

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, June 9, 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 Sandra Carpenter of the Assembly of God Church.

Councilman Greenhoe moved that Council Add Item 10d., under New Business, Council Resolution Pledging Full Faith and Credit of the City of Eaton Rapids for the Prompt Repayment of Principal of an Interest on the Local Development Finance Authority 2008 Tax Increment Bonds; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council Add Item 10e., under New Business, Notice of Intent to Issue Bonds Resolution for 2008 Capital Improvement Bonds; seconded by Councilman Letarte, passed unanimously.

The Agenda was approved as printed and with the additions.

The minutes from the May 27, 2008, Regular Meeting and the June 2, 2008, Worksession Meeting were approved as printed.

Councilman Greenhoe moved that disbursements of \$183,986.38 be approved; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously.

Patrick Rich, 208 S. East Street, appeared before Council regarding the Bond Issue Resolutions and the Closed Session.

Fire Chief Roger McNutt and Police Chief Paul Malewski introduced William Schneider and Keefer Tyler as the two newest members to the C.E.R.T. Team, and presented them with recognition for their completion of the C.E.R.T. Team Course work.

Mayor Davidson read a letter from President George W. Bush for the President's Volunteer Service Award for the Recognition of the C.E.R.T. Team Members, as well as a letter of recognition from the Chair of the President's Council Award for the dedication of the C.E.R.T. Team.

Fire Chief Roger McNutt and Police Chief Paul Malewski presented Awards of Recognition as well as pins to the C.E.R.T. Team Members in attendance at the meeting.

Fire Chief Roger McNutt introduced Fireman Jim Ray who is the Officer in charge of the City of Eaton Rapids Fire Cadet Program. Officer Ray thanked Council for the

opportunity to have this program in the City, and has just expanded the program to the Mid-Michigan area, and will be starting a program with twelve cadets this Fall. Officer Ray recognized

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and presented Cadet Kelsey Perry, Cadet Shane Tracer, Cadet Casey Perry, Cadets Kayla Perry, Cadet Casey Hoffman and Cadet Crystal Weeks with Certificates of Achievement for completion of the Fire Cadet Academy and congratulated them on their achievement.

Councilwoman Brown read for Second Reading and Adoption Ordinance 2008-2, an Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Eaton Rapids by Amending Chapter 16, Parks and Recreation, Article I., In General, Section 7, City Parks, Hours Open to the Public; seconded by Councilman Letarte, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown read for Second Reading and Adoption Ordinance 2008-3, an Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Eaton Rapids by Amending Chapter 16, Parks and Recreation, Article I., In General, by Adding Section 10, Restricting Smoking and Use of Tobacco Products in City Parks; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Mayor Davidson Opened the meeting for a Public Hearing on the Proposed 2009 Budget and the Proposed Millage Rate to be Levied to Support the Proposed 2009 Budget. The Public Hearing Opened at 7:24 p.m.

Mayor Davidson explained the schedule which began with the Budget Committee in March. City Manager LeFevere explained that the process had started with the Comprehensive Master Plan with meetings with Council and Department Heads to incorporate the findings of the Master Plan into the Budget process. City Manager LeFevere explained that they had been able to balance the General Fund Budget which is the hardest Budget to balance, while reducing Transfers from the Utility Fund to Balance the General Fund Budget. City Manager LeFevere stated that the Budget had come together fairly well this year, and that the City was able to add projects which were needed. City Manager LeFevere stated that projects that are in the 2009 Proposed Budget included revamping of the City Website; Funding monies for the upgrading of the City's Vactor; beginning a Tree Program; monies for a Master Plan Update; a Sidewalk Repair Program East of the River; Contributions for the Community Recreation Program; and Green Projects. City Manager LeFevere explained that there were several projects that were not included in the 2009 Proposed Budget such as adding a third Storm Siren; Technology Personnel; by hiring a City Treasurer there were no monies to fund the position of an Assistant to the City Manager, but the Council was looking into the idea of an Internship.

City Manager LeFevere stated that the Proposed 2009 Budget did not have an Fee increases, and that the Millage needed would be 8.5538 for the General Fund, .08551

Mills for the Parks and Recreation Fund, and 4.03 Mills for the Waste Water Treatment

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Plant Funding Bond. City Manager LeFevere stated that the Article in the Community News this past week was a good Article and that the Budget is available for review on the Website or at City Hall and the Library.

Patrick Rich, 208 S. East Street, stated that he had a concern with the Utility Fund and concern for the Additional Bonding that the City was asking for as people cannot afford another Bond with gas prices being what they are and the state of the economy in Michigan and wondered if any of the projects could wait a few years until the economy had turned around.

