

May 28, 2019
City Council Meeting

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Tuesday, May 28, 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 Katie Lance of Thrive Church.

Councilman Harri moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Councilwoman Colestock passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Colestock moved to approve the May 13th worksession minutes and the May 13th council meeting minutes; seconded by Councilman Wichman, passed unanimously.

Councilman Wichman moved to approve the disbursements of \$426,391.44 seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

Public Comments: None.

Unfinished and Special Business: None.

New Business:

Councilman Harri moved to approve the special event application submitted by First Baptist Church for a concert and picnic with games at Howe Memorial Field including the Amphitheater and River Walk; seconded by Councilman Wichman, passed unanimously.

Councilman Burke moved to approve the fireworks contract with Night Magic and hold the fireworks display at Howe Memorial Park; seconded by Councilwoman Colestock, passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri moved to approve the Pole Attachments Policy; seconded by Councilwoman Colestock; Roll call vote: Burke- abstain due to conflict of interest; Wichman- yes; Colestock- yes; Harri- yes; Malewski- yes. The motion passed.

Councilwoman Colestock moved to approve the PA 202 transfer to Pre-Fund OPEB Liabilities; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

Mayor Malewski gave his recommendation to appoint Russell Halsey to the Planning Commission to complete an unexpired term.

Councilman Wichman moved to appoint Russell Halsey to the Planning Commission for an unexpired term; seconded by Councilwoman Colestock, passed unanimously.

Public Comments:

Eaton County Commissioner Barb Rogers, appeared before Council and reported on Eaton County Health & Human Services semi-annual reports; reported that there is a Water Fest scheduled for Crandall Park on June 8th; left brochures for Eaton County Services.

Reports:

Councilwoman Colestock reported that the Memorial Day Parade was great and thanked City staff for their efforts; that about 40 people assisted with placing flags on veteran graves; that she attended a Michigan Municipal League Legislative Board meeting and provided an update on rental legislation.

Councilman Harri reported that he had heard positive reactions to the Memorial Day Parade; advised he was happy to see the ORC open for Memorial Day Weekend.

Councilman Wichman thanked Councilwoman Colestock for her MML Legislative participation.

Mayor Malewski reported that he attended the river clean-up and that it was well attended with participation by the DNR, Eaton County Sheriffs Office, Ingham County Parks, ERPS students, Athletico, the DDA and ERMC nurses.

Councilwoman Colestock moved Council go into closed session to discuss the labor attorney's opinion; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously by roll call vote. Council went into closed session at 7:27 p.m.

Councilman Harri moved Council reconvene back into open session; seconded by Councilwoman Colestock, passed unanimously by roll call vote. Council reconvened at 8:01 p.m.

Councilman Harri moved to approve the recommendation of Mika Myers, Labor Attorney; seconded by Councilwoman Colestock, passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Boomer reported that the BS&A utility billing software transition is nearing completion and that the utility bills will have a new format that is greatly improved; that there will now be a paperless billing option.

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Paul O. Malewski, Mayor

Laura Boomer, City Clerk