

A Worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, November 20, 2017, at 5:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Public Comments:

Bud Maxey, 132 E. Knight Street, appeared before Council and thanked the Mayor for his service to the City and Councilman McGee for his service to the City. Mr. Maxey reviewed with Council his concerns and qualifications that he felt the new City Manager should have. Mr. Maxey stated that he felt the Council should consider offering incentives for the City Manager to live in the City.

Phil Bombrys, Hamlin Township Supervisor, appeared before Council regarding the purchase of a rescue boat and the fence issue at Smithville Dam.

Department Head Reports:

Councilman Burke asked for an update on the Dog Park. Quality of Life Director Stowell stated that the issues have been resolved and that a new latch needs to be installed and ordered and the Dog Park would be in working order.

Councilman Burke asked about the filtering software at the Library and if this was something that IT Right installed. Library Director Curtis stated that this was not a service that IT Right offered.

Councilwoman Colestock asked for an update on the City's website. Mayor Platte stated that IT Right is working on the new site by moving items from the old site over.

New Business Topics of Discussion were:

Mayor Platte introduced Joyce Parker from the Michigan Municipal League who was present to give a presentation and time line on the City Manager search.

Ms. Parker reviewed with Council the dates related to the City Manager Search and time lines that would need to be met. Ms. Parker stated that tonight was hearing from Council the qualifications and criteria that they wanted to have put in the job posting that would go on the MML's website.

Council reviewed with Ms. Parker the previous job posting that was put together by the MML back in 2010 and stated that there were minimal updates that needed to be made. It was the consensus of the Council for the candidate to have a Bachelor's in Public Administration or Business Administration and also the desire for them to have a Master's Degree.

Ms. Parker stated that she would put together a proposed job posting and send back to the City Clerk for Council review and further discussion prior to posting the job opening.

Council thanked Ms. Parker for attending the meeting and reviewing the process with them.

City Clerk Reinecke reviewed with Council the DDA Renewal that needs to happen prior to May of 2018. Clerk Reinecke stated that the DDA, at their last meeting, had approved a 15 year Renewal, so now Council needed to approve the Renewal as well. City Clerk Reinecke stated that this would be done by Public Hearing and Ordinance. City Clerk Reinecke stated that the Public Hearing would be on December 11th, along with First Reading and that Second Reading and Adoption would be at the December 26th Council meeting.

Old Business Topics of Discussion were:

None.

Informational Updates:

None.

Public Comments:

Bud Maxey, 132 E Knight Street, appeared before Council regarding the City Manager Search and the importance of the interview process.

Gary Wichman, 103 S. Center Street, appeared before Council regarding the City Manager Search and that he would be sending Ms. Parker an email regarding his concerns and suggestions and that he would be reviewing all of the applications, not just the ones that the MML felt were qualified.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk