

March 11, 2019
City Council Meeting

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, March 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Malewski called the meeting to order.

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

The invocation was given by Katie Lance of Thrive Church.

Councilwoman Colestock moved to approve the agenda with the addition of MERS Authorized Signatories Resolution under new business; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri moved to approve the February 25th worksession minutes and the February 25th council meeting minutes; seconded by Councilwoman Colestock, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Burke moved to approve the disbursements of \$322,122.93; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Public Comments: None.

Unfinished and Special Business: None.

New Business Topics of Discussion were:

Mayor Malewski gave his recommendation to appoint William (Bill) Steele to the Board of Review. Councilwoman Colestock moved to approve William (Bill) Steele's appointment to the Board of Review; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

Clerk Boomer read for the First Reading of Ordinance 2019-01. An ordinance to amend section 15-16 of Article II of Chapter 15, Use of Tobacco Products by Minor. This was for First Reading only, no Council action was required.

Clerk Boomer read for the First Reading of Ordinance 2019-02. An ordinance to add section 15-16A of Article II of Chapter 15, Use of Vaping Devices by Minor. This was for First Reading only, no Council action was required.

Councilman Harri moved to adopt the MERS Retiree Health Funding Vehicle Uniform Resolution to establish a retiree health care trust fund; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Colestock moved to approve the MERS Health Care Savings Program Participation Agreement to establish a health care savings program for newly hired administrative employees; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

Councilman Burke moved to approve the MERS Defined Benefit Plan Adoption Agreement to create a new unit for public works and utilities group; seconded by Councilwoman Colestock, passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri moved to adopt the Resolution Establishing Authorized Signatories for MERS Contracts and Service Credit Purchase Approvals; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

Public Comments: None

Reports:

Police Chief Weeks reported that vaping related calls to the schools have declined since the original ordinance was adopted. Advised disposal of vaping paraphernalia is now a concern. Reported that he has received calls from other police departments regarding the vaping ordinance and their desire to adopt one.

City Manager Desentz reported that he is working on the budget. Budget committee meetings will begin this week with the special revenue funds.

Councilwoman Colestock reported that she attended the Palliative Care / Hospice Auction and that many Eaton Rapids businesses contributed. She attended an ER Air volunteer meeting and reported there is a lot of interest in volunteering for the event. Reported that Fred Wagner has sold Abie's Bar, the oldest bar in Eaton County, after 30+ years of ownership. Reported that the GAR Museum is co-sponsoring the Memorial Day Parade and sponsoring a live encampment as part of the 4th of July event. They have many new items on display at the museum.

City Clerk Boomer reported that she is settling in. She is working on the filing system and record retention.

Councilman Harri reported that he believes the vaping by minor ordinance is important to the health and safety of minors.

Mayor Malewski that he and local resident were featured in a national publication by the American Canoe Association. The Eaton Rapids Area waterway was also featured. He is the member of the month. Reported that the Michigan Main Street presentation went well.

Councilwoman Colestock moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Paul O. Malewski, Mayor

Laura Boomer, City Clerk