

May 13, 2019
City Council Meeting

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, May 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Malewski called the meeting to order.

Present were Mayor Malewski and Councilpersons Harri, Colestock, Burke, and Wichman.

The invocation was given by Pastor Marty DeBow of First United Methodist Church of Eaton Rapids.

Councilman Harri moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Attorney RFP Discussion and May 28th Meeting location Discussion under New Business; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Colestock moved to approve the May 7th special meeting minutes, the April 22nd worksession minutes and the April 22nd council meeting minutes; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilman Wichman moved to approve the disbursements of \$739,230.69 seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

Public Comments: None.

Unfinished and Special Business: None.

New Business:

Mayor Malewski gave his recommendation to appoint Alaina O'Mara to the Quality of Life Board and the Quality of Life Board Subcommittee- Parks Development to complete an unexpired term. Councilman Burke moved to appoint Alaina O'Mara to the Quality of Life Board for an unexpired term and the Quality of Life Board Subcommittee- Parks Development; seconded by Councilman Wichman, passed unanimously.

Mayor Malewski gave his recommendation to appoint Kathy Kae to the Quality of Life Board Subcommittee- Arts Council.

Councilman Harri moved to appoint Kathy Kae to the Quality of Life Subcommittee- Arts Council; seconded by Councilwoman Colestock, passed unanimously.

Mayor Malewski gave his recommendation to appoint Charles Cartwright to the Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate Position.

Councilman Burke moved to appoint Charles Cartwright to the Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate Position; seconded by Councilman Wichman, passed unanimously.

Mayor Malewski gave his recommendation to appoint Rachel Willey to the Downtown Development Authority to complete an unexpired term.

Councilman Wichman moved to appoint Rachel Willey to the Downtown Development Authority for an unexpired term; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Colestock moved for the Second 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; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed by roll call vote: Burke, aye; Harri, aye; Colestock, aye; Wichman, aye; Malewski, no.

City Manager Desentz presented 3 RFP's for attorney services. Council discussed retainer versus hourly fee structure. Councilwoman Colestock moved to award the legal services contract to Harkness Law Firm effective July 1, 2019 with an hourly rate for civil law services and a retainer for criminal law services; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

Building Official Hummel presented the request for rezoning to PUD application for Haven Condominiums. Forsberg Development Team was in attendance and answered Council's questions. Councilwoman Colestock moved to approve the rezoning application for Haven Condominiums; seconded by Councilman Wichman, passed unanimously.

Building Official Hummel presented the site condo application for Haven Condominiums. Forsberg Development Team was in attendance and answered Council's questions. Councilman Wichman moved to approve the site condo application for Haven Condominiums; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Colestock moved to adopt the Resolution to Establish Park Hours, as authorized by Ordinance 2019-04, to be Oakridge Park and Playground of Dreams from dawn to dusk and all other City Parks from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed by roll call vote: Harri, aye; Colestock, aye; Wichman, aye; Burke, aye; Malewski, aye.

Council discussed the May 28th meeting location. Mayor Malewski suggested Council meet at G.A.R. Island Park. Concerns were given by Councilwoman Colestock and Councilman Harri.

Public Comments:

Rob South, 302 S. River Street, appeared before Council regarding the code enforcement violation notice he received. Commented on the meeting location discussion.

Leah South, 302 S. River Street, appeared before Council regarding the code enforcement violation notice and loose dogs.

Reports:

Police Chief Weeks reported that the Family Fare robbery suspect has been arrested. Reported that an incident occurred on State Street involving a bike and the rider was injured.

Mayor Malewski commented on his "no" vote on Ordinance 2019-05 Marijuana Use. Reported that he attended the Chamber Dinner and that it was well attended.

Councilwoman Colestock reported that she attended the Lions Club Dinner and read the Council Resolution.

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Paul O. Malewski, Mayor

Laura Boomer, City Clerk