

A worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, June 2, 2008, at 5:00 p.m.

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

Administrative Staff Present was City Manager Bill LeFevere, City Superintendent Scott Poyer, Building Inspector Jon Hill, Fire Chief Roger McNutt, Deputy Clerk Carla Mazur, Police Chief Paul Malewski and City Clerk Kristy Reinecke.

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

Public Comments:

None.

Old Business Topics of Discussion were:

DDA:

Hall Street Project: The DDA has a meeting on June 13th. NRHP Nomination: This will be on the Agenda for the State at their September Meeting. Red Ribbon Hall: It is still in the process of being drywalled. Bondable Projects: This will be discussed later on the Agenda.

LDFA:

These will all be discussed later on the Agenda.

Economic Development:

LAFCU, Kingston Place and Eaton Rapids Medical Center: These projects are moving along rapidly, with LAFCU planning on opening in June. Old School Village - There are no changes.

Eaton Rapids Medical Park: They will be before the Planning Commission at their July Meeting for their Site Plan Review.

Parks:

Walkable City: The Park is in the process of planning "Walking Wednesday's" during the lunch hours starting on June 18th. 4th of July Committee: The approval for the Activities and the Parade will be on the June 9th Agenda.

Planning:

Area Master Plan Update and City Master Plan Update: Nothing new to report at this time.

MSHDA Grants:

The notices have been published in the paper and are on file for the funding for this project. All the funds have been committed for six loft apartments.

Main Street Project/MDOT:

This project is being pushed back to 2010 due to stormwater drainage issues and funding from the State for these issues.

Mill Street Parking Lot:

The City is waiting on the design from C2AE and for further details to be ironed out for the MDOT 2010 Project.

New Business Topics of Discussion were:

City Manager LeFevere reviewed with Council the 2009 Budget Highlights. City Manager LeFevere went over the projects that have been left in the Budget and what has been left out, so that the budget could balance. City Manager LeFevere stated that this was still a work in progress and if there were any questions or concerns, then to get them to him as soon as possible, as the Public Hearing is scheduled for the June 9th meeting, and the Adoption of the Budget is scheduled for the June 23rd meeting.

Kim Byerly, from the Parks and Recreation Board, reviewed with Council the request to add language to Ordinance 2008-3, which would include the Amphitheater as a designated No Smoking Area. This will appear on your June 9th Agenda, with the language changes, for Second Reading and Adoption.

City Manager LeFevere reviewed with Council the Bonding Issues. City Manager LeFevere stated that the LDFA will be meeting tomorrow, and will be approving a Resolution Requesting the City of Eaton Rapids to Pledge its Limited Tax Full Faith and Credit for Local Development Finance Authority Tax Increment Bonds. These Bonds would be used to build the roadway and utility construction, plus new road segment from Marilyn to Kimbark Streets and restoration, Local matching monies from the MDOT Category A Funding which would be the intersection at Kinneville, M-50 and Spicerville, Phillips Drain modifications and clean out, electrical distribution, isolation circuit and

substation upgrades, and the installation of a new Consumers Energy Gas service. City Manager LeFevere further explained that all of the above would be under the LDFA Bonding, while a portion would be under the City Council obligation Bonding for the Sanitary Sewer river crossings. City Manager LeFevere stated that if the LDFA passed the Resolution, this item would appear on the June 9th Agenda for Council approval.

City Manager LeFevere reviewed with Council that the Hobart Drain Payment that has been made to the County for the past several years has been coded wrong and that this will need to be accounted for when Council is doing Budget Amendments.

Mayor Pro Tem Greenhoe reviewed with Council the request from the Historical Society for a one day liquor license for Saturday, June 28th. This item will appear on the Agenda.

City Manager LeFevere stated that the home demolition on Grove Street is partially finished.

Councilwoman Brown stated that she had received appreciation from the patrons that used the Skate Park facilities, and also thanked all of those involved in helping with Mayor Exchange Day and how proud she was of Eaton Rapids and how it was showcased.

Public Comments:

Patrick Rich, 208 S. East Street, appeared before Council regarding the walking trail needing to be maintained by Spring Brook; what the penalty would be for people violating the smoking ordinance in the designated areas and thanked City Superintendent Poyer and the DPW for all of their work on getting the Monument placed.

Reports:

None.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council go into Closed Session for a Personnel Evaluation the request of the Personnel involved; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously. Council went into Closed Session at 6:12 p.m.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council reconvene back into Open Session; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously. Council reconvened back into Open Session at 7:01 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Roger A. Greenhoe, Mayor Pro Tem

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk