

A Worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Tuesday, May 29, 2007, at 5:00 p.m.

Present were Mayor Davidson and Councilpersons Letarte, Brown, Norris and Greenhoe.

Administrative Staff Present: City Manager Bill LeFevere, City WWTP Director Todd Nichols, City Assessor Mike Baker, Police Chief Paul Malewski, Assistant to City Manager Brian Reed, Fire Chief Roger McNutt, Building Inspector Jon Hill, City Superintendent Scott Poyer, Librarian Nancy Murray and Deputy City Clerk Carla Mazur. City Clerk Kristy Reinecke arrived at 6:15 p.m.

Purpose of the meeting was a worksession. Notice of the meeting was duly given.

Old Business Topics of Discussion were:

Rotary Amphitheater: Ground being prepared for hydro seeding, and Nealey dedication on August 7th.

Parking Lot Behind National City: Project put out for bids.

WWTP Project: Still working with Capital Consultants to determine alternative approach for river crossing.

Hall Street Property: Negotiating with Development Group. Groups has hired architects.

Red Ribbon Hall: Construction on bathrooms along with electrical work.

King Street School Sold: Ready for Planning Commission Review.

Precision Prototype: New jobs being created and in the process of working with the State.

Public Comments:

Hubert Hamblin appeared before Council regarding the Property Maintenance Ordinance.

Department Head Reports:

City Superintendent Poyer reported that a new employee had started in the Electrical Department; on June 8th there will be an electrical outage at the southend of the City from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., with the Hospital functioning on generators.

Police Chief Malewski reported that the Mesquite Grill still needed to comply in several different areas for outside alcohol consumption; that the letter's sent out to Library patrons for overdue books has been modified; and that the Click-it-and-Ticket Campaign is underway.

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Building Inspector Hill reported that there was a very large response to his letter on the Property Maintenance Ordinance.

Fire Chief McNutt reported that he had received a Grant for Fire Training.

Librarian Murray reported that the Summer Reading Program is underway and will be

going on through the Summer.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Nichols reported that the plant looks good; and that he will be working with the School on where the pool water will be dumped when the work begins at the Middle School.

City Assessor Baker reported that he is in the process of finishing up the review of the City on new construction and permit updates for assessing.

New Business Topics of Discussion were:

Property Maintenance Ordinance Review: City Manager LeFevere reviewed with the Council the proposed changes from the City Attorney. This item will be on the June 11th Agenda for First Reading..

Vegetation Ordinance Review: City Manager LeFevere reviewed with the Council the proposed changes. This item will be on the June 11th Agenda for First Reading.

School Superintendent William DeFrance: that the School had submitted for Grant Monies to fund ½ to ¾ of a Police Officer at the Schools; that they had applied for a Safe Routes to School Grant; and gave a Construction Update.

Dowding and Magnesium IFT Abatements: that the advertising has been completed and that the Public Hearings for these will be on June 11th and June 25th.

West Street Water Tower Quotes: City Superintendent Poyer reviewed with Council the bids that had been received on this project and that this will appear on the June 11th Agenda.

Pilot Ordinance Revisions: City Manager LeFevere reviewed with Council the PILOT Ordinance for Kingston Place and the changes that may need to be made to the Ordinance if so requested by MSHDA.

City Clerk Reinecke arrived at this point in the meeting.

Amphitheater Issues: Council reviewed the request from the Rotary Club for the naming of the Park as the Martin Hansen Memorial Park. This item will appear on the June 11th Agenda. City Superintendent Poyer reviewed with Council that hydro seeding will be done at the Amphitheater so that it is ready for the dedication.

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Resolution on the Bridge Program: City Manager LeFevere reviewed with Council the Resolutions on the West Knight Street Bridge, East Knight Street Bridge and the Hall Street Bridge. This item will appear on tonight's Agenda.

Update on RED Team: City Manager LeFevere reviewed with Council the consolidation of the RED Team with the Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP). City Manager LeFevere will keep Council informed.

Trash Pick-up Time in the Central Business District: City Manager LeFevere reviewed with Council the problems in the Central Business District with the local trash haulers. After a lengthy discussion, Council requested City Manager LeFevere to change the existing Ordinance. This item will appear on the June 11th Agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

James E. Davidson, Mayor

Carla Mazur, Deputy City Clerk