

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

Present were Mayor Malewski and Councilpersons Burke, Wichman and Colestock. Councilman Harri was absent and excused.

Administrative Staff Present were City Manager Aaron Desentz, Police Chief Larry Weeks, Library Director Anna Curtis, Assistant Fire Chief Scott Perry 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:**

Library Director Curtis reviewed with Council the proposed District Library Agreement with the City and Eaton Rapids and Hamlin Townships. Library Director Curtis stated that the Townships had minor changes that they were wishing to add to the Contract. Council reviewed the Contract and gave their thoughts and changes that they would like to see added to the Contract. Library Director Curtis stated that this will be a topic of discussion at the COG Meeting on Thursday and hopefully with the changes that will be added, the Townships and the City can pass the Resolution that is needed to send the Agreement to the State for approval so that this can be then sent to the County for ballot language approval by August 14<sup>th</sup>. Library Director Curtis stated that it is her desire to have this on the November ballot for consideration. Council thanked Library Director Curtis for the review.

City Manager Desentz reviewed with Council that the next step in the Project Rising Tides is to have a Steering Committee formed so that they can review the information/concerns that were gathered at the public forums that were held. Mayor Malewski reviewed with Council that he has a list of names for the Steering Committee, but would like several more names from Council as he wants to break the Steering Committee into three different sub-committee groups that would be the Traffic Issue; Housing Issue; and River Issues. Mayor Malewski asked that names be given to the City Clerk who will contact the individuals to see if they are interested in being a part of the Steering Committee. Mayor Malewski stated that he would like Councilman Wichman to serve as the Liaison between the Council and the Steering Committee. Council agreed that Councilman Wichman would be good in this position. Mayor Malewski stated that he will keep Council informed with the additional names that would be recommended and how the break down of the sub-committees would be assigned.

WWTP Foreman Perry reviewed with Council the recommendation for a purchase of a truck for the WWTP. Mayor Malewski stated that this was a budgeted item. City Manager Desentz asked that if it would be Council's desire to have these major purchases reviewed at a Worksession and then just an agreement to proceed with the purchase as these were

budgeted items and therefore would not need to go to a Council Meeting. Council agreed that this would be a better way to proceed as it was already a budgeted item. Council thanked WWTP Foreman Perry for the review and agreed to proceed with the budgeted purchase of a truck for the WWTP.

Police Chief Weeks reviewed with Council the request to purchase a new vehicle for the Police Department. Chief Weeks stated that this is a budgeted item. Chief Weeks stated that the only difference from what was budgeted is that this will be a 2019 vehicle instead of a 2018, but will be the same cost. Council thanked Chief Weeks for the review and agreed to proceed with the budgeted purchase of a new vehicle for the Department.

Police Chief Weeks reviewed with Council the request for new body cameras for the Department. Chief Weeks stated that he was requesting 9 cameras and that right now he was down to only 2 working cameras. Chief Weeks stated that this is a budgeted item. Council thanked Chief Weeks for the review and agreed to proceed with the budgeted purchase of new body cameras for the Department.

**Old Business Topics of Discussion were:**

Mayor Malewski reviewed with Council the Hall Street Parking issue. Mayor Malewski stated that this was discussed at the last DDA Meeting per Council request, and it was the consensus of the DDA to have some of the spaces removed due to safety issues. After a lengthy discussion Council was in agreement to have all of the spaces on the East Side of Hall Street removed as not only was it a safety concern for citizens, but it was also a concern for the Police Department when traffic had to be detoured onto Hall Street due to special events. Police Chief Weeks stated that he would get in contact with Senior Foreman Nobach and have the painted parking spots removed.

Police Chief Weeks and Assistant Fire Chief Perry left at this point of the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

City Manager Desentz reviewed with Council the Lease that Council had agreed to for the Food Truck that is located by the Outdoor Recreation Center, and that this Lease is only good until October. City Manager Desentz stated that he needed direction from Council on how they wanted to proceed with food trucks in the City. After a lengthy discussion it was the consensus of the Council to have City Manager Desentz work on language to allow food trucks, and also to have the DDA review a possible location to have food trucks all in one location.

City Manager Desentz reviewed with Council Chapters 3 and 4 of the Council Rules and Procedures and went over the language changes. Council thanked City Manager Desentz for the review. This item will continue to be reviewed at future Worksessions.

**Public Comments:**

Susan Politza, 1310 Montgomery Street, appeared before Council regarding the Hall Street parking and thanked them for removing the spaces.

**Reports:**

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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Paul O. Malewski, Mayor

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Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk