

A Worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Tuesday, September 4, 2018, at 5:00 p.m.

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

Administrative Staff Present were City Manager Aaron Desentz, Police Chief Larry Weeks, Fire Chief Roger McNutt, Building Official LeRoy Hummel, Quality of Life Director Lindsey Zeller and City Clerk Kristy Reinecke.

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

Public Comments:

Marty Martin, 4885 West Street, appeared before Council regarding Food Trucks operating in the City.

Scott Warriner, 260 William Durfee Drive, appeared before Council regarding Pickle Ball.

Deb Malewski and Danielle Raad, appeared before Council regarding Eaton Rapids Air.

New Business Topics of Discussion were:

Building Official Hummel reviewed with Council the fence installation request from the property owner at 804 Cumberland Drive. The owner of the property, Mr. Jim Harmon, presented to Council the plan that he has for the decorative fence to be installed and the need for an easement as it is in the Right-of-Way. Council asked Police Chief Weeks to review the property to make sure that there would be no safety issues with granting the easement and get back to Council so that this can be placed on the September 10th Agenda for Council consideration.

Building Official Hummel and City Manager Desentz reviewed with Council the current Ordinance that is in place for property maintenance issues and how time consuming and cumbersome this process is and the length of time that it takes to get issues addressed. After a lengthy discussion it was the consensus of the Council to have City Manager Desentz work with the City Attorney to come up with new proposed language for an Ordinance that would allow quicker action as well as possible legal action to resolve the issues in a timely manner as well as give the Building Official more authority to handle situations. This item will appear on a future worksession for continued review and discussion.

Quality of Life Director Zeller reviewed with Council the Parks and Recreation Assessment Report of the various parks around the City and the needs and issues with the various facilities. Quality of Life Director Zeller reviewed the Mill Pointe Park project list and the monies that are still currently available for use in this area. After a lengthy discussion it was the consensus of the Council to proceed with spending approximately \$7,000 in preparation for the MEDC visit for the video and work on cleaning and sprucing up the area for this visit.

It was also the consensus of Council that after the monies had been spent for the clean-up project and preparation for the MEDC visit to come back to Council and report to them on the remaining funds that are available for future projects at Mill Pointe Park and then Council will direct the Quality of Life Director on prioritization of the projects depending on funding as well as the Parks and Recreation Master Plan review.

Council also asked for information on the monies that are available to be spent at Howe Field that was part of the insurance funds that had been received from the demolition of the football press box and the projects that are needed to happen at Howe Field and the funding available so that this area could be prioritized as well along with the Parks and Recreation Master Plan review.

Council thanked Quality of Life Director Zeller for the information and presentation.

Quality of Life Director Zeller reviewed with Council the Special Event request for the Eaton Rapids Air Event as well as the various Ordinances that would need to be waived for the event which include the Noise Ordinance, Burning Ordinance and the Camping Ordinance. This item will appear on the September 10th Agenda for Council consideration.

City Manager Desentz reviewed with Council the recommendation that the MPPA is making for future power purchases. City Manager Desentz asked if there were questions that Council had that needed to be addressed. Council had several questions regarding the Purchase Agreement and City Manager Desentz stated that he will get with MPPA and come back to Council with the information as the Agreement does not need to be done until the end of October.

City Manager Desentz reviewed with Council the recommendation from Franklin Energy for Precision Prototype to received a \$16,000 Energy Credit Rebate for the work that they are doing at their facility to become more energy efficient. This item will appear on the September 10th Agenda for Council consideration.

City Manager Desentz reviewed with Council the quotes that had been received for hot patch in certain areas of the City. City Manager Desentz stated that this is a budgeted item. Council instructed City Manager Desentz to proceed with the quote from American Asphalt in the amount of \$10,850.

Old Business:

City Manager Desentz reviewed with Council the discussion that he had with the Food Truck Vendor located at Mill Pointe Park and that it was their intent to stay there until December 31st and then come back to the location in February. After a lengthy discussion it was the consensus of the Council to have City Manager Desentz draft an extension to the Lease Agreement allowing the Vendor to stay at this location until the end of December, at which time they would then need to remove their trailer for the winter months. Council further

stated that they will continue to discuss the Food Truck issue and come up with clear and concise language that would address this issue.

Public Comments:

Patrick McNutt, 751F Island Court, appeared before Council regarding Mill Pointe Park.

Reports:

Councilwoman Colestock reported on the following: that she had visited the brush dump during the past week and that the gates have been left open at all hours and the need for the City to adhere to the hours set.

Councilman Wichman reported on the following: that the City needs to raise the bar for residents and keep our promises and set a good example.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Paul O. Malewski, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk