

A worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, April 21, 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, Police Chief Paul Malewski, WWTP Superintendent Todd Nichols, City Assessor Mike Baker, 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:

Annette Nealey appeared before Council regarding the placement of the monument.

Barbara Rogers appeared before Council regarding an Agenda Item under New Business.

Old Business Topics of Discussion were:

DDA:

Hall Street Project, NRHP Nomination, Red Ribbon Hall and Bondable Projects - There are no changes.

LDFA:

Infrastructure Project, Electrical Upgrades, Marilin Street/MDOT, Dowding Industries and Precision Prototype Expansions - There are no changes.

Von Weise Project - the Mega Board will be meeting on Tuesday morning and the CDBG/MEDC will be meeting on Wednesday.

Economic Development:

Dollar General, LAFCU, Kingston Place, Old School Village - There are no changes.

Eaton Rapids Medical Center - the project is underway and moving along rapidly with the expansion.

Dr. Gupta Project - this looks favorable, but will be receiving more information within the next 30 days.

Parks:

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

Planning:

Area Master Plan Update - this meeting will be held tonight at 6:00 p.m. at Hamlin Township.

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

MSHDA Grants:

Applications are still coming into the City for these projects.

Main Street Project/MDOT:

Council needs to approve a Resolution in support of this project at its Council meeting on April 28th.

Mill Street Parking Lot:

There are no changes.

Goals and Objectives:

The Budget Committee will be meeting on April 30th to begin this process.

New Business Topics of Discussion were:

City Manager LeFevere reviewed with Council the options the Council has regarding the WWTP/SRF Project/Horner Mills River Crossings. Council requested that a schedule with dates and deadlines be made as to when this could be placed as a ballot question.

City Manager LeFevere reviewed with Council the suggested language change that needed to be done in order to have signs at different locations. This item will appear on the April 28th Agenda for First Reading.

City Clerk Reinecke reviewed with Council the Utility Landlord/Renter Lien on Property Issue. The utility billing software has been set up so that the landlord will be receiving on a monthly basis a duplicate bill so they are aware of what their tenant owes. Mayor Davidson has signed a letter that will go out with the bills this month explaining why landlords are receiving this and that this will be something that they will be receiving monthly for informational purposes only.

Reuben Green appeared before Council regarding the Cemetery Maintenance issues that are concerning him such as dead grass, leaves not being picked up from last year, trees not being trimmed and a possible program to implement paving of the roads within the cemetery. City Superintendent Poyer stated that he only had so much

City's budget for projects. Mayor Davidson suggested that Mr. Green get with the City Superintendent to address these issues and see what could be done. City Superintendent Poyer stated that he is also in the process of hiring Summer Help that will help with this situation as well.

Dale Nyquist appeared before Council regarding the Plain street/Industrial Property located directly across from his home. Mayor Davidson and several Council people had driven by the area, and stated that outside of being in violation of the weed ordinance, this was a Industrial Zoned property and was being used as such, but they would look into this further.

City Clerk Reinecke reviewed with Council that the DDA Minutes have been copied and are available at the Public Library for review.

City Manager LeFevere reviewed with Council that the rezoning issue at 111 W. Plain Street has been reviewed by the City Attorney, and that this should have gone before the Zoning Board of Appeals, not the Planning Commission, and that the monies will be refunded. Barbara Rogers asked what the proper procedure was to have this brought before the Zoning Board of Appeals. Building Inspector Jon Hill stated that Ms. Rogers needed to stop by his office and he would get her the proper paperwork.

City Manager LeFevere reviewed with Council that the business zoning occupancy question was still before the City Attorney for clarification.

City Manager LeFevere reviewed with Council the property located on State Street that the City had just purchased at a HUD property sale and that procedures needed to be put in place to have this property bid out and where the proceeds need to go.

Public Comments:

Annette Nealey and Patrick Rich appeared before Council regarding the placement of the monument as well as the bench. Mayor Davidson stated that they needed to get in contact with Superintendent Poyer.

Reports:

Mayor Davidson reminded Council that if they had information items, that the proper procedure was to send them to the City Manager with a blind copy being sent to the rest of the members so that Council would be in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

Councilwoman Brown asked when trash barrels would be placed on Island Park.

City Assessor Mike Baker stated that the home at the Whittum property was scheduled to be moved tomorrow.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

James E. Davidson, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk