

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, December 11, 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 Pastor Jim Riley of Eaton Rapids Assembly of God Church.

The Agenda was approved as printed.

The November 27, 2017, Regular Minutes and the December 4, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes were approved as printed.

Councilman Burke moved that disbursements in the amount of \$504,193.03, be approved; seconded by Councilman McGee, passed unanimously.

Rod Schultz, 1303 Montgomery Street, appeared before Council regarding the Teen Center.

Mayor Platte introduced William Tucker from SK&T, who are the City's Auditor's. Mr. Tucker reviewed with Council the 2016-2017 Audit. Mr. Tucker reviewed the General Fund and stated that the City of Eaton Rapids is in good financial shape. Mr. Tucker stated that there were several areas that needed to be worked on, but all in all it was the highest approval that his firm could give to the City. Council thanked Mr. Tucker for the presentation.

Mayor Platte opened the meeting for a Public Hearing on Amending the Development Plan and the Tax Increment Financing Plan for the Downtown Development District of the City of Eaton Rapids. Mayor Platte opened the Public Hearing at 6:26 p.m.

Mayor Platte reviewed that this Amendment was needed because the current DDA Plan expired in May of 2018, so this Amendment would extend the DDA Plan for 15 years.

There were no other public comments.

Mayor Platte closed the Public Hearing at 6:27 p.m.

City Clerk Reinecke read for First Reading Ordinance 2017-10, an Ordinance to Amend the Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan of the City of Eaton Rapids, Eaton County, Michigan, to extend the Tax Increment Financing Plan; and Repeal conflicting Ordinance. This was for First Reading only, no Council action was required.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve to pay the utilities for the Teen Center located at 501 Union Street, in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00, which would be for Fiscal Year 2017/2018, which ends on June 30, 2018; seconded by Councilman McGee, passed unanimously.

Councilman Burke moved Council approve the 2018 Public Meeting Schedule; seconded by Councilman McGee. Mayor Platte noted that the Regular Council Meetings which are held on the second and fourth Monday's of the month will now be held at 7:00 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Rod Schultz, 1303 Montgomery Street, appeared before Council and thanked Mayor Platte and Councilman McGee for their service to the City; inquired about the City doing a Monkey Survey; brick laying at the ORC; and the pension fund.

Dave Ballard, 11750 Ballard Hwy., Onondaga, appeared before Council and thanked them for their support of the Teen Center; and thanked Mayor Platte and Councilman McGee for their service to the City.

Councilman McGee reported on the following: that he will still be here in Eaton Rapids and involved in the City.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: that the Police Department's starting wage has been increased; that the majority of the General Fund Budget goes toward Public Safety; that they are addressing the unfunded liabilities issue by having the two tiered system for newly hired employees so these challenges and issues are being addressed; that the Teen Center and the City helping with funding is a good cause and will make a difference in the community and he will be donating a sound system to the facility for their use.

Councilman Burke reported on the following: that the unfunded liabilities issue is being addressed, but the City is dealing with union employees so this takes a little longer to turn the ship around and get it headed in the right direction; thanked the Auditor's for the presentation; and thanked all for coming out to the meeting and to drive safe.

Mayor Platte reported on the following: thanked all for coming to the meeting; and thanked the Boy Scouts for attending the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

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Steven G. Platte, Mayor

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Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk