

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, April 14, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Davidson called the meeting to order.

Present were Mayor Davidson and Councilpersons Greenhoe, Brown, Letarte and Harri. None were absent.

The invocation was given by Councilwoman Brown.

The Agenda was approved as printed.

The minutes from the March 24, 2008, Regular Meeting and the minutes of the April 7, 2008, special meeting were approved as printed.

Councilwoman Brown moved that disbursements of \$228,935.61 be approved; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Mayor Davidson opened the meeting for a Public Hearing to consider the establishment of an Industrial Development District for property tax code 23-300-068-602-110-00, property commonly known as 770 Jackson Street, Eaton Rapids, for Von Weise, Inc., Lot 11, Carrie E. Mix's Addition to the City of Eaton Rapids. The Public Hearing opened at 7:05 p.m.

Marc Ryder, President and CEO of Von Weise, Inc., appeared before Council and stated that with the loss of revenue and the current economy, Von Weise had been forced to close operations in Missouri and Indiana, and the low cost solution was to expand and bring the equipment and machinery to Michigan, and to make this their headquarters.

City Manager LeFevere explained that at the Jackson Street facility, which is Plant #2, that this facility was not currently in an Abatement District, so therefore the Council needed to approve to Establish a District, and then authorized the approval of the abatements at the three different properties. City Manager LeFevere further stated that this expansion was related to moving of machinery and equipment from their other locations.

There were no other public comments. Mayor Davidson closed the Public Hearing at 7:09 p.m.

Mayor Davidson opened the meeting for a Public Hearing on changing property tax code 23-300-003-300-601-00, property commonly known as 450 Marilyn Street, Eaton Rapids, to IFT Tax Exempt for Von Weise, Inc., at 7:10 p.m.

There were no public comments. Mayor Davidson closed the Public Hearing at 7:11 p.m.

Mayor Davidson opened the meeting for a Public Hearing on changing property tax code 23-300-003-300-718-00 and 23-300-003-300-730-00, property commonly known as 402 Haven Street, Eaton Rapids, to IFT Tax Exempt for Von Weise, Inc., at 7:11 p.m.

There were no public comments. Mayor Davidson closed the Public Hearing at 7:12 p.m.

Mayor Davidson opened the meeting for a Public Hearing on changing property tax code 23-300-068-602-110-00, property commonly known as 770 Jackson Street, Eaton Rapids, to IFT Tax Exempt for Von Weise, Inc., at 7:12 p.m.

There were no public comments. Mayor Davidson closed the Public Hearing at 7:13 p.m.

Councilman Greenhoe moved Council approve the Resolution Establishing an Industrial Development District for property located in Lot 11, Carrie E. Mix's Addition of the City of Eaton Rapids, property tax code 23-300-068-602-110-00, commonly known as 770 Jackson Street, for Von Weise, Inc.; seconded by Councilman Letarte, passed unanimously.

Councilman Greenhoe moved Council approve the Resolution approving the Application of Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Von Weise, Inc., facilities in the Eaton Rapids Industrial Development District, for property commonly known as 402 Haven Street, property tax codes 23-300-003-300-718-00 and 23-300-003-300-730-00, Eaton Rapids, Eaton County, for a 12 Year Tax Abatement; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously.

Councilman Letarte moved Council approve the Resolution approving the Application of Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Von Weise, Inc., facilities in the Eaton Rapids Industrial Development District, for property commonly known as 770 Jackson Street, property tax code 23-300-068-602-110-00, Eaton Rapids, Eaton County, for a 12 Year Tax Abatement; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the Resolution approving the Application for Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Von Weise, Inc., facilities in the Eaton Rapids Industrial Development District, for property commonly known as 450 Marilyn Street, property tax code 23-300-003-300-601-00, Eaton Rapids, Eaton County, for a 12 year tax abatement; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council authorize the City Manager to bind the City of Eaton Rapids for the purchase of the Four (4) MW of replacement electrical power for any or all of 2009, 2010, and/or 2011 at or below the delivered price (with capacity) of \$58.00/MWh and with the contract available for City Council to ratify within thirty (30) days; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Janice O'Donnell, 615 Montgomery Street, appeared before Council regarding the April 7<sup>th</sup> Worksession and the Phase I Design. Mayor Davidson explained that the design was for the Island, south of the Gazebo between the cannon, with a flag located in the middle.

Rod Schultz, 1303 Montgomery Street, appeared before Council regarding downtown businesses; treatment of the public at meetings; and being more user friendly towards businesses.

Jim McBride, 519 S. Main Street, appeared before Council regarding DDA Minutes being available at the Library.

Reuben Green, 630 Forest Street, appeared before Council regarding the disarray of the City Cemetery and the trees needing trimming within the Cemetery, as well as starting a paving plan within the Cemetery, and compared to the Cemetery in Hamlin Township, ours was a disgrace.

Roger Harris, 331 W. Knight Street, appeared before Council announcing his candidacy for the Eaton County Commissioner position.

Dale Nyquist, 442 W. Plain Street, appeared before Council regarding the abandoned Michigan Packaging Plant on Plain Street and the property needs to be inspected and cleaned up.

Rod Schultz, 1303 Montgomery Street, appeared before Council agreeing with Mr. Green's remarks and how horrible the City Cemetery looked and that there is no comparison between the Hamlin Township Cemetery and the City's.

Councilwoman Brown reported on the following: thanked the citizens for bringing issues to their attention and that she will personally be looking into the Cemetery issue; that Eaton Rapids has a lot to be thankful for with all of the projects that are coming in to the City; urged everyone to drive safely as young people are out playing as the weather gets warmer; and thanked the citizens for the opportunity to serve the residents in Precinct 2 and that she was always available by phone or e-mail.

Councilman Greenhoe reported on the following: apologized for the DDA Minutes not

being available at the Library; thanked Roger Harris for running for the Commissioner seat; and thanked the citizens for their comments and would be looking at the property on Plain Street to see what could be done.

Councilman Letarte reported on the following: thanked everyone for attending the meeting; that we all live in town, and not everyone sees what others see, so the proper procedure is to call and notify the Police Department or City Hall regarding complaints and then it would be up to the Departments to take care of the problems and if this is not done in a timely

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manner then to let Council know and that it is good to hear and keep your eyes open and report problems that you see in the City.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: that the property on Plain Street needs to be addressed and looked into and that Council is here to serve the public, and that the Departments are here for public service and to not forge that; and congratulated Mr. Harris for running as a Commissioner.

Police Chief Malewski reported on the following: that his Department had issued citations and had enforced the inoperable motor vehicle ordinance to be in compliance with the City, and that he had granted the property owners to be in compliance by May 5<sup>th</sup> without a fine being issued; that on April 8<sup>th</sup> the Department had hosted a Domestic Violence Seminar; that he had offered conditional employment to Lisa Kirby, who would be replacing Officer Sidel; and that the Department had made a deal with Michigan Police Equipment for an exchange program for outdated equipment.

Mayor Davidson reported on the following: thanked the citizens for their concerns and will be looking into these issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

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James E. Davidson, Mayor

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Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk