

June 10, 2019
City Council Meeting

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on June 10, 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 Katie Lance of Thrive Church.

Councilwoman Colestock moved to approve the agenda with the addition of the following under new Business; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

- Mercer Plan Review and Discussion
- Intro to Purchase Ordinance Amendment
- Online Payment Process- Utility Restoration Procedure Discussion

Councilman Wichman moved to approve the May 28th worksession minutes and the May 28th council meeting minutes; seconded by Councilwoman Colestock, passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri moved to approve the disbursements of \$299,801.47 seconded by Councilman Wichman, passed unanimously.

Public Comments: None.

Unfinished and Special Business: None.

New Business:

Mayor Malewski opened the Public Hearing on the Proposed 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 Budget and the Proposed Millage Rate to be levied to support the Proposed 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 Budget. The Public Hearing Opened at 7:04 p.m.

There were no questions or comments from the Public.

Mayor Malewski closed the Public Hearing at 7:06

Councilwoman Colestock moved Council approve the Resolution Adopting a Budget for the General Municipal Purposes of the City of Eaton Rapids for the Fiscal Year of 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 to set the millage rates to be levied and to appropriate funds for said purposes; seconded by Harri, passed by roll call vote:

Yeas: Harri, Colestock, Wichman, Malewski;

Nays: 0

Absent: Burke

Councilwoman Colestock moved to approve the 4th of July special event application submitted by Quality of Life Director Zeller; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

City Manager Desentz reviewed with Council the Mercer Plan Proposal for Medicare eligible retirees. Councilman Harri moved to authorize City Manager Desentz to move forward and present the plan to the union; seconded by Councilman Wichman, passed unanimously.

City Manager Desentz discussed with Council an Amendment to Ordinance 2.49 regarding the requirement for bidding the purchase of new property. The amendment would allow for purchases to conform to the City's adopted purchasing policy. Clerk Boomer will prepare amendment for first reading at the June 24th Council Meeting.

City Manager Desentz discussed with Council the online payment policy regarding restoration of service following a shut off for nonpayment. Clerk Boomer contributed to the discussion and advised the website has been updated and additional verbiage will be included in future shut off notices.

Public Comments:

William Steele, 216 State, appeared before Council regarding the improvements he has seen as a result of the property maintenance code enforcement and the new utility bills.

Brody, Boy Scout Troop 52, appeared before Council regarding his troop's attendance at the Council Meeting. They are attending as a requirement for the Community Communication Badge.

Reports:

Fire Chief McNutt reported that the Fire Dept. and Police Dept. are planning to lead the Girls Varsity Softball Team out of town for their playoff game on Tuesday.

City Manager Desentz commented on the budget format. Reported that he will attend the MERS information session scheduled for June 20th and the Main Street 101 Community Training scheduled for June 13th at 6:00 p.m. at the High School.

Boomer reported that the BS&A utility billing software transition has gone well. The June shut off bills will include some additional verbiage in reference to restoration procedures. City Hall has started to receive requests for paperless billing.

Councilman Wichman thanked City Manager Desentz for his work on the budget and complimented the new format. Complimented Quality of Life Director Zeller on her work for the 4th of July events.

Councilman Harri thanked City Manager Desentz, Mayor Malewski, Councilman Burke and the Department Heads for their work on the budget. Reported that the utility billing change is a positive change for City residents.

Councilwoman Colestock thanked City Manager Desentz, the Budget Committee and Department Heads for their work on the budget. She reported that the new format with explanations is a good addition. Thanked Clerk Boomer and City staff for their work implementing the new utility software.

Mayor Malewski thanked the public for their participation and complimented Boy Scout Troop 52 on their participation towards a merit badge.

Councilwoman Colestock moved to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Wichman, passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Paul O. Malewski, Mayor

Laura Boomer, City Clerk