

March 11, 2019

Worksession

A Worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, March 11, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

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

Administrative Staff Present were City Manager Desentz, Police Chief Weeks, Quality of Life Director Zeller, and Clerk Boomer.

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

Public Comments: None

New Business Topics of Discussion were:

Keith Harrison presented information on the proposed GAR 4th of July event. Police Chief weeks recommended social media notifications leading up to the event to prevent unnecessary calls to 911. Councilman Harri moved to approve the GAR event permit, second by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

Quality of Life Director Zeller presented proposed changes to park hours as recommended by the Quality of Life Board. Proposed changes include making Oak Ridge Park and Playground of Dreams hours from dawn to dusk and all other City Parks from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. City Council discussed the proposed changes. Councilwoman Colestock moved to approve the proposed park hours as recommended by the Quality of Life Board and to amend the Parks Ordinance to set hours by Council resolution; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Mayor Malewski advised he is recommending the appointment of Bill Steele to the Board of Review.

City Manager Desentz discussed the creation of a Generator Operator Assistant Position. Councilman Burke moved to authorize City Manager Desentz to move forward with the Generator Operator Assistant position and post it both internally and externally; seconded by Councilwoman Colestock, passed unanimously.

City Manager discussed the MERS OPEB Prefunding Trust Resolution. This will fulfill the requirements of the PA 202 Corrective Action Plan. It is on the regular meeting agenda.

City Manager Desentz discussed the MERS Retiree Health Funding Vehicle Resolution. It is on the regular meeting agenda.

City Manager Desentz discussed the MERS New Pension Unit Resolution. It is on the regular meeting agenda.

Unfinished and Special Business: None.

Public Comments: None

Reports:

Police Chief Weeks reported on road patrol staffing.

City Manger Desentz reported that he will be attending a Hospital / Ambulance meeting on Wednesday. He is attending the MPPA meeting on Wednesday. He reported that there will be a retiree meeting on Thursday and that budget committee meetings start Thursday with the special revenue funds. Friday LDFA meets and will discuss their budget and potential projects. City Manager Desentz reported that he has been appointed to the Eastern Michigan University Advisory Panel for the MPA program.

Clerk Boomer discussed utility billing. She also discussed with Council ways to promote customer service.

Mayor Malewski asked Police Chief Weeks for clarification on the lock down drill that occurred at ERPS. Mayor Malewski requested that Chief Weeks attend the Michigan Rural Healthcare Interview to assist with a few law enforcement related questions.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Paul O. Malewski, Mayor

Laura Boomer, City Clerk