

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, October 23, 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, Burke, McGee and Colestock. None were absent.

The invocation was given by Councilman Burke.

The Agenda was approved with removal of items 10f., and 10g., Board Appointments.

The October 9, 2017, Regular Minutes and the October 16, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes were approved as printed.

Councilman Harri moved that disbursements in the amount of \$618,412.77, be approved; seconded by Councilman McGee, passed unanimously.

Lara O'Brien, from Eaton County 911, gave Council a presentation on the new radio system that is being proposed on the November Ballot as a surcharge. Council thanked Ms. O'Brien for the presentation.

Councilwoman Colestock moved for Second Reading and Adoption Ordinance 2017-8, an Ordinance to Repeal and Replace Section 3-17 of Article II of Chapter 3, Purchase, Use, Or Transporting by Minors Prohibited, and to Repeal Section 3-18 of Article II of Chapter 3, Misrepresentation of Age, Fraudulent Identification, of the Eaton Rapids City Code to Comply with Public Act 89 of 2017, which will go into effect on January 1, 2018; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

Councilman Burke moved for Second Reading and Adoption Ordinance 2017-9, an Ordinance to Amend Section 14-6 of Article II of Chapter 14, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, of the Eaton Rapids City Code to Re-Adopt the Motor Vehicle Code and to Specifically Allow for the Prosecution of High BAC OWI Offenses; seconded by Councilman McGee, passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve the First Quarter Budget Amendments as presented by City Treasurer Carr; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Colestock moved Council approve the Auditor's recommendation for the July Fourth, Urban Air, Summer Reading Program, Friends of the Library, Sidewalk Program, Clock Maintenance, Business Incentive Program, Curb Grant and Library Renovation Funds as well as any other special funds created in the future that the money budgeted is fully committed to that Fund only and all balances will carryover accordingly; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously. Councilman Harri moved Council approve the Michigan Public Powers recommendation for the Quarterly Hedge Plan Purchase Agreement for years 2019 and 2020 and to authorize City Clerk Reinecke to sign said authorization letter; seconded by Councilman McGee, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Colestock moved Council contract with the Michigan Municipal League for the search for a City Manager; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve the Resolution authorizing the City Clerk and the City Treasurer to collectively serve as the Administrative Agent of the City; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

Reuben Green, 630 Forest Street, appeared before Council and thanked City Manager Stoppels for his years of service to the City and all of the improvements that have been made during his tenure.

Barb Rogers, Eaton County Commissioner, appeared before Council and gave an update on what is happening with the County and specifically the budget and the Sheriff's Department.

Councilwoman Colestock reported on the following: thanked City Manager Stoppels for his service and love of Eaton Rapids and that he will be greatly missed.

Councilman McGee reported on the following: thanked City Manager Stoppels for all he has done for the City and that his heart is always in the right place. That the City Manager's position is a really hard job and a real tough position to have, but he has always had the best interest of the City and is a good guy and it is sad to see him go as he has done amazing things for the City during his tenure.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: that it has been great working with City Manager Stoppels and to look at all of the projects and accomplishments that have been made while he was with the City is amazing. That the Welcome Center and all of the touches everywhere within the City that he has done and the great accomplishments that he has done during his tenure will forever be valued by the City and citizens and he will be greatly missed.

Councilman Burke reported on the following: that he agrees with all of the previous comments that have been made about City Manager Stoppels. That Jon has a lot of skills as City Manager and certain skills are unrivaled by any City Manager within the State and that one of the things that he has truly appreciated was his accessibility and anytime you had a question, Jon was available and would get you an answer in a timely manner and he will be greatly missed.

City Manager Stoppels reported on the following: that his has been a very hard decision for him to make, but it is a great opportunity career wise. That he has been in this business for 41 years and has been the Manager in 7 different City's and that Eaton Rapids has by far been the best community that he has ever worked for. That he has had fun and enjoyed his time here and that this has been the best Council and Mayor that he has ever served. That the staff at the City is wonderful and dedicated, and that he will still be coming back to visit.

Fire Chief McNutt reported on the following: thanked City Manager Stoppels for all of his help throughout the years and his leadership and that he will be missed.

Mayor Platte reported on the following: that the past 8 years have been great working with Jon; that he and Jon have a great working relationship as well as a friendship. That they have shared the same visions and mutual goals for the City and it is amazing to look back over the past 8 years and see all of the accomplishments that have been made. That Jon had shown great leadership and a vision for the City and has handled everything with professionalism and has been above board and has been compassionate and treated all with respect and dignity. That under Jon's leadership we have a phenomenal Staff and Department Directors and he has steered the City in the right path. That Jon has had to make tough decisions, but his love for the City has been evident. That the amount of hours that Jon has dedicated to the City is well beyond 60 hours a week and a 7 day a week job for him. That Jon will be missed and wishes him good luck in the future and looks forward to his visits back to Eaton Rapids.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk