

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, March 12, 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.

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

Councilwoman Colestock moved the February 26, 2018, Regular Minutes and the March 5, 2018 Worksession Minutes be approved as printed; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri moved that disbursements in the amount of \$628,012.12, be approved with the correction of check #68491 being voided and reissued to the correct entity; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Colestock read for Second Reading and Adoption 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; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilman Burke moved Council approve the Resolution in support of the Michigan Department of Natural Resource Recreation Passport Grant; seconded by Councilwoman Colestock, passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve the Resolution in support of the Voluntary Green Pricing Program and to set the rate per the recommendation of the Michigan Public Power Agency of an additional cost of \$0.01 per kWh or \$10.00 per MWh for utility customers who wish to participate in the program; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Colestock moved Council approve the Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Mary Maxey, 132 E. Knight Street, to the Quality of Life Board for a three year term which will expire on March 31, 2021; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

Linda Gillentine-Beckwith, 603 Cumberland, appeared before Council regarding the catch basin and flooding issues in her neighborhood.

Jerry Mohler, 602 Cohalben, appeared before Council regarding the catch basin that were installed in this area approximately 46 years ago.

Mr. Pouquet, 601 Cumberland, appeared before Council regarding his mother's property and the flooding issues in her neighborhood.

Building Official Hummel stated that the Cumberland issue is being reviewed and will be discussed on what the corrections can be at a future worksession.

Ron Beckwith, 403 McArthur River Drive, appeared before Council and stated that there were issues in his area in the 60's and that there is still an issue in this area as well.

Rod Schultz, 1303 Montgomery Street, appeared before Council and thanked the Mayor for working with the citizen on Broad Street who had water issues; urged Council to review Section 12 of the Ordinances for a property on West Broad Street; the City's retirement fund; utility bills; and the Weed Ordinance.

Russ Hicks, Columbia Hwy., appeared before Council regarding the owner of the dams in the City being the same owner of the dams in the Thornapple River and the breach and failure of the system that had just occurred in the Thornapple River area.

Bill Steele, 216 State Street, appeared before Council and commended the Clerk's Staff on what a wonderful job that they do for the City and that they deserve combat pay for what they deal with and they always act professionally and are an asset to the community; and asked about the possibility of having a weather camera installed in Eaton Rapids.

Councilman Burke reported on the following: thanked Mary Maxey for serving on the Quality of Life Board and she is a valued asset to the Board; thanked all citizens for coming and bringing their issues to Council; and that the staff at City Hall is awesome and very much appreciated.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: thanked all the citizens for coming with their concerns; that the unfunded liability issue is a high priority of the City and Council; that the City Hall staff does a great job; and that the City has previously looked at the possibility of a weather camera and maybe this issue needs to be revisited.

Councilwoman Colestock reported on the following: thanked Mary Maxey for her service to the City; thanked the citizens for coming with their issues; that the City Hall staff is great and they do a great job; that Channel 6 has a weather camera as well as Channel 10 so maybe could look at both to see the availability.

City Clerk Reinecke reported on the following: that the City Hall staff is the best and handles many difficult situations and urged Council to remember how professional they are once we get into April and all that they will be dealing with when utility disconnects begin to happen.

Police Chief Weeks reported on the following: that they had assisted the State Police Fugitive Team on Wednesday.

Fire Chief McNutt reported on the following: that there were no breaches in the downtown during the water event.

Mayor Malewski reported on the following: that the Finance Committee has been looking into the unfunded liabilities issue and is coming up with a plan; that there is a camera at the ORC and the possibility of having it live streamed of the rapids depending on cost; that the City Hall staff is very professional and they go the extra yard as well as all of the City's Staff, that the City has a great team.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Paul O. Malewski, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk