

April 22, 2019
City Council Meeting

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, April 22, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Malewski called the meeting to order.

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

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

Councilwoman Colestock moved to approve the agenda as printed; seconded by Councilman Wichman, passed unanimously.

Councilman Wichman moved to approve the April 4th special meeting minutes, the April 8th worksession minutes and the April 8th council meeting minutes; seconded by Councilwoman Colestock, passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri moved to approve the disbursements of \$472,452.31 seconded by Councilman Wichman, passed unanimously.

Public Comments: None.

Unfinished and Special Business: None.

New Business:

Councilwoman Colestock moved for the Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 2019-03, An ordinance to amend sections 9-45 and 9-47 of Article V of Chapter 9, Fire Prevention and Protection, to modify and reduce the days and times when the ignition, discharge, and use of consumer fireworks is lawful and prescribe a penalty; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilman Wichman moved for the Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 2019-04, An ordinance to amend sections 16-7 and 16-9 of Article I of Chapter 16, Parks and Recreation, to establish hours of operation for the City Parks and prescribe a penalty for violations; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Clerk Boomer read for the First Reading of Ordinance 2019-05 Amendment to Section 15-2 of Article I of Chapter 15, Possession or use of Marijuana to comply with the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act.

Building Official Hummel presented a variance request for a fence installation for 704 Hyatt Street, Michael & Morgan Garner. He reported that the utility pole located within the proposed fenced area is going to be replaced per Electric Senior Foreman. Mr. Garner was in attendance and answered Council's questions.

Councilman Harri moved to approve the variance for construction of a fence at 704 Hyatt Street based on the abnormally shaped lot; seconded by Councilwoman Colestock, passed unanimously.

Public Comments:

County Commissioner Barb Rogers appeared before Council. She reported that a magistrate has been hired. On June 8th there will be a Waterfest at Crandall Park. Reported that the Commissioner for District 14 is moving out of the jurisdiction and a replacement will be appointed.

J. Zachrich, 870 S. Michigan, appeared before Council regarding pickleball courts.

Reports:

Police Chief Weeks asked for clarification of the fines for the fireworks ordinance adopted earlier. Clerk Boomer advised the penalty for violation is that of a civil infraction as set forth in the City Ordinances.

Councilman Wichman reported that he attended the County Emergency Management Conference. Also attended the Michigan Main Street baseline assessment. Reported that both offered great information.

Councilman Harri thanked City Manger Desentz for his work on the budget presentation.

Councilwoman Colestock reported that she attended the Main Street meeting. Commented that some businesses reported not knowing about the event. Advised that she wants to make sure information is getting out.

Mayor Malewski reported he participated in an Earth Day event at the Schools. He spent Sunday cleaning the river. Advised that trash is overflowing from the QD dumpsters and into the river.

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Paul O. Malewski, Mayor

Laura Boomer, City Clerk