

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, May 12, 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 Pastor Scott Boles of the First Baptist Church.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve the Agenda with the Addition of Item 10g., under New Business, Council Approval to Waive the Overnight Camping/parking at Howe Memorial Field on Saturday, May 17th for a Softball Tournament; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

The Agenda was approved as amended.

The minutes from the April 28, 2008, Regular Meeting was approved as printed.

Councilwoman Brown moved that disbursements of \$103,035.09 be approved; seconded by Councilman Letarte, passed unanimously.

Rod Schultz, 1303 Montgomery Street, appeared before Council regarding the appointment of Gary Wichman to the Local Development Finance Authority.

Councilwoman Brown read for Second Reading and Adoption Ordinance 2008-1, an Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Eaton Rapids by Amending Chapter 22, Signs, Section 30, Exempt Signs, Sub-Sections Q and S; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve Traffic Control Order #79, Brook Street between N. Main Street and Line Street on the north side, that the No Parking on this Side of Street Signs be removed and that parking in this previously described location be permitted; seconded by Councilman Letarte, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Brian Ross, 147 S. Main Street, to the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) Board, for a three year term which will expire on May 23, 2011; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Councilman Letarte moved Council approve the Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Leonard Peters, 505 McArthur River Drive, to the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) Board, for a three year term which will expire on May 23, 2011; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Benjamin Dancer, 1401 S. Main Street, to the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) Board, for a three year term which will expire on May 23, 2011; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve the Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Richard Freer, 112 Kilkelly, to the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) Board, for a four year term which will expire on May 23, 2012; seconded by Councilman Letarte, passed unanimously.

Councilman Letarte moved Council approve the Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Gary Wichman, 103 S. Center Street, to the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) Board, for a three year term which will expire on May 23, 2011; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve to waive the overnight camping/parking at Howe Memorial Field on Saturday, May 17, 2008, for a Softball Tournament; seconded by Councilman Letarte, passed unanimously.

Rod Schultz, 1303 Montgomery Street, appeared before Council regarding the Front Door at City Hall; Sign regarding weapons at City Hall; Motor Vehicle Ordinance Civil Infraction and having the Council budget posted on the City's web-site.

Ray Snell, 4729 Birch Haven, Jackson, also the Blackman Township Supervisor, appeared before Council announcing his candidacy for the 65th District Representative.

Patrick Rich, 208 S. East Street, appeared before Council regarding cars going through town in excessive speed to answer fire runs; speed enforcement through town from McDonald's to Admiral; and Bands not coming to participate in the Memorial Day Parade.

Councilwoman Brown reported on the following: thanked the citizens for their comments; that we all needed to be positive toward the Memorial Day Parade and the Monument Dedication and to move forward as best we could and to work together and all be positive and sincere and forget all the negativity and thanked Mr. Rich and his Committee for all of their hard work; reminded students to be safe during Prom and encouraged all to not participate in underage drinking; and encouraged all of the students to register to vote and exercise their right to vote in the upcoming elections.

Councilman Greenhoe reported on the following: Welcomed Mr. Snell and congratulated him on running for Office.

Councilman Letarte reported on the following: that he had recently had a conversation with a Softball Coach from Jackson and how they welcomed the tournament in Eaton Rapids and loved coming to Eaton Rapids for tournaments and how well the Eaton Rapids Softball Program was Coached.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: that the Police Department is aware of the cars going fast in answering fire/ambulance calls and that they are working on this issue within a fine balance; that the Memorial Day Band issue and that the Parade is about the soldiers, not about a Council decision, and that it was to honor and respect the Soldiers who have fought and for those who have given the ultimate sacrifice and it was meant to honor them the way they were meant to be honored and that it needed to be done right and in a positive way.

Police Chief Malewski reported on the following: that the Department had held a Bike Safety Seminar at Lockwood Elementary; that the Click-it-or-Ticket Campaign would be starting soon; that he and Chaplin Boles had distributed posters to businesses regarding the Campaign for further Community Awareness; that the Civil Infractions issued regarding the Inoperable Vehicle Ordinance had been treated with fairness in granting extensions on getting the properties cleaned up as well as waiving the fines and costs.

Police Chief Malewski reported on the Fire Department for Fire Chief McNutt: that new CERT members had recently completed training; that the Fire Cadets graduation would be held on Sunday at 2:00 p.m.; and that the Department had hired one new volunteer.

City Superintendent Poyer reported on the following: that the Front Door at City Hall would be done within the next couple of weeks; that the National Honor Society would be doing a clean-up at the Cemetery on Saturday; that the City had sponsored a "de-junking" weekend on Saturday and had seven 30 yard dumpsters filled; and that there was a power outage last week due to Tri-County Electric lines falling on City lines.

Councilman Harri stated that on the 24th there would be an Island Clean-up day and that the Boy Scouts would be helping with the project and anyone else was welcome to help.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

James E. Davidson, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk