

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, March 12, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Davidson called the meeting to order. Present were Mayor Davidson and Councilpersons Letarte, Brown, Norris and Greenhoe. None were absent.

The invocation was given by Councilman Greenhoe.

The Agenda was approved as printed.

The minutes from the February 26, 2007, regular meeting and the March 6, 2007, worksession minutes were approved as printed.

Councilwoman Letarte moved that disbursements of \$159,619.59 be approved; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Perry Strimback, from John Deere Equipment in Grand Rapids appeared before Council regarding the Backhoe bid.

Councilwoman Brown read for Second Reading and Adoption Ordinance 2007-1, an Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Eaton Rapids by Amending Chapter 11, Garbage and Trash, Article II, Private Collections, Adding Section 43, Collection Times; seconded by Councilwoman Letarte, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Fran Norton, 1018 S. Main Street, to the Advisory Parks Board for a three year term which will expire on March 31, 2010; seconded by Councilman Norris, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Letarte moved Council approve the Parks Board recommendation that the Amphitheater Flag be dedicated in appreciation for the service of Lance Corporal Troy D. Nealey, United States Marine Corps, who was killed in Iraq on October 29, 2006; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Letarte moved Council approve the proposal for professional services from Capital Consultants for the 2007 Bridge Inspections, in the amount of \$4,000.00; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Councilman Norris moved Council approve City Superintendent Poyer's recommendation to accept the bid in the amount of \$65,667.00, from Michigan Cat for a Caterpillar 416E Backhoe Loader; seconded by Councilwoman Letarte, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the proposal for elevator performance and safety upgrade recommendation from Kone Elevators in the amount of \$574.00; seconded by Councilwoman Letarte, passed unanimously.

Patrick Rich, 208 S. East Street, appeared before Council regarding the Memorial Day Parade and if Council had any questions or concerns. Councilwoman Brown thanked Mr. Rich for all of his hard work in the organization of the Parade.

Councilman Greenhoe reported on the following: thanked Mr. Rich for the organization of the Parade.

Police Chief Malewski reported on the following: that on the 7th he had Officers that attended the Active Shooter Training; that the CERT Team has had skywatch training; that he will be attending the Michigan Traffic Safety Summit in East Lansing; and passed out the 2006 Annual Report.

Fire Chief McNutt reported on the following: that there was a house fire over the weekend on Frost Street; that the Department had rescued two dogs; and that he was at a "Train the Trainer" Conference this past weekend.

City Superintendent Poyer reported on the following: that the Council Chambers should be back to normal at the next regular meeting.

Assistant to City Manager Reed reported on the following: that the first loft project will be done, and it is located across from City Hall and there will be an Open House and Ribbon Ceremony on March 30th at 1:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council go into Closed Session for strategy and planning regarding Labor Negotiations; seconded by Councilwoman Letarte, passed unanimously. Council went into Closed Session at 7:26 p.m.

Councilwoman Letarte moved Council reconvene back into Open Session; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously. Council reconvened back into Open Session at 7:57 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

James E. Davidson, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk