

A Worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, April 16, 2018, at 5:00 p.m.

Present were Mayor Malewski and Councilpersons Burke, Harri, Wichman and Colestock. None were absent.

Administrative Staff Present were City Manager Aaron Desentz, City Treasurer Marri Jo Carr, Police Chief Larry Weeks, Fire Chief Roger McNutt, Building Official LeRoy Hummel, Library Director Anna Curtis and City Clerk Kristy Reinecke.

Purpose of the meeting was a worksession. Notice of the meeting was duly given.

Public Comments:

None.

New Business Topics of Discussion were:

City Clerk Reinecke reviewed the request from the Eaton Rapids Ministerial Association for the National Day of Prayer Event to be held on Thursday, May 3rd at 5:00 p.m. at Memorial Park. This item will appear on the April 23rd Agenda for Council Consideration.

City Clerk Reinecke reviewed the Application from Night Magic Displays as well as the Insurance Rider naming the City for the July 4th Activities. This item will appear on the April 23rd Agenda for Council Consideration.

Mayor Malewski reviewed with Council that he will be working with several different groups for the Earth Day Event that will take place on Saturday, April 21st from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. in the Downtown and several City Parks. Council thanked Mayor Malewski for the information.

City Manager Desentz reviewed with Council the new Assessing requirements that need to have Council Approval that have come as requirements from the Audit and the State. City Manager Desentz stated that they relate to items regarding a written policy on auditing of tax exempt properties; a policy to waive the collection of the property transfer affidavit fee; and a policy to allow Board of Review Appeals to be submitted by letter. Council thanked City Manager Desentz for the review. These items will appear on the April 23rd Agenda for Council Consideration.

City Manager Desentz reviewed with Council his recommendation and flow chart for a City Wide Communication Plan. Council reviewed the proposed plan with City Manager Desentz and thanked him for his work in developing the plan. The Communication Plan will be placed in the Personnel Policy and be Considered for Adoption by Council at a later date.

Maureen Wegener from C2AE reviewed with Council the Resolution that needs to be Adopted for the Hall Street Bridge Maintenance Plan Funding. Ms. Wegener reviewed the

funding that would need to be received and the work that would be performed in 2019 if the funding was Granted. This item will appear on the April 23rd Agenda for Council Consideration.

Fire Chief McNutt reviewed with Council the Mutual Aid System Agreement and Resolution that would need to be Adopted by Council for the Box Alarm System Agreement. Council thanked Fire Chief McNutt for the review. This item will appear on the April 23rd Agenda for Council Consideration.

Adam Heff, from WSP, reviewed with Council the sampling and requirements from the DEQ on the old City Landfill. Mr. Heff stated that he is going to petition the DEQ to reduce the sampling program and parameters as there have been no issues at the sight and have this be just one sampling event per calendar year, which would equal two samples in a fiscal year. Mr. Heff stated that he will keep the City informed on any developments. Council thanked Mr. Heff for the review.

Lindsay Peters appeared before Council and gave a brief overview of the Michigan Main Street Program and how the Rising Tide and Redevelopment Ready Programs all tie together. Ms. Peters gave Council dates on upcoming meetings that are being held for the Michigan Main Street Program and urged any Council that had not yet attended an event to do so if they could possibly fit it into their busy schedules. Council thanked Ms. Peters and Councilman Wichman for all of their work on this Program and what a great opportunity this will be for the City and citizens.

Old Business Topics of Discussion were:

Library Director Curtis reviewed with Council the Historical Perspective on how the Library has gotten to the point that it is now at. Library Director Curtis reviewed when the Library was founded, the changes that have been implemented and the possibility of moving forward to a District Library. Council thanked Library Director Curtis for the review.

Mayor Malewski reviewed with Council his desire to have City Hall Office Hours on one Saturday a month. City Clerk Reinecke provided Council with the statistics that had been gathered for the month of March. After a lengthy discussion no further action was taken and the City Hall Office Hours will remain the same.

Public Comments:

Russ Hicks, Columbia Hwy., appeared before Council and gave a river update as well as possible future purchases at the Outdoor Recreation Center.

Reports:

Councilman Burke reported on the following: wanted kudos to go out to the City Crews on their work over the weekend during the ice storm.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: wanted to thank City Staff for all of their hard work over the weekend with the storm event.

Councilman Wichman reported on the following: wanted to thank the Crews for all of their work over the weekend.

Mayor Malewski reported on the following: that the crews did a great job; and that the Rapids can now be viewed on the City's Website.

City Manager Desentz reported on the following: that the new Quality of Life Director will be starting on April 30th; and that he is in the process of interviewing possible candidates for the City for a Labor Attorney.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Paul O. Malewski, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk