

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, February 26, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Malewski called the meeting to order.

Present were Mayor Malewski and Councilpersons Burke, Harri and Colestock. Councilman Wichman was absent and excused.

The invocation was given by Pastor Jim Riley of the Eaton Rapids Assembly of God church.

Councilwoman Colestock moved the Agenda be approved as printed; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri moved the February 12, 2018, Regular Minutes and the February 10, 2018, and February 19, 2018 Worksession Minutes be approved as printed; seconded by Councilwoman Colestock, passed unanimously.

Councilman Burke moved that disbursements in the amount of \$467,045.48, be approved; seconded by Councilwoman Colestock, passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Councilman Burke to the 2018/2019 Budget Committee; seconded by Councilwoman Colestock, passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve the Agreement between the City of Eaton Rapids and Aaron Desentz as the City Manager of the City of Eaton Rapids and to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign said Agreement; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Colestock moved Council approve the Resolution for the Cemetery Fee Schedule that will be put into place on April 1, 2018; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

Mayor Malewski introduced for First Reading Ordinance 2018-1, an Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Eaton Rapids by Amending Chapter 8, Cemeteries, Article II, Lot Owners, Section 30, Proceeds from Sales to be Placed in Cemetery Funds. This was for First Reading Only, No Council Action was required.

Rod Schultz, 1303 Montgomery Street, appeared before Council with concerns on the traffic route and lack of direction during the MDOT shut down; and the City Cemetery.

Abigail Lynch from the Barry Eaton Health Department, appeared before Council and gave a brief update on programs being offered at the Health Department.

Kelly Rossman-McKinney, 1820 Canyon, Delta Township, appeared before Council and introduced herself as a candidate for State Senator.

Eaton County Commissioner Barb Rogers appeared before Council and gave an update on what is happening at the County.

Russ Hicks, Columbia Hwy., appeared before Council regarding the development of Crandall Lake; the Patronicity Campaign; and the upcoming Grand River Water Trail meeting dates and times.

Councilman Burke reported on the following: thanked Council for their support in recommending him to serve on the Budget Committee and that he enjoys doing this; that as a Council Member, he hates to see increases in fees, but the perpetual care fee has remained the same for many years and needs to be increased so that equipment can be purchased and repairs can be done to the Mausoleum.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: thanked Councilman Burke for serving once again on the Budget Committee; that the Quality of Life Director will be leaving and taking a job elsewhere and he was sad to see him leave; that the City has one of the greatest staffs that he has ever worked with over the 10 years that he has been on Council; thanked the City Staff and Mayor for the work that they did in sand bagging and keeping the City safe with the recent flood event; thanked the citizens for being patient on the closing of the MDOT Bridges and with the traffic being re-routed; that with the increase of the Cemetery Fees the City will now be able to purchase designated equipment for this Department for the maintenance of the Cemetery; and thanked all for attending the meeting and their participation.

Councilwoman Colestock reported on the following: thanked all for attending the meeting; thanked Councilman Burke for his willingness to serve on the Budget Committee; thanked the Fire Chief, Police Chief, Mayor, Staff and all of the Departments in keeping the City safe during the recent flood event and it seemed to go very smoothly; thanked the citizens for being patient and their cooperation in the re-routing of traffic; that she had attended the Teen Center Open House that was held today and the group that have put this together have worked very hard and it is a wonderful addition to the City; that she was looking forward to working with the new City Manager; and thanked Quality of Life Director Stowell for all of his hard work and that it would be very hard to fill his shoes.

City Treasurer Carr reported on the following: thanked Councilman Burke for serving on the Budget Committee.

Fire Chief McNutt reported on the following: thanked the Mayor, Police Chief, Police Lt, CERT Team, City Clerk and City Treasurer for all of the work and help that they offered during the recent flood event.

Mayor Malewski reported on the following: thanked all for attending the meeting; thanked Quality of Life Director Stowell for all of his work and he will be greatly missed; that the Teen Center had a soft opening tonight and that they are in need of donations, mentors, volunteers and there are numerous opportunities to serve; that on March 9th at 10:00 a.m. Congressman

Walberg will be at the GAR Hall for a Town Hall Meeting; that there are issues with several Departments and the maintenance of equipment that is not being properly maintained and that the City needs to do a better job in replacing and maintaining equipment for Staff; and thanked the Fire Department, DPW, Police Department, Hamlin and Eaton Rapids Township Fire Departments, MDOT, CERT Team and the Eaton County Disaster Department for assisting with the recent flood event.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Paul O. Malewski, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk