

A worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, June 5, 2017, at 5:00 p.m.

Present were Mayor Platte and Councilpersons Harri, Burke, McGee and Colestock. None were absent.

Administrative Staff Present was City Manager Jon Stoppels, Police Chief Larry Weeks, Quality of Life Director Troy Stowell, Fire Chief Roger McNutt, Library Director Anna Curtis, 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.

Mayor Platte stated that an Agenda Item needed to be added under New Business as Item 4, Special Event Request.

City Manager Stoppels stated that a Closed Session to discuss Contract Negotiations needed to be added.

**Public Comments:**

Paul Malewski, 1308 Hall Street, appeared before Council and thanked the City for their help with the river cleanup project in which they had 31 volunteers.

**Department Head Reports:**

Councilwoman Colestock asked how the Library Forum had gone. Library Director Curtis stated that the meeting went well with about 15 participants and there were many questions asked.

**New Business Topics of Discussion were:**

City Clerk Reinecke reviewed with Council the request from the Hospital for a Bond Authority Resolution to be passed and a new member appointed to the Bond Authority Board for the expansion that is happening at the Hospital. These items will be placed on the June 12<sup>th</sup> Agenda for Council consideration.

City Clerk Reinecke reviewed with Council the Special Event Request for the Eaton Rapids Community Market which would begin on June 10<sup>th</sup> and run through September and take place on Hamlin Court on Wednesday's and Saturday's. This item will be placed on the June 12<sup>th</sup> Agenda for Council consideration.

Mayor Platte reviewed with Council the desire from Grace Baptist Church to hold an event to honor the City Council and Staff for all of their work for the City on Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, which would be followed by a potluck. Mayor Platte asked that Council and Staff get back with him to let him know the interest of the various Departments.

Mayor Platte stated that the Special Event Request needed to be tabled at this time.

**Old Business Topics of Discussion were:**

City Manager Stoppels reviewed with Council the proposed 2017/2018 Budget and answered questions of Council. City Manager Stoppels stated that this is a working document and changes are continuing to be made and will be discussed again at the June 19<sup>th</sup> Worksession, with Adoption of the Final Budget taking place at the June 26<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

Mayor Platte reviewed with Council the current Yard Waste Hours. Mayor Platte asked if Council would be interested in having the hours be on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., to allow citizens time when they were home from work, and with the Police Department being responsible for locking the gate at 7:00 p.m. Council agreed with the change in the hours of operation. Mayor Platte stated that this change will take effect on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Platte reviewed with Council the proposed Chief's Resolution. Mayor Platte stated that there were questions that still need to be answered by the City Attorney regarding this Resolution and that he will be sending the City Attorney an email with all of the questions that need to be addressed. This item will appear at a future Worksession for further discussion.

**Informational Updates:**

None.

**Public Comments:**

Russ Hicks appeared before Council regarding the buoy being placed above the east sanitary dam; that Eaton Rapids Township has agreed to move ahead on the new rescue craft; and that he had received an email from Dr. Sandy Verry and no return visit would be necessary at this time to view the rapids project.

Paul Malewski appeared before Council regarding the City Charter being the City's Constitution and a living document.

Ben Graham appeared before Council regarding the development of the Northwestern School property that he owns.

Police Chief Weeks reported on the following: that the entire Eaton County System was shut down today due to a ransomware issue.

Police Chief Weeks reviewed with Council the Special Event Request that is being asked to take place at the ORC Center area, where alcohol would also be provided for the private event. After a lengthy discussion it was the consensus of the Council that information needs to be given on the time of the event. This item will be placed on the June 12<sup>th</sup> Agenda for Council consideration.

**Closed Session:**

Councilman Burke moved Council go into Closed Session to discuss Contract Negotiations; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously. Council went into Closed Session at 6:47 p.m.

Councilman McGee moved Council reconvene back into Open Session; seconded by Councilwoman Colestock, passed unanimously. Council reconvened back into Open Session at 6:58 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

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Steven G. Platte, Mayor

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Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk