

A Worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, December 4, 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, Building Official LeRoy Hummel, 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 stated that the Council had done a nice job on the MML Advertisement and wondered if a Charter Township Manager could also be included to be considered for the position.

**Department Head Reports:**

Building Official Hummel reported on the following: that the owner of 400 Dexter has sold his residence on Broad and Hall Street so will now be residing at this location following an inspection that is scheduled for this week; and that the sidewalk at 220 State Street will be poured tomorrow.

**New Business Topics of Discussion were:**

City Clerk Reinecke reviewed with Council the MPPA Quarterly Power Supply Plan. City Clerk Reinecke also stated that the City had received a FERC Settlement through MISO and that these monies will go back into the Utility Fund for future energy purchases. City Clerk Reinecke stated that if Council had any questions regarding the MPPA Quarterly Report to get them to her as she has a meeting next week. Council thanked Clerk Reinecke for the information.

Councilman Burke reviewed with Council the Teen Center and monies that the City would be willing to grant to this entity on their endeavor. Councilman Burke stated that he had reviewed the property with City Assessor Jewell and that the Teen Center will be using approximately 20% of the Union Street School Facility, so in taking the utility bills that are paid at this location and dividing them by 20% you would get an approximate \$3,800 yearly grant to the Teen Center. After a lengthy discussion it was the consensus of the Council to have this item placed on the December 11<sup>th</sup> Agenda for Council consideration.

**Old Business Topics of Discussion were:**

City Council reviewed the proposed City Manager job advertisement that was prepared by the Michigan Municipal League. Council addressed some concerns that they had with the

proposed advertisement and changed some of the language. City Clerk Reinecke stated that she would make the discussed changes and send to Council tomorrow for further review and then get back to the Michigan Municipal League by 3:00 p.m. tomorrow.

City Council also reviewed the proposed City Manager brochure that had been prepared by the Michigan Municipal League. Council will continue to review the brochure and get any changes or concerns back to City Clerk Reinecke by Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, so that they can be submitted to the Michigan Municipal League to incorporate in the brochure.

Fire Chief McNutt reviewed with Council the purchase of the Creature Craft water rescue boat. Fire Chief McNutt stated that he had approached both Townships about participating in the cost of the craft. After a lengthy discussion it was the consensus of the Council to have this item placed on the December 26<sup>th</sup> Agenda for Council consideration.

City Treasurer Carr reviewed with Council the monies that had been adopted in the budget for the purchase of three trucks at the Public Works and Electric Department. City Treasurer Carr stated that two trucks have been purchased and that the third truck was ready to be purchased but just wanted to make Council aware that a Budget Adjustment will need to be made as the third truck will be over the adopted budget by approximately \$2,000.00. Council thanked City Treasurer Carr for the information.

**Informational Updates:**

None.

**Public Comments:**

Gary Wichman, 103 S. Center Street, appeared before Council regarding the City Manager Search and asked if Council was still on schedule with the time line that had been given by the MML.

Paul Malewski, 1308 Hall Street, appeared before Council asking if they would consider moving the meeting times for the regularly scheduled meetings in 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; and also that the Senior Center is a 40 hour a week operation that services over 300 people a week and was not really comparable to the Teen Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

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Steven G. Platte, Mayor

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Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk