

**August 26, 2019**  
**Worksession**

A Worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on August 26, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

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

Administrative Staff Present were City Manager Desentz, Clerk Boomer, Fire Chief McNutt, Building Official Hummel, Main Street/DDA Executive Director Smith and Generator Technician Flowers.

Purpose of the meeting was a worksession. Notice of the meeting was duly given.

**Public Comments:** Several residents who reside on Kemler Road appeared before Council regarding speeding and reckless driving on the road. They would like to see speed limit signage and possibly a speed limit reduction. They also requested increased police presence. City Manager Desentz advised he will discuss the issue with Police Chief Weeks and the Eaton County Road Commission.

**New Business Topics of Discussion were:**

1. City Manager Desentz introduced Eaton Rapids Township Supervisor Bernie Morgan to discuss the current agreement for Oak Ridge Park. The Oak Ridge Park Committee would like to operate outside of the Quality of Life Board and manage its own budget and operations. An addendum will be created to allow the Committee to operate independently of the Quality of Life Board and manage its own operations. Eaton Rapids Township will purchase supplies to contribute to the Girl Scout Gold Project in Oak Ridge Park and the City will reimburse for half the cost.
2. Generator Technician Flowers and City Manager Desentz presented and reviewed with Council a request to purchase a van for use by the Powerhouse Crew. It is not a budgeted expense and is on the formal agenda.
3. Building Official Hummel presented and reviewed with Council a Property Maintenance Code enforcement update. Fire Chief McNutt contributed to the discussion.
4. Building Official Hummel presented and reviewed with Council a proposal to amend the grass/weed ordinance. He will research and present at a later date.
5. City Manager Desentz presented and reviewed with Council the draft Employee Handbook. It is on the formal agenda for adoption.
6. City Manager Desentz presented and reviewed with Council three offers from Grand River Power Company. Council expressed concerns with costs of maintaining the dams. Council acknowledged the impact of the dams on the City both from a safety and recreational standpoint. City Manager Desentz will research further and present to Council in a closed session at a later date.
7. City Manager Desentz advised Council that the resolution previously adopted included an incorrect property description for property to be annexed from Hamlin Township. A resolution with the correct property description is on the formal agenda.

8. City Manager Desentz presented and reviewed with Council a quote from the City's IT providers for computer replacements and upgrades due to nonsupport of Windows 7. This is a budgeted expense. Colestock moved, Burke seconded, PASSED, to approve the IT Right quote for computer replacements and upgrades for \$14,161.00.
9. Mayor Malewski discussed with Council providing a 10-foot easement to Red Ribbon Hall. City Manager Desentz will look in having an easement agreement drafted. Council and Building Official Hummel discussed the types of businesses allowed in the Central Business District.

**Unfinished and Special Business:** None

**Public Comments:** None

**Reports:** None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

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Paul O. Malewski, Mayor

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Laura Boomer, City Clerk