

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, September 8, 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 Scott Boles of the First Baptist Church of Eaton Rapids.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council Amend the Agenda, to Add Item 10b., under New Business, Council Resolution for Property Maintenance Ordinance Violation to Proceed with Enforcement at 917 Grove Street; seconded by Councilman Letarte, passed unanimously. The Agenda was approved as amended.

The minutes from the August 25, 2008, Regular Meeting were approved as printed.

Councilman Greenhoe moved that disbursements of \$1,877,762.70 be approved; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council approve the recommendation from C2AE, for the tentative bid award for the 2008 intersection improvements project, be awarded to Van's Excavating Ltd., in the amount of \$450,028.40, with the final award pending procurement of the additional category "A" grant funding; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilman Letarte moved Council approve the Resolution for property maintenance ordinance violation to proceed with enforcement at 917 Grove Street; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously.

Art Kelsey, 10360 Barnes Road, appeared before Council regarding the City owned structure next to Miller's Restaurant needing to be repaired. Councilman Greenhoe explained that this was not owned by the City, but that Mr. Kelsey had a great idea for its repair so this information would be passed on to the owner.

Rod Schultz, 1303 Montgomery Street, appeared before Council regarding the Ordinance on front lawn parking; foreclosures in the community; first impressions when entering the City; leadership; past due utility bills; City Charter violations; Signs at the corner of M99/M50; and customer service.

Councilwoman Brown reported on the following: thanked everyone for the cards of support and concern in the recent loss of a loved one; that there is information available at City Hall regarding the upcoming transformation on televisions; and that she was glad to be back home and to see so many friendly faces.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: welcomed the students back to the meetings; that the process for the City on bids was to always go with the low bidder if they met all of the criteria required.

Police Chief Malewski reported on the following: that they had made a huge donation to Hearts and Hands and that this was a successful event; that he had been in Texas as a expert witness and the defendant was convicted for life without parole.

Mayor Davidson reported on the following: that the Council was working with the Police Department on the enforcement of the parking in the yard ordinance and that they were proceeding with this slowly; that the City should be approved to be on the National Register of Historical places this month; and that students could get their papers signed before Council went into closed session.

Councilwoman Brown moved Council go into closed session for a personnel evaluation at the request of the personnel involved; seconded by Councilman Greenhoe, passed unanimously. Council went into closed session at 7:30 p.m.

Councilman Letarte moved Council reconvene back into open session seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously. Council reconvened back into open session at 7:53 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

James E. Davidson, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk