

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, June 12, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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 DeMott.

The Agenda was approved as printed.

The May 22, 2017, Regular Minutes and the June 5, 2017 Worksession minutes were approved as printed.

Councilman Harri moved that disbursements of \$603,360.63 be approved; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

Rod Schultz, 1303 Montgomery Street, appeared before Council regarding the Public Hearing on the Electric Rates.

Robert Schleman, Eaton Rapids Craft Company, appeared before Council regarding the Special Event Request.

Mayor Platte opened the meeting for a Public Hearing on the proposed 2017/2018 Budget and the proposed Millage Rate to be levied to support the proposed 2017/2018 Budget. The Public Hearing opened at 6:05 p.m.

City Manager Stoppels reviewed with Council the proposed millage rate of 14.51 Mills and answered any questions. Council thanked City Manager Stoppels for the review.

There were no further comments. Mayor Platte closed the Public Hearing at 6:07 p.m.

Mayor Platte opened the meeting for a Public Hearing on Ordinance 2017-2, an Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Eaton Rapids by Amending Chapter 8 ½ Electric Service, Article V, Rates, Sections 62 through 70.5. The Public Hearing opened at 6:08 p.m.

City Clerk Reinecke reviewed with Council the proposed rate structure change in the electric rates. City Clerk Reinecke stated that the proposed rate structure will level out the monthly fluctuation of the Purchase Power Cost Adjustment and help bills to be more level. City Clerk Reinecke stated that the last electric rate change had been back in 2009. Council thanked Clerk Reinecke for the review.

Rod Schultz, 1303 Montgomery Street, appeared before Council and stated that customers could receive further savings with LED lighting.

There were no further comments. Mayor Platte closed the Public Hearing at 6:13 p.m.

Councilwoman Colestock moved Council approve the Mayor's recommendation to appoint David Price, 506 Drahner, to the Hospital Finance Authority Board for an unexpired term which will expire on December 31, 2019; seconded by Councilman McGee, passed unanimously.

City Clerk Reinecke read for First Reading Ordinance 2017-2, an Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Eaton Rapids by Amending Chapter 8 ½ Electric Service, Article V, Rates, Sections 62 through 70.5. This was for First Reading only, no Council action was required.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve the Special Event Request from Kim Estes to hold the Eaton Rapids Community Market at Hamlin Court on Wednesday's from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday's from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Hamlin Court beginning on June 10th and running through September; seconded by Councilman McGee, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Colestock moved Council approve the Special Event Request from Craft Company Hospitality, LLC, to hold a private event with alcohol, on Saturday, July 8, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Outdoor Recreation Center Parking Lot North of Mill Pointe Park, and to waive the alcohol policy in City Parks under Section 16.3 of the City Code to allow alcohol in a City Park for the private event; seconded by Councilman McGee.

Councilman Burke asked the time of the private event. Robert Schleman stated that it would be from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Mr. Schleman also stated that there would be two people at the entrance of the tent as this was an invite party only. The motion passed 4 yeas, 1 nay (Harri).

Mark Dickens, from the Greater Lansing Association of Realtors, appeared before Council regarding the City's water shut-off policy.

Rod Schultz, 1303 Montgomery Street, appeared before Council regarding the intersection of Williams and Montgomery; Burger King alley issue; the rapids; noxious weeds; cemetery leaf issue; sidewalks; yard waste facility; and lawsuits being posted on line.

Russ Hicks, Columbia Highway, appeared before Council and thanked the City employees for installing the buoys; and that Ingham County Health Department is doing the Water Quality testing on the Grand River at various locations that would include the City.

Robert Schleman, Eaton Rapids Craft Company, appeared before Council and thanked them for approving the Special Event request.

Councilman McGee reported on the following: that baseball and softball seasons are beginning this week at Howe Field and get out and watch some great games.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: that the City and Council have worked hard to keep the City's electric prices down as much as possible and will continue to do so.

City Manager Stoppels reported on the following: that now that Memorial Day is done crews are catching up on work and gearing up for the July 4th celebration; that the new hours at the Yard Waste Facility will begin tomorrow; that the dejunking day was well received with over 100 participants and over 150 yards of junk hauled; and that the ORC is up and running and everything is going well and it is very busy.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk