credit Troy Stowell is to the City on the programs that he is running and the expansion of programs; and thanked Russ Hicks for all of his work on the Rapids project.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: that there are a lot of good prospects for kids to do this summer in the City; that the joint park agreement between the City and Eaton Rapids Township is a huge asset to the community; that the canoe/kayak facility and the activities that are being planned by Quality of Life Director Stowell is great and will be a well run program for youth and all ages; and thanked Russ Hicks for his work on the Rapids project.

Councilman McGee reported on the following: congratulated Russ Hicks on a job well done and he has been on it from the get go on this project and it has been really impressive; and that he is excited about the new park and the joint endeavor and it is a good place to go and feel like your in a forest.

Councilwoman Colestock reported on the following: thanked all for attending and their comments; that she is excited about all that is going on in the City and it is positive; that she is excited about the street repair project; that we have one of the best DPW crews around; and that she was concerned with the clean-up efforts on the last snow fall.

City Clerk Reinecke reported on the following: that she has been notified by the State Bureau of Elections that the City will be audited on the March 8th Presidential Primary Election, but it won't be City wide but will be only of Precinct 2.

City Manager Stoppels reported on the following: that he had sent Council an Informational Update and was available to answer any questions.

Mayor Platte reported on the following: thanked Russ Hicks for all of his hard work and dedication to the Rapids project; that it was a great endeavor between the City and the Township on the park project; that the street project will be beginning this summer and was excited about this; and congratulated the GAR on their 150th Anniversary and they were a gem to the City.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk