

A Worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, August 21, 2017, at 5:00 p.m.

Present were Mayor Platte and Councilpersons Burke and Colestock. Councilman Harri and McGee were absent and excused.

Administrative Staff Present was City Manager Jon Stoppels, Police Chief Larry Weeks, Fire Chief Roger McNutt, Library Director Anna Curtis, Quality of Life Director Troy Stowell, City Treasurer Marri Jo Carr, Building Official LeRoy Hummel and City Clerk Kristy Reinecke.

Purpose of the meeting was a worksession. Notice of the meeting was duly given.

Public Comments:

Rod Schultz, 1303 Montgomery Street, appeared before Council regarding the leaf pick-up program; and noxious weeds.

Department Head Reports:

Councilman Burke asked about the work that was being done at Bunker Landing. City Manager Stoppels stated that work is being done to improve the pick-up location and make the parking area bigger with river spoils that were at the DPW yard.

Building Official Hummel reported on the following: that the Planning Commission is recommending to Council that the Hickory Haven Trailer Park property be rezoned to residential and that this will be brought to Council for First Reading.

New Business Topics of Discussion were:

Mayor Platte reviewed with Council the proposed leaf pick-up program. Mayor Platte stated that this has been being worked on by Staff for some time and getting the logistics of the program figured out and would like to see this implemented this Fall. This item will appear on the August 28th Agenda for Council consideration.

City Manager Stoppels reviewed with Council concerns and questions that have been asked regarding the sidewalks in the downtown area and if there are any violations of the Ordinance that is in place regarding signs, tables, sales and planters. After a lengthy discussion it was the consensus of the Council to look at this Ordinance further with the regular Code review. Council thanked City Manager Stoppels for the update and review.

Quality of Life Director Stowell reviewed with Council the meetings that have taken place with the subcommittee on the newly acquired Northwestern Park area between the City and Eaton Rapids Township. Quality of Life Director Stowell stated that the committee has come up with the name of Oak Ridge Park and that the Quality of Life Board has approved this name as well as Eaton Rapids Township, so now the Council needs to consider this name for approval. This item will appear on the August 28th Agenda for Council consideration.

Old Business Topics of Discussion were:

None.

Informational Updates:

Mayor Platte reminded Council that there is a Council of Governments meeting on Thursday; and invited Council to attend a Live Feed that will be taking place on Thursday prior to the last outdoor concert series. Mayor Platte stated that the Live Feed will be hosted by ACD.net and focus on the development in the downtown and the Mayor as well as some local business owners will be featured.

Public Comments:

Rod Schultz, 1303 Montgomery Street, appeared before Council and wondered if the City had considered doing a Survey Monkey on City issues; the Police Department and the pay of the Officers; and utility bill printing concerns.

Paul Malewski, 1308 Hall Street, appeared before Council regarding 420 Haven Street and what will happen with the junk that is there; the Lease Agreement at Mill Pointe Park with Ingham County; and the turnover at the Police Department.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk