

A Worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, October 1, 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, City Treasurer Marrie Jo Carr, Quality of Life Director Lindsey Zeller, Building Official LeRoy Hummel 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:

Tara Tyler, from MERS, and John Lepinski, from Mercer, appeared before Council and gave a presentation on several different options that their organizations could offer to the City for OPEB. Council thanked them for the presentation and the information.

Quality of Life Director Zeller reviewed with Council the Special Events Request for the Main Street Trick-or-Treat Event that is scheduled for October 24th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., with a rain date of October 25th. Quality of Life Director Zeller reviewed with Council that there have been additions to the Special Event request and that the new document will be included in the packet for the October 8th Council Meeting. Council thanked Quality of Life Director Zeller for the review. This item will appear on the October 8th Agenda for Council consideration.

Quality of Life Director Zeller and Arts Council Representative Christopher Sebastian reviewed with Council the Arts Council Bridge Lighting Project. Quality of Life Director Zeller reviewed the Budget with Council for the Project as well as demonstrated the lights that were being recommended to be purchased. Quality of Life Director Zeller stated that it was the desire to purchase 9 lights, but with the budget costs coming in higher than anticipated they would only be able to purchase 8 lights. Mayor Malewski proposed to Council that the cost of the Electric Department to wire the project be split between the City and the Arts Council project so that the cost could be shared, which would allow for the purchase of the 9th light that the Arts Council was desiring. Council agreed with the Mayor's proposal and instructed Quality of Life Director Zeller to move forward with the project and thanked her for the presentation.

Quality of Life Director Zeller stated that the next item on the Agenda, the ER Health Alliance Grant Proposal, was no longer something that the ER Health Alliance wished to pursue.

Councilwoman Colestock presented Council with photos that she had taken around the City and concerns that she had with the Sidewalk Program and work not being done this year. After a lengthy discussion City Manager Desentz stated that bids will be sent out in February for work to begin in April of 2019 and that this item will be included in the budget process for 2019-2020.

Old Business:

City Manager Desentz reviewed with Council the Joint Parks and Recreation Plan quotes that had been received. City Manager Desentz stated that this cost will be split between the City and Eaton Rapids and Hamlin Townships. City Manager Desentz stated that the Townships had already approved the quote from McKenna Associates. This item will appear on the October 8th Agenda for Council consideration.

City Manager Desentz and Building Inspector Hummel reviewed with Council the proposed Property Maintenance Code Ordinance draft. City Manager Desentz stated that this will cut the time frame down that property owners will have to get property maintenance issues resolved. This item will appear on the October 8th Agenda for First Reading.

Public Comments:

Russ Hicks, Columbia Hwy., appeared before Council regarding the ORC Center.

Reports:

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Paul O. Malewski, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk