

November 11, 2019
City Council Meeting

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on November 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Malewski called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

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

Harri moved, Burke seconded, PASSED, to approve the agenda.

Wichman moved, Burke seconded, PASSED, to approve the October 28th worksession minutes, October 28th Council meeting minutes and October 28th Public Hearing Minutes.

Burke moved, Wichman seconded, PASSED to approve the disbursements of \$324,946.89.

Public Comments: None.

Unfinished and Special Business: None

New Business:

- a. Council discussed the proposal from C2AE for engineering services related to the CDBG river walk project. Colestock commented that infrastructure projects also need funding. Malewski commented that the Project Rising Tides and Michigan Main Street initiatives are very dependent on the river as a focal point for the City. Wichman commented that community surveys indicate that river enhancements are a high priority and the river offers free recreation to lower income residents. Harri added that a 90% grant match is a rare opportunity for the City. Burke commented that this is not an either-or situation. Infrastructure projects will be done once the SAW grant work is complete.
Harri moved, Burke seconded, to approve the proposal from C2AE for engineering services related to the CDBG river walk project in the amount of \$48,000.00; PASSED by roll call vote:
Yeas: Burke, Wichman, Harri, Malewski
Nays: Colestock
Absent: 0
- b. Burke moved, Colestock seconded, PASSED, to approve the Special Event Application submitted by the Eaton Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce for the Annual Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting Event.

Public Comments: None

Reports:

City Manager Desentz reported that there are Rental Ordinance Landlord meetings scheduled for November 12 and 19 at 5:00 p.m.

City Clerk Boomer reported that the City Election went well. There was very low voter turnout with only 4% of the registered voters voting.

Councilman Wichman reported that it is encouraging to see the positive results of the Property Maintenance Code enforcement and success of the Curb-side Grant project to assist with code compliance. Reported that he attended the CAAC Girls Swimming League Meet.

Councilman Harri thanked Fire Chief McNutt, Building Official Hummel and Quality of Life Director Zeller for their work on the Property Maintenance Code enforcement and the Curb-side and MSHDA Grants. He congratulated Pam Colestock, Suzanne Politza and Jeremy Milam for being elected to City Council. He commented that he is proud of the work Council has done.

Mayor Malewski thanked the local Boy Scouts for attending the Council meeting. He asked about the Youth Floor Hockey Program and reported that he will follow up with City Manager Desentz. He reported that he had a phone interview with a local Webelo Scout. He reported that the Downtown music is back on and requests can be sent to Main Street Director Smith. He confirmed that the Cemetery property transfer was complete.

Colestock moved, Burke seconded, PASSED, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Paul O. Malewski, Mayor

Laura Boomer, City Clerk