

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, May 23, 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 Jim Riley of the Assembly of God church.

The Agenda was approved as printed.

The May 9, 2016, Regular Minutes and the May 16, 2016 Worksession Minutes were approved as printed.

Councilman Harri moved that disbursements of \$411,375.83 be approved with the breakdown being General Fund Checks in the amount of \$180,582.08 - check numbers 65517 through 65574; and Wire Fund Transfers in the amount of \$230,793.75; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

Mayor Platte opened the meeting for a Property Maintenance Hearing for Property located at 414 North Street. The Hearing opened at 7:03 p.m.

Walter Goddard, property owner of 414 North Street, appeared before the Council and stated that he will begin taking down the building and stacking it neatly if Council approves to allow him to have until the end of June. Mr. Goddard stated that he has a Court Order that states he is not allowed to remove anything from the property as it is part of divorce proceedings. Mr. Goddard stated that he had just received the Court Order on May 20th and that another Hearing is scheduled for July 14th.

Building Official Hummel stated that Mr. Goddard was issued the violation in January and had held a hearing with himself and the City Manager on March 11th, which gave him until April 16th to clean-up and demolish the structure. Building Official Hummel stated that Mr. Goddard did not meet the April 16th deadline and that is why this Hearing before Council had been scheduled.

Mayor Platte asked that since March 19th had Mr. Goddard been in communication with the City to let them know that he was not going to meet the April deadline. Building Official Hummel stated that he had.

Mr. Goddard stated that he could have the required work done by the end of June.

Councilman Harri stated that this seemed reasonable, but Mr. Goddard needed to understand that if the work was not completed then the City would have to hire someone to complete the work and then Mr. Goddard would be billed for the expense. Mr. Goddard stated that he understood and that he was sure that he could have the work completed by the end of June and would put the debris in a contained area with some type of fencing around it and would even see about getting a dumpster.

There were no further comments. Mayor Platte closed the Property Maintenance Hearing at 7:12 p.m.

Mayor Platte asked Building Official Hummel what his recommendation was to Council on how to proceed with the Property Maintenance issue.

Building Official Hummel stated that no progress has been made at 414 North Street. Building Official Hummel stated that he had personally delivered a letter to Mr. Goddard on May 17th to let him know about the hearing. Building Official Hummel stated that this was a dangerous building and that the roof was falling in. Building Official Hummel stated that he felt Mr. Goddard needs to provide the City with a copy of the Court Order, secure the area with either fencing and have a dumpster brought in to get rid of the debris.

Mr. Goddard stated that he has not received the Court Order as of yet, but as soon as he receives it will bring a copy of it to the City.

City Manager Stoppels stated that the enforcement of this issue began several months ago and extensions have been given and deadlines have not been met.

Councilman Burke asked if it was his understanding that the first contact regarding the issue was sent to Mr. Goddard back in January. Building Official Hummel stated that Mr. Goddard had been notified in January and was given until February 8th to clean-up the area and when this deadline was not met then the Hearing with the City Manager was scheduled on March 11th and an extension was given until April.

Councilman McGee asked Mr. Goddard if he understood what would happen if he did not meet the end of June deadline if Council decided to grant yet another extension. Mr. Goddard stated that he understood, that he was confident that he could have the work completed by June 30th as he would have his three sons helping him.

Councilman Burke asked Building Official Hummel if there had been any communications between himself and Mr. Goddard regarding the missed deadlines. Building Official Hummel stated that there had been communications regarding Mr. Goddard's health issues and that he would be having his sons assist him on weekends. Building Official Hummel stated that there were three structures at the site that needed attention. They were approximately a 24 x 28 garage, a 10 x 10 shed and a root cellar that had a roof on it that was in bad condition.

Councilman Harri stated that he appreciated the time that the City has spent on this issue and the City trying diligently to work with Mr. Goddard to have this situation resolved.

Councilman Harri moved that Council give Mr. Goddard, the owner of property located at 414 North Street, until June 30th to comply with the Property Maintenance Issue; that Mr. Goddard supply the City with the Court Order; that the area be fenced; that

Mr. Goddard have a dumpster placed on the property for the removal of the debris; and that Mr. Goddard be fully aware that he will be responsible for any charges incurred if the City has to remove the debris; seconded by Councilwoman Colestock, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Colestock moved Council approve the Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Richard Freer, 112 Kilkelly, to the Local Development Finance Authority Board for a 4 year term which will expire on May 23, 2020; seconded by Councilman McGee, passed unanimously.

Councilman McGee moved Council approve the Letter of Authorization with Michigan Public Power Agency for the purchase of power from Huron Wind, LLC and authorize City Clerk Reinecke to sign the Agreement; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilman McGee moved Council approve the Special Event Permit Application from Mat Perfitt for the use of Island Park on June 15th at 12:00 a.m. for a 30 minute wedding ceremony and to waive Section 16-7 of the City Code to allow the use of Island Park; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

Rod Schultz, 1303 Montgomery Street, appeared before Council regarding the fountain at Memorial Park; the Recycle Area; a Property Maintenance issue on Main Street; City sidewalks; and street lighting.

Russ Hicks, Columbia Highway, appeared before Council regarding the Blue Water Trail seminar he attended; live streaming from Channel 10 Weather at the Mill Street recreation area; and an update on the Rapids project.

Patricia Hastay, 435 N. East Street, appeared before Council regarding the Wetland Mitigation area and brush pick-up in the City.

Councilman McGee reported on the following: that it was nice weather and good to see everyone out and enjoying it; and that the Quality of Life Director is responsible for the parks, not for property maintenance issues.

Councilman Burke reported on the following: thanked everyone for coming and sharing their concerns and hoped everyone could get out and enjoy the nice weather.

Mayor Platte reported on the following: thanked Building Official Hummel for the job he is doing; thanked Building Official Hummel and Pastor Riley for all of the work that is being done on the sidewalk program; thanked Mr. Schultz for his comments; and thanked Mr. Hicks for all of his work.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk