

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, August 25, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Davidson called the meeting to order.

Present were Mayor Davidson and Councilpersons Greenhoe, Letarte and Harri. Councilwoman Brown was absent and excused.

The invocation was given by Councilman Greenhoe.

The Agenda was approved as printed.

Councilman Letarte moved the minutes from the August 18, 2008, Worksession meeting be amended on page three, the fourth paragraph to read "Councilman Letarte stated that with a DID System you purchase a block of numbers and this is how the system works, and you would **not** have a receptionist."; seconded by Councilman Harri. The minutes from the August 11, 2008, Regular Meeting and the August 18, 2008, Worksession Meeting as amended were approved.

Councilman Greenhoe moved that disbursements of \$934,873.10 be approved; seconded by Councilman Letarte, passed unanimously.

Councilman Greenhoe read for second reading and adoption Ordinance 2008-4, an Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Eaton Rapids by amending Chapter 14, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article II, Motor Vehicles, Division 2., Parking Violations in Addition to the Uniform Traffic Code, by Adding Section 43, Parking on Yards Prohibited; seconded by Councilman Letarte. Councilman Letarte asked if this would be enforced like the Weed Ordinance. Police Chief Malewski responded that it could be enforced either by complaints that were generated or Officer generated, just that he needed direction on how Council wanted his Department to proceed. The motion passed 3 yeas, 1 nay (Harri.)

Councilman Harri moved Council approve the Resolution to Amend Chapter 6, Section 6.4(b)(3) of the Eaton Rapids City Charter; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe. City Manager LeFevere stated that there had been a sentence added per the Attorney General's Office. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Letarte moved Council approve City Manager William LeFevere to be the Official Representative at the Annual Business Meeting of the Michigan Municipal League with Mayor Davidson being the Alternate Official Representative at the Annual Meeting held on October 2, 2008; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve City Superintendent Poyer's recommendation to award the compost removal bid to Schafer's Lawn and Snow, Inc., in the amount of \$9,700.00; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe. Superintendent Poyer stated that this had to be done to meet new regulations from the DEQ, as the City was a licensed compost center. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Letarte moved Council approve City Superintendent Poyer's recommendation to award the tub grinder bid to Mid-Michigan Recycling, in the amount of \$600.00 per hour; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe. Superintendent Poyer's explained that this would be an annual expense, but for this year the City would be receiving reimbursement from FEMA due to the storm this Spring, as well as the LDFA would be paying a portion of this cost for work being done in the South Industrial Park. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Davidson stated that the meeting would be open for the Appeal Hearing in accordance with Chapter 12, Housing, Article VI, Property Maintenance, for property commonly known as 917 Grove Street.

There was no one present from the above listed property to speak at the Hearing.

Councilman Greenhoe moved that Council give the property owner at 917 Grove Street 14 days from August 25, 2008, to finish the project, and if the project was not finished during this time frame a misdemeanor be issued; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilman Greenhoe reported on the following: that he had attended the Open House at the WWTP and it was very educational and the facility was state of the art and very efficient; that the River Crossing work has begun and is halfway completed.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: that he had voted against the Parking Ordinance because it was modeled after the Cities of Lansing and East Lansing, and felt that Eaton Rapids did not have the same issues as these larger Cities who have college student issues.

Police Chief Malewski reported on the following: that he will be out of the Office next week and in Texas as an expert witness.

Fire Chief McNutt reported on the following: that on Friday and Saturday the Department had collected monies for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, and had collect over \$2,000.00 which they would be presenting during the Telethon over Labor Day weekend; and that he will be on vacation from August 30th thru September 15th.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

James E. Davidson, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk