

A Worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, December 3, 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, Police Chief Larry Weeks, Fire Chief Roger McNutt, City Treasurer Marrie Jo Carr 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:

Mayor Malewski reviewed with Council the 2019 Council Meeting dates and times. After a lengthy discussion it was the consensus of the Council to have Council Worksessions be on the 2nd and 4th Monday's of the month at 5:00 p.m., prior to the Regularly scheduled meeting and see if this would work. This item will appear on the December 10th Agenda for Council consideration.

Mayor Malewski reviewed with Council his recommendation to appoint Helen Broom to the Quality of Life Board to replace Linda Gillentine who has moved outside of the City. This item will appear on the December 10th Agenda for Council consideration.

City Manager Desentz reviewed with Council the Resolution that Council would need to consider adopting at a future meeting for the MERS OPEB Trust. City Manager Desentz stated that he is still working on finalizing this with MERS and will bring back to Council at a future date for further discussion.

City Manager Desentz reviewed with Council the MERS 457 Plan Resolution. City Manager Desentz stated that the City would be moving monies from employees VOYA Accounts to the MERS Plan, but in order to do this Council would need to adopt the Resolution. After a lengthy discussion it was the consensus of the Council to move forward with this and to have City Manager Desentz set up meetings with MERS for them to come in and answer questions of employees prior to the transfer. This item will appear on the December 10th Agenda for Council consideration.

City Manager Desentz reviewed with Council the Administrative Staff Health Insurance options and proposals for getting Administrative Staff employees up to State guidelines for funding Health Insurance. Council thanked City Manager Desentz for the review.

Unfinished and Special Business:

City Manager Desentz, City Treasurer Carr and City Clerk Reinecke reviewed with Council the Utility Billing Software and the different site visits that the Treasurer and Clerk had gone to and the software that had been demonstrated. City Manager Desentz stated that it was his recommendation to proceed with the Utility Billing Software proposal from BS&A. City Manager Desentz stated that this was a budgeted item. Councilwoman Colestock moved that Council approve the City Manager's recommendation to purchase the Utility Billing Software from BS&A; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

City Manager Desentz reviewed with Council the final Chapter of the Council Handbook. City Manager Desentz stated that he will make the recommended changes and bring back the completed Handbook to Council at a Worksession in January to review one final time and then have Council formally adopt the Handbook. Council thanked City Manager Desentz for his work on the Handbook.

Public Comments:

Russ Hicks, Columbia Hwy., appeared before Council and presented them with a State Dam Report.

Reports:

Councilman Wichman reported on the following: that the Michigan Main Street Application is due on Thursday and urged everyone to get in a letter of support for the project.

Police Chief Weeks reported on the following: that he had reviewed the City's drug paraphernalia ordinance and that it was unrelated to the new Marijuana law that had passed. Councilman Burke asked how College Campus' were able to enforce the Federal Law. Police Chief Weeks explained how this could happen to Council.

Mayor Malewski reported on the following: asked if the destruction of the Welcome Center was being prosecuted. Police Chief Weeks stated that the City should look at investing in a better camera system at this location.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Paul O. Malewski, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk