

November 25, 2019
City Council Meeting

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on November 25, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

The invocation was given by Pastor Jim Riley of Eaton Rapids Assembly of God.

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

Burke moved, Colestock seconded, PASSED, to approve the November 11th Worksession Minutes and the November 11th Council Meeting Minutes.

Burke moved, Wichman seconded, PASSED to approve the disbursements of \$584,186.48.

Public Comments: None.

Unfinished and Special Business: None

New Business:

- a. Mayor Malewski presented to Trisha Fitnich Council's Proclamation honoring Maggie the Therapy Dog for her distinguished service.
- b. Mayor Malewski introduced the First Reading of Ordinance 2019-09 to add Article VIII, Sections 190-201 of Chapter 12, Rental Property Registration.
- c. Main Street/DDA Director Smith presented a Special Event Application for the DDA Christmas Movie event. Harri moved, Wichman seconded, PASSED, to approve the Special Event Application for the DDA Christmas Movie Event.

Public Comments:

Suzanne Politza, 1310 Montgomery, appeared before Council regarding the flag at the Cemetery.

County Commissioner Rogers appeared before Council to report that the Drain Commission has issued its semi-annual report that includes the repair of the area at Columbia/Canal to prevent flooding. She also reported that the Tri-County Agency on Aging is looking for delivery drivers.

William Steele, 2016 State St., appeared before Council regarding the State St. Bridge drains and the City website.

Brody Collins, Boy Scout Troop 52, appeared before Council to report his attendance for the Citizenship Badge.

Reports:

Fire Chief McNutt reported that the Fire Department was awarded new SCBA's through a grant. They do require new seat brackets in the trucks before going into service.

Police Chief Weeks reported that the Camera Grant paperwork is still in process.

City Manager Desentz reported that Hall St. Bridge will be complete by the end of business on Tuesday, November 26th.

City Clerk Boomer reported that no shut off notices will be sent in November and December because the City does not perform shut offs during those months. This will save on processing costs and customers regular invoices will indicate any past due amounts. She also reported that the meter transmission problem has been corrected.

Councilman Wichman thanked Trisha Fitnich for Maggie's service to the residents of Eaton Rapids.

Councilwoman Colestock reported that it should be a goal to improve the City's website.

Councilman Burke thanked Trisha Fitnich for her amazing work with Maggie in the Community and reported that Maggie will be missed. He thanked Boy Scout Brody Collins for attending the meeting.

Councilman Harri thanked Trisha Fitnich for sharing Maggie with the Community. He introduced Suzanne Politza, who will fill his Council Seat on January 1st. He thanked Brody Collins for attending the meeting and recognized that Boy Scouts are a great experience.

Mayor Malewski thanked Trisha Fitnich for her service with Maggie and reported that he had met Maggie and that she was spectacular. He reported that he would like to see the downtown music continue. He reported that the City needs to be better at communicating. He encouraged residents to participate on City Boards.

Harri moved, Burke seconded, PASSED, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Paul O. Malewski, Mayor

Laura Boomer, City Clerk