

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, October 13, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Davidson called the meeting to order.

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

The invocation was given by Pastor Sandra Carpenter of the Charlotte Assembly of God church.

The Agenda was approved as printed.

The minutes from the September 22, 2008, Regular Meeting and the October 6, 2008 Worksession Meeting were approved as printed.

Councilman Letarte moved that disbursements of \$314,331.90 be approved; seconded by Councilman Harri. Councilman Greenhoe asked about the cleaning services at the Library and the increased costs associated with this service. After discussion, Councilman Letarte amended his motion to approve the disbursements in the amount of \$313,871.15, which is less the amount for Vendor 2025; seconded by Councilman Harri, amended motion passed unanimously.

Rod Schultz, 1303 Montgomery Street, appeared before Council regarding Item 10d., the property located at 315 Canal Street.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve to hold Halloween Trick-or-Treating on Friday, October 31, 2008, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., with the fire siren signaling the beginning and ending times; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Councilman Letarte moved Council approve to waive the Island Park closing hours on Wednesday, October 29th, so that a candlelight vigil can be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in honor of Troy D. Nealey; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve City Manager Bill LeFevere to cast the ballot for the Michigan Municipal League Liability and Property Pool; seconded by Councilman Letarte, passed unanimously.

Councilman Letarte moved Council approve the agreement with Irwin Union Bank, for the property commonly known as 315 Canal Street, property tax code 23-300-071-602-050-00, be accepted with the donation of \$25,000.00, to the City of Eaton Rapids; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council authorize City Manager Bill LeFevere to sign the Metro Act Right of Way Permit Extension with AT&T of Michigan, for an extension until

December 31, 2010; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

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Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve C2AE's recommendation to accept the bid from Mike and Son Asphalt, Inc., in the amount of \$58,707.00, for the 2008 parking lot improvement to parking lot number 7, located on Mill Street; seconded by Councilman Letarte, passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve the Resolution for the City of Eaton Rapids to seek admission as a member to the Michigan Public Power Agency; seconded by Councilwoman Brown, passed unanimously.

Rod Schultz, 1303 Montgomery Street, appeared before Council regarding the Library; City Charter regarding Utility Deposits; City Expenditures; and the City Charter regarding the City Attorney.

Charles Lumbert, 841 Jackson Street, appeared before Council regarding the storm on September 14th and the flooding in his neighborhood, and possible curbing of this area to help alleviate this problem from happening again; and cross traffic signs being posted near Lindy Street.

Marty Vanek, 1211 S. Main Street, appeared before Council regarding the rain event and flooding in the south end of the City; and liability insurance regarding the vacant house on State Street that the City owned.

Councilwoman Brown reported on the following: welcomed the young people at the meeting and wished them a great Homecoming; that there were a lot of conferences and workshops right here in Eaton Rapids, and that Council needed to use these resources and information as well and needed to promote a positive image in the City and help eliminate the negativity; that it is Harvest Time at the Miller Farm this weekend with many activities planned; the Historical Society has a one room school house that has many activities going on; that the digital TV transformation is fast approaching and that there is information regarding this in the lobby at City Hall; and that she is pleased to represent Precinct 2 and the City of Eaton Rapids.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: that he has been on Council for a year and was very watchful of expenditures and that he analyzed all of the decision that he made; thanked the citizens for their comments regarding the problem areas of the City during the recent storm and will work on a solution being found; that the property located on Canal Street was a good opportunity for the City and MDOT to reconfigure this intersection.

City Manager LeFevere reported on the following: that the River Crossing Project had been completed.

Police Chief Malewski reported on the following: that all of his Officers had been qualified for their new weapons; that the new vehicle is getting prepped and retrofitted to be put into service; that Homecoming is Friday; that the CERT Team had held a picnic on Saturday; that the CERT Team will be assisting with Halloween; that he had given a presentation to the Ministerial Association on Domestic Violence; that he would have articles in the newspapers and on the City's website for public awareness regarding front yard parking; that the Department had been collecting hats and mittens in lieu of payment for PBT's; and that he will be helping with the Fall Festival at the Miller House by cooking bean soup on Saturday.

Mayor Davidson reported on the following: that the City is working on the mechanics and plans on how to sell the dollar home that they own on State Street; and thanked Mr. Schultz for his expenditure worksheet.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

James E. Davidson, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk