

December 23, 2019
City Council Meeting

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on December 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Malewski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present were Mayor Malewski and Councilpersons Wichman, Burke, and Colestock. Councilman Harri was absent and excused.

The invocation was given by Councilman Burke.

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

Burke moved, Colestock seconded, PASSED, to approve the December 9th Worksession Minutes and the December 9th Council Meeting Minutes.

Wichman moved, Colestock seconded, PASSED, to approve the disbursements of \$573,752.23.

Public Comments: None

Unfinished and Special Business: None

New Business:

- a. Colestock moved, Burke seconded, to approve Resolution 2019-17 To Authorize the Distribution of the Draft Community Master Plan; APPROVED by roll call vote:
Yeas: Burke, Wichman, Colestock, Malewski
Nays: 0
Absent: Harri
- b. Colestock moved, Burke seconded, to approve Resolution 2019-18 To Support the Reinstatement of State Historic Tax Credits Senate Bill 54/ House Bill 4100; APPROVED by roll call vote:
Yeas: Colestock, Malewski, Wichman, Burke
Nays: 0
Absent: Harri
- c. Burke moved, Wichman seconded, PASSED, approve the 2020 Council Public Meeting Schedule.

Public Comments:

Barb Rogers, Eaton County Commissioner District 15, thanked City Manager Desentz for attending the Ways and Means Committee meeting in support of the Eaton Rapids DDA tax capture. She presented a Substance Abuse Council publication.

Reports:

Fire Chief McNutt thanked Councilman Burke and Councilman Harri for their service on Council.

Police Chief Weeks reported that the Police Department collected three car loads of food and \$80 cash at the Fill a Cop Car event. He thanked Councilman Burke for his service on Council.

City Manager thanked Councilman Burke for his service on Council. He advised Councilman Burke has been a pleasure to work with. He thanked Commissioner Rogers for her support at the Ways and Means meeting.

Clerk Boomer thanked Councilmen Burke and Harri for their service on Council.

Councilwoman Colestock thanked Councilman Burke for his service and for his guidance when she was a new Council Member. Advised that he was always constructive and productive.

Councilman Wichman reported that 2019 was an exciting year for the City of Easton Rapids. He noted some major accomplishments including Project Rising Tides, Redevelopment Ready Community, Michigan Main Street, the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, the Property Maintenance Code, Hall Street Bridge and many grants. He thanked Councilmen Burke and Harri for their service. He considers them true statesmen. He found them to be objective and committed to the community. He believes he is a better Councilman because of them.

Councilman Burke thanked everyone for their kind words. He thanked the Ministerial Association for their commitment to performing the invocation at Council meetings. He thanked (and blamed) former Mayor Platte for recruiting him to run for Council. He thanked Council for his appointment to the Budget Committee. He thanked City Staff and Administration. He noted that he is proud of hiring good staff. He thanked his family for accepting his commitment to his service on Council. He thanked them for their sacrifice.

Mayor Malewski thanked Councilman Burke for his service on Council. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Burke moved, Colestock seconded, PASSED, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Paul O. Malewski, Mayor

Laura Boomer, City Clerk