City Manager LeFevere stated that the Bond Resolutions that the City was asking for, the large Bond being a Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) Bond, and that these were separate monies from TIF Funds that could only be used for projects which were being proposed, and does not have anything to do with Utility monies. City Manager LeFevere stated that the other Resolution, which was for 1.5 Million, was to finish the Wastewater Treatment Plant project to do the river crossing piece, and that this was hopefully more money than would be required to finish this piece, so when the bids came back, the City would actually be bonding for less monies.

There were no other Public Comments. Mayor Davidson Closed the Public Hearing at 7:38 p.m.

Councilman Greenhoe moved Council approve the Fourth of July Committees list of activities, which will include a Parade at 11:00 a.m., beginning at Marilyn Street, proceeding down Main Street and ending on Knight Street with activities on Island Park as well as Fireworks at Alumni Stadium; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve the Eaton Rapids Area Historical Society to obtain a one day Liquor License for Saturday, June 28th for a beer tent behind the barn at the Miller Farm from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.; seconded by Councilman Letarte. Councilman Greenhoe asked Chief Malewski if all of the proper paperwork has been filed. Chief Malewski reported that no application has been filed. After a lengthy discussion the motion passed unanimously, with the understanding of the Council being that it still needed to be approved by the Police Chief as well as the Liquor Control Commission.

Councilman Greenhoe moved Council approve to grant permission in accordance with Section 8.8 of the City Code to authorize the transfer as has been requested in writing

from Section W, Lot 15, the North ½ of Section O, Lot 20, providing all necessary permits have been obtained and payment of all fees and costs have been received in advance; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the Resolution Pledging Full Faith and Credit of the City of Eaton Rapids for the Prompt Repayment of Principal of and Interest on the Local Development Finance Authority 2008 Tax Increment Bonds; seconded by Councilman Harri. City Manager LeFevere explained that this Resolution was for the LDFA Infrastructure projects which included funding for the intersection of Spicerville and Marilyn, cleaning of the Phillip Drain, electrical upgrades, as well as roads and infrastructure to the South Industrial Park Expansion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Greenhoe moved Council approve the Notice of Intent to Issue Bonds Resolution for 2008 Capital Improvement Bonds; seconded by Councilwoman Brown. City Manager LeFevere explained that this Resolution was to finish up the Wastewater Treatment Plant River Crossing Project. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilwoman Brown reported on the following: Congratulated the Fire Cadets on completion of the program and was very proud of their accomplishments; welcomed the newest members of the C.E.R.T. Team and Congratulated the existing members on their recognition by the President; thanked the City Staff and Crew for the great job they did after the storms, and that the personnel in our City is very dedicated and thanked them for all the hard work they do; and that she is here to serve the Citizens so either call or email her with any concerns or questions.

Councilman Greenhoe reported on the following: Congratulated the Fire Cadets and C.E.R.T. Team for their accomplishments; thanked Fireman Ray for his dedication and training hours to the Cadet Program and for all the hours he spent on this; and thanked the City Crews for the great job that they did with the storm damage.

Councilman Letarte reported on the following: Congratulated the C.E.R.T. Team and Fire Cadets; thanked the Police and Fire Departments for their education, direction and vision with these programs; thanked Pat Rich for his questions and stated that the public would have a chance to comment on the Closed Session when this was brought back out into Open Session for discussion.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: Congratulated the C.E.R.T. Team and Fire Cadets; offered a special congratulations to William Schneider, one of the newest C.E.R.T. Members as this was his nephew; congratulated the Class of 2008 upon completion of High School and wished them well in all of their endeavors; and urged all

citizens to take the time to look over the Proposed 2009 Budget and ask Council questions, as this was their tax money at work.

Police Chief Malewski reported on the following: that the Public Safety Building had been busy with tours from the Second Grade Classes at Lockwood Elementary; that the C.E.R.T. Team does a great job and puts in a lot of hours with no compensation; that

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Firefighter Ray did a great job with the Cadet Program; and that the City Superintendent and Fire Chief did a great job with their crews during the recent storm damage.

Fire Chief McNutt reported on the following: that he was proud of the C.E.R.T. Team, Fire Cadets and City employees who all worked together as a team; and thanked the Citizens for being so patient, calm and collect during the recent storm; and thanked Fireman Ray for his participating and heading up of the Cadet Program.

Mayor Davidson reported on the following: that a small town relies on its Volunteers and thanked the C.E.R.T. Team and Cadet Program; that the City Crews did an exceptional job during the recent storm; and that when he ran for Mayor he had three goals which was an emphasis on Small Town Character, Historic Preservation and to Protect the City's Natural Resources.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council go into closed session for a personnel evaluation at the request of the personnel involved; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously. Council went into closed session at 8:12 p.m.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council reconvene back into open session; seconded by Councilman Letarte, passed unanimously. Council reconvened back into open session at 9:11 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

James E. Davidson, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk