

A worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, May 19, 2008, at 5:00 p.m.

Present were Mayor Davidson and Councilpersons Greenhoe, Brown, Harri and Letarte. None were absent.

Administrative Staff Present was City Manager Bill LeFevere, City Superintendent Scott Poyer, Building Inspector Jon Hill, WWTP Superintendent Todd Nichols, City Assessor Mike Baker, Fire Chief Roger McNutt, Deputy Clerk Carla Mazur and City Clerk Kristy Reinecke.

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

Public Comments:

Patrick Rich, 208 S. East Street, appeared before the Council regarding the upcoming Memorial Day Parade and who from Council would be participating.

Old Business Topics of Discussion were:

DDA:

Hall Street Project: The offer from the DDA to the interested developers expires at the end of this month. NRHP Nomination, Red Ribbon Hall: There are no changes. Bondable Projects: These monies will include projects to the DDA Streetscaping Project on Main Street, Stormwater Issues and Infrastructure Projects at the South Industrial Park. City Manager LeFevere asked if Council desired to refinance the Public Safety Bond and use this money for the renovation of the restrooms at Island Park. It was the consensus of Council to include this in the Bond Proposal.

LDFA:

Infrastructure Project, Electrical Upgrades, Marilin Street/MDOT: The Tree Bids were opened last week and this project should be starting in the near future with the help of Bill Botti.

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.

Dr. Gupta Project: They will be before the Planning Commission at their July Meeting for their Site Plan Review.

Parks:

Walkable City, Safe Routes to School, 4th of July Committee - There are no changes.

Planning:

Area Master Plan Update: At the next COG meeting a Resolution will be presented for each entity to Adopt.

City Master Plan Update - the Planning Commission will begin the process of review in the near future.

MSHDA Grants:

Applications have been received and commitments have been made by different people to have the monies obligated to renovate 6 different downtown apartments.

Main Street Project/MDOT:

City Superintendent Poyer will be meeting with Wade-Trim on Thursday to begin design work on the project.

Mill Street Parking Lot:

The City is waiting on the design from C2AE.

New Business Topics of Discussion were:

City Superintendent Poyer reviewed with Council the changes in the Ordinance that Police Chief Malewski was requesting regarding hours in the Parks and Use of Tobacco near the playground at Howe Memorial Field. This item will be on the May 27th Agenda for First Reading.

City Superintendent Poyer reviewed with Council the problems that were occurring with the City's email and that the problem has been found and is in the process of being corrected by the end of next week.

City Manager LeFevere reviewed with Council the recommendations that have been made by the Budget Committee. City Manager passed out the Proposed Budget for Council review. Mayor Davidson reviewed the schedule for the Budget Process. Council will be meeting again to have answered any questions on the Budget at the June 2nd

Worksession.

Mayor Davidson reviewed with Council that at the meeting on May 27th there will be a Closed Session for the City Manager's evaluation, and that packets have been passed out and he would like them returned to him this week so that the information can be compiled.

Public Comments:

None.

Reports:

City Superintendent Poyer reported that the "Lest They Be Forgotten" Memorial is scheduled to be delivered on Friday and placed on the Island.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council go into Closed Session to discuss pending litigation; seconded by Councilman Letarte, passed unanimously. Council went into Closed Session at 6:01 p.m.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council reconvene back into Open Session; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously. Council reconvened back into Open Session at 6:15 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

James E. Davidson, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk