

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

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

Councilman Burke moved the March 12, 2018, Regular Minutes and the March 19, 2018 Worksession Minutes be approved as printed; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Colestock moved that disbursements in the amount of \$679,972.74, be approved; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

City Clerk Reinecke administered the Oath of Office to City Manager Aaron Desentz. City Manager Desentz received applause on his appointment as the new City Manager.

Mayor Malewski introduced Mrs. Riley's second grade class for a presentation on "The Rainbow Splash Pad". Mrs. Riley's class presented to Council their ideas, location and fund-raising mechanism for a Splash Pad in the City of Eaton Rapids. Mrs. Riley's class received applause on their presentation.

Councilwoman Colestock moved Council approve the Special Event Request for the Autism Acceptance Walk which will take place on Saturday, April 28th, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. with the walk commencing at Greyhound Drive to State to Main to Knight to East to State and back to Greyhound, and with ribbons being placed on the trees and bridges along the walk; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve the Special Event Request for a City wide Easter Egg Hunt to be held on Saturday, March 31st, beginning at 7:00 a.m., and held at various City Parks which will be sponsored by Your Creative Escape and to waive the park rental fees; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Colestock moved Council approve the quote from Kamps Wood Resources for grinding services at the City's Yard Waste Facility in an amount not to exceed \$16,810.00; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve the proposed project improvements quote from C2AE for the Hall Street Bridge Improvements and for C2AE to apply for funding on behalf of the City for the project; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

Rod Schultz, 1303 Montgomery Street, appeared before Council and commended the Second Grade class on their presentation and gave them \$100 toward the project; and the graffiti on the bridge.

Linda McNutt, 540 Wood Street, appeared before Council and commended the Second Grade Class on their presentation and pledged \$100 toward the project.

Barb Rogers, Eaton County Commissioner, appeared before Council and pledged \$100 to Mrs. Riley's class for the project; and gave an update on all that is happening in the County.

Councilman Burke reported on the following: thanked Your Creative Escape for stepping up and sponsoring the Easter Egg Hunt; thanked Mrs. Riley's class for her presentation and what a great educational experience this was for her students; and welcomed Aaron to the City and looked forward to working with him.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: welcomed Aaron to the City and looked forward to a long working relationship with him; that the second grade class presentation was a great presentation and the students did a great job and that they were the leaders of tomorrow; and presented the class with \$100 donation toward the project.

Councilwoman Colestock reported on the following: thanked Mrs. Riley's second grade class on their presentation and that they did an excellent job; and welcomed Aaron to the City and is very excited to have him here and on board.

Mayor Malewski reported on the following: thanked Aaron for coming to the City and was looking forward to a long working relationship with him; thanked the CORE for all of the extra work that they had handled in the absence of a City Manager; urged everyone to support the Autism walk; thanked Your Creative Escape for stepping up and sponsoring the Easter Egg Hunt; thanked the second graders for their presentation and that the adults had learned a valuable lesson from the kids tonight by showing the City the right path to take and he will work diligently to see that their dreams come true; and that he had the privilege of reading at Greyhound Central to the kindergarten class this past week.

City Manager Desentz reported on the following: thanked Council for giving him the opportunity to serve and that he had already felt welcomed by the Staff and the Community members that he had met; and thanked the class for their presentation.

City Clerk Reinecke reported on the following: welcomed City Manager Desentz; and pledged \$100 to Mrs. Riley's class for the project.

City Treasurer Carr reported on the following: welcomed Aaron to the City Staff; that the second grade presentation was excellent and pledged \$100 toward the project.

Fire Chief McNutt reported on the following: that the kids did an excellent job on their presentation; welcomed the City Manager to the City; and reported to Council that he had provided them with information on the Hover Craft that he had recently driven.

Councilwoman Colestock moved Council go into Closed Session for a Personnel Evaluation at the request of the parties involved; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously. Council went into Closed Session at 7:41 p.m.

Councilwoman Colestock moved Council reconvene back into Open Session; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously. Council reconvened back into Open Session at 7:52 p.m.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve the additional compensation for the City Clerk and City Treasurer for the extra work that they performed as the CORE during the absence of the City Manager; seconded by Councilwoman Colestock, passed unanimously.

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

Paul O. Malewski, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk