

October 14, 2019
City Council Meeting

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on October 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Malewski called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Councilman Harri reported that he will be out of town this week to attend an NHL game that is being held in his hometown at the ice arena there.

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

The invocation was given by Pastor Katie Lance of Thrive Church.

Harri moved, Colestock seconded, PASSED, to remove item 10.b. Invoice Cloud Approval from the agenda. Colestock moved, Burke seconded, PASSED, to add item 10.d. 2019 Trick-or-Treat Hours and Road Closures to the agenda. Wichman moved, Colestock seconded, PASSED to approve the agenda as amended.

Harri moved, Wichman seconded, PASSED, to approve the September 23rd worksession minutes and the September 23rd Council meeting minutes.

Harri moved, Colestock seconded, PASSED to approve the disbursements of \$535,861.65.

Public Comments: None.

Unfinished and Special Business: None.

New Business:

- a. Colestock moved, Burke seconded, PASSED, to approve the 2019 Main Street Tick-or-Treat Special Event Application.
- b. Removed from agenda
- c. Clerk Boomer read for the First Reading of Ordinance 2019-08 Amendment to Section 15-16A of Article II of Chapter 15, Use of Vaping Devices by Minors; Selling, Giving, or Furnishing Alternative Nicotine Products or Vapor Products by Minors; Misrepresentation of Age and Fraudulent Identification Prohibited.
- d. Burke moved, Colestock seconded, PASSED, to approve Trick-or-Treat in the City of Eaton Rapids from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on October 31st with the emergency siren signaling the start and end and the appropriate road closures as determined by Police Chief Weeks.

Public Comments:

Jeremy Milam, 500 E. Knight Street, appeared before Council regarding his Precinct 3 Council Member candidacy and the conflict of elected office and employment with the City. He urged Council to consider a Charter Amendment.

Jeff Ellsworth, 103 Wicklow, appeared before Council regarding the conflict of elected office and employment with the City.

Carol Oliver, 510 E. Knight Street, appeared before Council regarding the conflict of elected office and employment with the City.

Susan Kandell, 605 E. Knight Street, appeared before Council regarding the brush and leaf recycling area.

Becca Hollandsworth, 2498 S. Canal, appeared before Council regarding the conflict of elected office and employment with the City.

James Ray, 316 Lee Street, appeared before Council regarding the traffic on Main Street and the need for another traffic light.

Reports:

Fire Chief McNutt reported that the Fire Department has hired 2 new firefighters and has one applicant to the Fire Department.

Police Chief Weeks reported that he has hired a new police officer and his employment paperwork is processing.

City Manager Desentz reported that there is a special Main Street Strategy meeting of the DDA scheduled for October 22, 2019 at 7:00 a.m.

City Clerk Boomer reported that the November absentee voter ballots are ready. She advised the Permanent Absent Voter List form is available at City Hall and on the Website. She advised on amending the City Charter by referendary petition.

Councilman Harri reported on the condition of the yard waste recycling area and the process to maintain it.

Councilwoman Colestock thanked Jeremy Milam for his service to the City. She commented on the City Charter and the process to make changes to it.

Mayor Malewski reported on the differences between the roles of Council Members and the roles of public safety officers. He thanked Jeremy Milam for his service to the City and encouraged him to reconsider resignation from Council to maintain his position on the Fire Department.

Harri moved, Colestock seconded, PASSED, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Paul O. Malewski, Mayor

Laura Boomer, City Clerk