

**January 13, 2020
City Council Meeting**

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on January 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Present were Mayor Malewski and Councilpersons Wichman, Colestock and Politza.

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

Colestock moved, Wichman seconded, PASSED, to approve the agenda with the addition of item f. Budget Committee Appointment under New Business.

Wichman moved, Colestock seconded, PASSED, to approve the December 23rd Worksession Minutes and the December 23rd Council Meeting Minutes.

Colestock moved, Wichman seconded, PASSED, to approve the disbursements of \$375,887.66.

Public Comments: None

Unfinished and Special Business: None

New Business:

- a. Colestock moved, Wichman seconded, to re-appoint Mike Mills to the Local Development Finance Authority for a term expiring 5/23/2023; Chrystal Murphy to the Local Development Finance Authority for a term expiring 5/23/2023; Marty Backofen to the Construction Board of Appeals for a term expiring 1/31/2023; Joseph Bennett to the Construction Board of Appeals for a term expiring 1/31/2022; Bob Tubbs to the Construction Board of Appeals for a term expiring 1/31/2021; APPROVED by roll call vote:
Yeas: Colestock, Politza, Wichman, Malewski
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
- b. Wichman moved, Colestock seconded, to approve Resolution 2020-01 Accepting Jeremy Milam's Council Seat Resignation and Declaring a Vacancy; APPROVED by roll call vote:
Yeas: Malewski, Colestock, Politza, Wichman,
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
- c. Mayor Malewski presented to Mike Harri Council's Proclamation honoring his service to the City as Precinct 1 Council Member.
- d. Mayor Malewski presented to Chad Burke Council's Proclamation honoring his service to the City as Precinct 3 Council Member.
- e. Mayor Malewski gave his recommendation to re-appoint Councilwoman Colestock as Mayor Pro-Tempore. Wichman moved, Politza seconded, PASSED, to re-appoint Councilwoman Colestock as Mayor Pro-Tempore.

- f. Mayor Malewski gave his recommendation to appoint Councilman Wichman to the Budget Committee. Colestock moved, Politza seconded, PASSED, to appoint Councilman Wichman to the Budget Committee.

Public Comments:

William Steele, 216 State, appeared before Council regarding his support of the Police Department accreditation; regarding Department Head attendance at Work Sessions; and regarding the live streaming of Council meetings.

Reports:

Fire Chief McNutt reported that he has been monitoring water levels in the City. The river is up 7.43 feet with a high flow rate. The parking lot dam has been opened and the island is roped off. Power to the decorations has been shut off.

Police Chief Weeks reported on the damage to a memorial at the G.A.R. Island Park. He advised Rick Jones has offered a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person responsible for the damage.

City Manager Desentz reported on the status of the CDBG grant. He advised that a posting is going up for a grant administrator that will be paid by the state. There is an environmental review that must be done that will not be refunded.

Clerk Boomer reported that there has been a 58% increase in the number of persons requesting to be on the permanent absent voter list. She advised that an Absent Voter Counting Board has been established to handle absent voter ballots on election day.

Councilman Wichman thanked Mike Harri and Chad Burke for their service on the Council. He also thanked Councilwoman Colestock for accepting the re-appointment as Mayor Pro-Tempore.

Councilwoman Colestock thanked Police Chief Weeks for his handling of the memorial damage. She shared her thoughts on the potential need for a surveillance system. She congratulated Mike Harri and Chad Burke. She welcomed Suzanne Politza to Council.

Councilwoman Politza thanked the City for the opportunity to serve on Council.

Mayor Malewski thanked Mike and Tammy Harri and Chad and Melissa Burke for their service to the City. He welcomed Councilwoman Politza to Council. He thanked Fire Chief McNutt and Police Chief Weeks for their efforts monitoring water levels. He advised of the hidden dangers with the higher water levels. He advised that the CDBG grant is a great opportunity for the City. He thanked William Steele for his participation at Council meetings. He expressed accolades to Councilman Wichman for his nephew's accomplishment in basketball.

Colestock moved, Wichman seconded, PASSED, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.