

October 28, 2019

Worksession

A Worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on October 28, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

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

Administrative Staff Present were City Manager Desentz, Clerk Boomer, Fire Chief McNutt, Police Chief Weeks, Building Official Hummel, DPW/Utilities Director Antone and Assistant Fire Chief Perry.

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

Public Comments: None

New Business Topics of Discussion were:

1. DPW/Utilities Director Antone presented and reviewed with Council a quote from Hammond Farms to grind and remove brush from the DPW compost and brush collection area. Council discussed ways to control the dumping of brush by contractors and the dumping of restricted items.
2. City Manager Desentz presented and reviewed with Council the proposed amendment to the 425 Agreement with Eaton Rapids Township. Eaton Rapids Township Supervisor Scott Wilson and former Supervisor Dave Wilson were in attendance and contributed to the discussion. The amendment would start the process for the annexation of 60 acres for development within the City. A Public Hearing is on the October 28, 2019 Formal Agenda.
3. City Manager Desentz presented and reviewed with Council a proposed Rental Ordinance as drafted by the Rental Ordinance Committee. The ordinance would require the registration and inspection of rental properties to hold them to the standards of the International Property Maintenance Code. A landlord discussion meeting is planned.
4. City Manager Desentz presented and reviewed with Council the Quality of Life Board's recommendation to appoint Ginger Hayward to the River Sub-Committee. Wichman moved, Colestock seconded, PASSED, to appoint Ginger Hayward to the River Sub-Committee. Mayor Malewski abstained from voting.
5. City Manager Desentz and Fire Chief McNutt presented and reviewed with Council the Fire Chief Contract. City Attorney Harkness contributed to the discussion. The City Charter does not allow for a contract to exceed 10 years. The Contract will be updated to include this language.
6. City Manager Desentz advised Council that that the mural ordinance has been pulled as it is nearly identical to the painted wall signs regulations in the current sign ordinance. Murals will be considered in the zoning ordinance review planned for 2020.
7. City Manager Desentz presented and reviewed with Council information from Hope Renewables, a Company interested in purchasing Grand River Power Company. The City would have to see a written agreement prior to any discussions or actions.

Unfinished and Special Business:

1. City Manager Desentz and Councilman Harri presented and reviewed with Council the quotes for a replacement server. It Right and Dell submitted quotes for consideration.

Public Comments: None

Training Attendance Update: None

Reports:

Police Chief Weeks reported that he had been contacted by the media in reference to the pedestrian vs. vehicle accidents that occurred last week. He advised both were due to inattention on the part of drivers and pedestrians.

Mayor Malewski reported that the RFP for the construction of a bathroom at the ORC has been released. He advised that the lighting of the Knight Street Bridge is progressing.

Harri moved, Burke seconded, PASSED, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Paul O. Malewski, Mayor

Laura Boomer, City Clerk