

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Monday, November 26, 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, Burke, Wichman and Colestock. None were absent.

The invocation was given by Pastor Jim Riley of the Eaton Rapids Assembly of God church.

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

Councilman Wichman moved the November 12, 2018, Regular Minutes and the November 19, 2018, Worksession Minutes be approved as printed; seconded by Councilwoman Colestock, passed unanimously.

Councilman Burke moved that disbursements in the amount of \$435,771.53, be approved; seconded by Councilman Wichman, passed unanimously.

Lindsay Peters and Don McNabb appeared before Council regarding the Michigan Main Street Program and the Application that is due on December 7th. Ms. Peters stated that they have received letters of support and pledges of support for the Michigan Main Street Program. Mayor Malewski asked that further questions from Council be answered during the discussion of the Agenda Item.

Councilwoman Colestock read for Second Reading and Adoption Ordinance 2018-8, an Ordinance to add Chapter 23, Marihuanna Establishments, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Eaton Rapids, Eaton County, to prohibit Marihuanna establishments as defined in the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuanna Act; repeal conflicting Ordinance; and prescribe a penalty for violations; seconded by Councilman Burke. City Attorney John Staran reviewed with Council the proposed Ordinance and the impact that it would have on the City. City Attorney Staran stated that the new language that was passed by the Michigan Voters will go into effect on December 6th. Council thanked City Attorney Staran for the review. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Wichman moved Council approve the Arts Committee's recommendation for the Public Art Guideline; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilman Burke moved Council approve the Resolution Establishing a Formal Partnership with, and Commitment to the Michigan Main Street Program; seconded by Councilman Harri. DDA Chair Don McNabb and Lindsay Peters reviewed the program and the structure that the new Michigan Main Street Director would have with the DDA and the City. Council thanked Chair McNabb and Ms. Peters for the review. The Resolution passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve for the City to join LEAP at a cost of \$1,000 and to have the City Manager be the City's Representative on the LEAP Board; seconded by Councilman Wichman, passed unanimously.

County Commissioner Barb Rogers appeared before Council thanking them for their action on Marihuana Establishments in the City; and updated the Council on County meetings and happenings.

Police Chief Weeks reported on the following: that with the passage of the Marihuana Law, that Council would need to re-evaluate the City's Ordinance for compliance; showed Council the new body cameras; and reminded everyone about the Food Drive that will be happening on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Family Fare.

City Manager Desentz reported on the following: that he is beginning to work on the Budget preparation and will have a schedule to Council after the first of the year; that he has been working on OPEB issues; and that the City will be transferring their 457 Plan to MERS after the first of the year.

Councilwoman Colestock reported on the following: that Saturday is the Eaton Rapids Hometown Family Christmas event and that there are events scheduled all day long and urged everyone to get out and enjoy a great time.

Councilman Burke reported on the following: that the Eaton Rapids Hometown Parade is fun all weekend long and get out and enjoy the beautiful downtown.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: thanked Council for moving ahead on many items and that things passed tonight were along the path and in the right direction.

Mayor Malewski reported on the following: that Eaton Rapids is a better place to live and to work and that things are moving forward and everything has come together over the past year; thanked Chris Sebastian, Wayne Ash, Doug Kunkel and the Zellers for their work on the Island of Lights project on Sunday; that the bridge lights will be changed to red for the Christmas season; that December 1st is the Hometown Family Christmas Event and it is a great time and that the tree will be going up on Hamlin Court this week.

Councilwoman Colestock moved the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Paul O. Malewski, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk