

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, April 23, 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 Harri, Wichman and Colestock. Councilman Burke was absent and excused.

The invocation was given by Pastor Lance of Thrive church.

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

Councilman Wichman moved the April 9, 2018, Regular Minutes and the April 2, 2018 and April 16, 2018 Worksession Minutes be approved as printed; seconded by Councilwoman Colestock, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Colestock moved that disbursements in the amount of \$608,480.73, be approved; seconded by Councilman Wichman, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Colestock moved that Council Approve the National Day of Prayer request by the Eaton Rapids Ministerial Association to be held on Thursday, May 3rd at 5:00 p.m. at Memorial Park; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Colestock moved Council approve the Application from Night Magic Displays for the July 4th Fireworks display; seconded by Councilman Wichman, passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve the Resolution fo the auditing procedures for exempt properties as related to Personal Property Taxes; seconded by Councilwoman Colestock, passed unanimously.

Councilman Wichman moved Council approve the Resolution for the waiver of late fees for Property Transfer Affidavits; seconded by Councilwoman Colestock, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Colestock moved Council approve the Resolution to allow letter appeals to the Board of Review; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Colestock moved Council approve the Resolution for the Michigan Department of Transportation Hall Street Bridge maintenance funding ; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilman Wichman moved Council approve the Resolution authorizing the approval of the Eaton Rapids Fire Department to participate in the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Division; seconded by Councilwoman Colestock, passed unanimously.

Suzi Politza, 1310 Montgomery Street, appeared before Council with concerns about parking along Hall Street on the east side and visibility issues.

Steve and Bethany Malone, 405 McArthur River Drive, appeared before Council with issues on work that was performed by Risner Excavating and street repair work.

Rod Schultz, 1303 Montgomery Street, appeared before Council regarding the City Manager being very polite; E911 Compliant; Liability Insurance Coverage for the Council; the fire at the Magnesium Plant; property maintenance issues; the bushes at the Cemetery; and the utility rate change.

Barb Rogers, Eaton County Commissioner, appeared before Council and thanked Mayor Malewski and Councilwoman Colestock for attending their last Commissioner's meeting; and gave an update on Crandall Park and the proposed Solar Energy Ordinance.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: that the Council of Government meeting that was held last week was a very good group that works really well together and works cooperatively and it is nice to see everyone coming to the table collectively with ideas on how to improve the Eaton Rapids area.

Councilwoman Colestock reported on the following: thanked Mayor Malewski and the volunteers for all of their hard work over the weekend for the Earth Day event and that the downtown and the parks look great; that the Council of Governments meetings are very productive and the three governments work well together and have the same goal to make the community better; that with Memorial Day coming up was hoping that the Mausoleum could be open during this weekend or at the very least on Memorial Day; and reminded everyone that the Eaton Rapids Medical Center Open House is being held on Thursday from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Councilman Wichman reported on the following: that the COG meetings are very encouraging as everyone is thinking about the community as a whole instead of individual municipalities; thanked Mayor Malewski for going above and beyond with his efforts and community projects that he is involved in; that last Tuesday he had attended an Army Corp of Engineers seminar regarding high water issues and assistance that was very educational.

City Manager Desentz reported on the following: that on Friday there will be a follow-up meeting for the Rising Tide Project with the MEDC at 9:00 a.m.; and that the fire at the Mag Plant had been contained and the DEQ had been made aware and testing has already been done.

Mayor Malewski reported on the following: read a letter of thanks from Governor Rick Snyder for Eaton Rapids being a part of the Michigan Main Street Program, Redevelopment Ready Program and the Rising Tide Program; that he had helped at the School on Friday with Earth Day activities; that on Saturday the Earth Day Event had over 55 participants that had assisted with the downtown and park clean-ups; that they are planning another community clean-up event in mid May; and that on the City's Website there is now a Live Rapids Cam that can be watched.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Paul O. Malewski, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk