

A Worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, May 7, 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, Fire Chief Roger McNutt and City Clerk Kristy Reinecke. Police Chief Larry Weeks was in attendance at the meeting but had to leave due to an emergency.

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

City Manager Desentz introduced Lindsey Zeller, the Quality of Life Director, to the City Council. Quality of Life Director Zeller thanked Council for the opportunity to be a part of the City team. City Council welcomed her. After the introduction Quality of Life Director Zeller excused herself from the meeting.

**Public Comments:**

Mark McGee, 238 ½ S. Main Street, appeared before Council and stated that he was here for the Food Truck discussion and would hold his comments until the second Public Comments.

**New Business Topics of Discussion were:**

City Clerk Reinecke reviewed the Special Event Requests from the AmVets for the Memorial Day Parade; Relay for Life for placing ribbons on poles and trees; GAR Museum request for the Annual Civil War Discovery Camp; GAR Museum request for the Civil War Living History Event on July 4<sup>th</sup>; and the FFA request for Interactive Stations at GAR Park and Mill Pointe Park on May 31<sup>st</sup>. City Clerk Reinecke stated that these items will appear on the May 14<sup>th</sup> Agenda for Council consideration.

Police Chief Weeks reviewed Traffic Control Order #107 on West Hamlin Street which is currently "Two Hour Parking from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m." Police Chief Weeks stated that Council would need to act on TCO #107 in order to have these signs stay in place. This item will appear on the May 14<sup>th</sup> Agenda for Council consideration.

At this point of the meeting Chief Weeks excused himself due to an emergency.

City Manager Desentz reviewed with Council the proposed Resolution to participate in the MEDC Redevelopment Ready Program. City Manager Desentz gave Council a brief overview on how the Redevelopment Ready Program works and how it ties together with the Michigan Main Street and the Rising Tide Programs. City Manager Desentz stated that there were some training dates that were coming up for the Redevelopment Ready Program and he will get this information to Council for anyone who was interested in attending. This item will appear on the May 14<sup>th</sup> Agenda for Council consideration.

City Manager Desentz reviewed with Council the project that is being proposed at Dowding Industries through Franklin Energy and the Energy Optimization Plan. City Manager Desentz stated that the City's Energy Optimization Plan goal is \$30,000, but the City has the ability to exceed this and the extra monies would be put towards next years goal. City Manager Desentz stated that he had met with Franklin Energy and Dowding has a project relating to their air compressors that would be close to a \$20,000 project. Council agreed to have Franklin Energy proceed with the project at Dowding Industries and thanked City Manager Desentz for the information.

City Clerk Reinecke reviewed with Council that they had previously approved the Fireworks Display Permit through Night Magic, but the permit had stated that the event would be held at Howe Field and Council was now considering having the event at the High School Football Stadium. Mayor Malewski stated that he had talked to Superintendent DeFrance and that they were in agreement with having the fireworks at this location. Council discussed the movie event following the fireworks, and with the location being moved, agreed that the movie could be shown on Tuesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Amphitheater. Fire Chief McNutt stated that he had contacted Roger Bonnie from Night Magic and a new Permit will be submitted to Council with the correct location. This item will appear on the May 14<sup>th</sup> Agenda for Council consideration.

City Manager Desentz reviewed with Council his desire to have a Council Rules and Procedures manual put together. City Manager Desentz stated that these Rules and Procedures would follow the City Charter and the City Code, but would make it easier for Council and citizens to understand how meetings would be run, how decisions were made, how things were placed on the Agenda, etc., City Manager Desentz stated that he had given Council several different documents from other City's to review and look at and that this will be a continued topic of discussion and Council review at future Worksessions until a Policy that was acceptable to Council could be drawn up. Council thanked City Manager Desentz for the information. This item will continue to appear on future Council Worksessions.

Mayor Malewski reviewed with Council the Lease Agreement that had been granted to Las Flores, LLC for their location near the Outdoor Recreation Center. After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the Council that this was not a valid Lease Agreement as it had not been approved by Council and was in violation of the City Charter and the City Code and the previous City Manager did not have the authorization to sign the Lease Agreement. Council agreed that this topic needed to be discussed at a future worksession on how Council wanted to proceed with Food Trucks in the City. Due to the extenuating circumstances and the unauthorized Lease Agreement that had expired on May 1<sup>st</sup> of 2018, Councilwoman Colestock moved to extend the Lease Agreement for 30 days until June 1, 2018, to allow Council to further review the situation; seconded by Councilman Wichman, passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**Old Business Topics of Discussion were:**

None.

**Public Comments:**

Mark McGee, 238 ½ S. Main Street, appeared before Council, stating that he is in favor of Food Trucks and would hate to see the City not allow Food Trucks. Mr. McGee stated that this was how he got his start as he did not have the monies for a brick and mortar restaurant, but because of his Food Truck success now had a restaurant in the City. Council thanked Mr. McGee for his comments.

**Reports:**

Councilwoman Colestock reported on the following: that she had questions regarding the City Assessor Contract and also with the selection of a Labor Attorney.

City Manager Desentz stated that the City had found the Contract with the City Assessor, it was just the copy that the City had was not a signed document but that they would get this rectified and proceed with the Contract. Council thanked City Manager Desentz for the update.

City Manager Desentz stated that he was recommending to Council to proceed with the firm of Mika Meyers out of Grand Rapids as the City's Labor Attorney. City Manager Desentz stated that he had attended several conferences where they were the speakers and felt that they would be a good fit for the City for the Labor Attorney. Councilman Burke moved Council approve the firm of Mika Meyers for the City's Labor Attorney; seconded by Councilwoman Colestock, passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Burke reported on the following: thanked all of the City Employees and Staff for everything that they have done and are doing to help with the Mag Plant and all of the rescue efforts. That this could have been a horrible disaster and the outcome by all the Departments was incredible, so kudos to everyone.

Councilman Wichman reported on the following: asked City Manager Desentz if he could provide Council with a current update on the Mag Plant. City Manager Desentz stated that roughly 300 employees were currently on lay-off status. City Manager Desentz stated that crews were working diligently to get things up and running, that currently Plants 4 and 5 were operational, and that it was Magnesium's goal to be up and fully operational within 120 days.

Mayor Malewski reported on the following: that he had attended a meeting at the Mag Plant where the MEDC, Michigan Works and the Unemployment Agency were all in attendance and that he had pledged the City's support of their efforts; that he will be attending a meeting on Thursday at 11:00 with all Mag Plant employees that will be held out at the VFW National

Home; and that he had asked the Mag Plant to supply him with a list of all employees who worked for them that lived in the City to see if there was anything further that the City could assist with.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Paul O. Malewski, Mayor

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Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk