

**August 12, 2019
City Council Meeting**

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on August 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Malewski called the meeting to order.

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

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

Wichman moved, Colestock seconded, PASSED, to approve the agenda striking agenda item 10 e. Employee Handbook Adoption.

Wichman moved, Colestock seconded, PASSED, to approve the July 22nd worksession minutes and the July 22nd Council meeting minutes.

Harri moved, Colestock seconded, PASSED to approve the disbursements of \$542,959.30.

Public Comments: None.

Unfinished and Special Business: None.

New Business:

- a. MERS (Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Michigan) Representative Marne Dagget presented and discussed with Council the MERS 2018 Annual Actuarial Valuation Report. Funding strategies were discussed.
- b. Harri moved, Colestock seconded, PASSED, to approve the quote from Peerless Midwest in the amount of \$16,340.00 for the chemical cleaning of Well #1.
- c. Colestock moved, Burke seconded, PASSED, to approve the Eaton Rapids Air Special Events Application.
- d. Wichman moved, Burke seconded, PASSED, to approve the Council Manual as presented at the 8/12/2019 Council Worksession.
- e. REMOVED
- f. Clerk Boomer read for the First Reading of Ordinance 2019-07 Amendment to Section 15-59 of Article I of Chapter 15, Drug Paraphernalia.

Public Comments: None

Reports:

Fire Chief McNutt reported that the water softener at the Public Safety Building is no longer operable. He and Police Chief Weeks are working on quotes for a replacement.

Police Chief Weeks reported that a new state law has passed regarding vaping. The City Attorney is reviewing the City Ordinance on vaping for compliance with the new state law.

City Manager Desentz reported that the CDBG River Walk grant application is moving forward at the 90/10 match. He also reported that there is a MSHDA Grant presentation on 8/15,2019 at 11:00 a.m. at Biggs Park.

Councilman Wichman reported that he attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting where Congressman Walberg spoke. He thanked City Manager Desentz for his work lobbying MEDC to honor the CDBG 90/10 match.

Councilwoman Colestock reported that she assisted the G.A.R. Memorial Hall & Museum volunteers with a clean-up at G.A.R. Island Park. She attended the first meeting of the Rental Ordinance Committee.

Councilman Burke thanked the G.A.R. group for their efforts cleaning up the park. He reported that volunteers make a huge difference in the success of the City.

Councilman Harri thanked the G.A.R. group for their clean-up efforts. He also thanked Councilwoman Colestock and City Manger Desentz for their work on the Personnel Committee, especially with the Council Manual and Employee Handbook.

Mayor Malewski thanked the G.A.R. group for their clean-up efforts. He reported that the DDA is funding lights for the Knight Street Bridge to be enjoyed by visitors to Mill Pointe Park and G.A.R. Island Park. He walked around the Haven Street neighborhood and spoke to residents about the small home community being built there. He received overwhelmingly positive feedback from residents. He has met with some residents in reference to property maintenance issues. He requested clarification on an accident that occurred in the city leaving two vehicles damaged. Police Chief Weeks reported that the insurance companies have been notified and to allow time for processing of the claim. Chief Weeks will follow up with the insurance company for the driver. Mayor Malewski suggested allowing one more week for removal of the vehicles.

Burke moved, Harri seconded, PASSED, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Paul O. Malewski, Mayor

Laura Boomer, City Clerk