

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, March 28, 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 Mark Michalcewicz of Island City Baptist Church.

The Agenda was approved as printed.

The March 14, 2016, Regular Minutes and the March 21, 2016, Worksession Minutes were approved as printed.

Councilwoman Colestock moved that disbursements of \$461,714.49 be approved with the breakdown being General Fund Checks in the amount of \$138,311.67 - check numbers 65280 through 65338; Tax Payment in the amount of \$83,783.47 - check numbers 1471 through 1474; Wire Fund Transfers in the amount of \$239,619.35; seconded by Councilman McGee, passed unanimously.

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

Councilman Burke moved Council approve the 2015 Audit; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

City Clerk Reinecke read for First Reading Ordinance 2016-3, an Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Eaton Rapids by Amending Appendix A - Zoning, Article V, Low Density Single-Family Residential District (RD1), Section 5.30, Conditional Use. This was for First Reading Only, no Council action was required.

City Clerk Reinecke read for First Reading Ordinance 2016-4, an Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Eaton Rapids by Amending Appendix A - Zoning, Article VII, Multiple-Family Residential District (MFRD), Section 7.30, Conditional Use. This was for First Reading Only, no Council action was required.

Councilman Burke moved Council approve the purchase agreement for 114 Mill Street and authorize the Mayor to sign said document; seconded by Councilman McGee, passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Russ Hicks, Columbia Hwy., appeared before Council and gave an update on the Return the Rapids to Eaton Rapids project; that he will be speaking at the Watershed Conference tomorrow; and about the Smithville Dam.

Julie O'Neill, 192 Chads Way, Charlotte, appeared before Council and introduced herself as a candidate running for District Court Judge.

Abigail, from the Barry/Eaton Health Department appeared before Council and gave an update and information on what is happening at the Health Department.

Barb Rogers, Eaton County Commissioner, appeared before Council and gave an update on what it happening at the County level.

Councilwoman Colestock reported on the following: that she had the opportunity to attend the High School play Oklahoma over the weekend and that it was fantastic and we had a lot of talented young people in Eaton Rapids.

Councilman McGee reported on the following: that there was a nice article in the paper regarding the kayak project; urged everyone to vote in the City Show-down as Eaton Rapids was now in the Final 4 and was up against Munising; and that there is a new place to eat in town called Mark's Place.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: that he has had questions from constituents as to why he does not respond on social media and that Facebook is not the place to respond to concerns, that Council Meetings are the forum where concerns and issues should be handled.

Councilman Burke reported on the following: thanked the Mayor and Council for the appointment to the Budget Committee as he enjoyed this appointment; and urged everyone to have a great Spring Break and to travel safely.

City Manager Stoppels reported on the following: that the nomination on the City Showdown was a real honor and that Eaton Rapids should be proud as they have beaten some real big communities already by defeating Cheboygan and Frankenmuth and urged everyone to vote to beat Munising.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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Steven G. Platte, Mayor

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Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk