

**January 27, 2020
City Council Meeting**

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on January 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Malewski called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

The invocation was given by Mayor Malewski.

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

Colestock moved, Wichman seconded, PASSED, to approve the January 13th Worksession Minutes, the January 13th Council Meeting Minutes and the January 20th Special Meeting Minutes.

Politza moved, Colestock seconded, PASSED, to approve the disbursements of \$767,988.35.

Public Comments: None

Unfinished and Special Business:

a. Council interviewed Ron Parsons, 710 Feasal Street, and Helen Broom, 600 Devon Street, for the Precinct 3 Council vacancy.

Colestock moved, Politza seconded, to appoint Ron Parsons to the Precinct 3 Council Vacancy;

FAILED by roll call vote:

Yeas: Colestock, Politza

Nays: Malewski, Wichman

Absent: 0

Wichman moved to appoint Helen Broom to the Precinct 3 Council vacancy; motion FAILS due to lack of support.

Politza moved, Wichman seconded, PASSED, to re-post the vacancy until 4:30 p.m. on February 7th and interview at a Council meeting on February 10th.

New Business:

a. Colestock moved, Wichman seconded, PASSED, to appoint Ken Lehto to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term expiring 11/01/2022.

b. Wichman moved, Colestock seconded, PASSED, to appoint Richard Loftus to the Planning Commission for a term expiring 1/31/2023.

c. Politza moved, Wichman seconded, PASSED, to re-appoint Paul Wegner and Kathy DeGrow to the Planning Commission for terms expiring 1/31/2023.

d. Politza moved, Wichman seconded, PASSED, to adopt Resolution 2020-02 To Establish Rental Registration and Inspection Ordinance schedule of fees.

e. Wichman moved, Politza seconded, PASSED, to approve Spicer Home Repair's bid for the construction of the ORC bathrooms.

f. Colestock moved, Wichman seconded, PASSED, to adopt the 2020 Proposed Goals and Objectives.

g. Colestock moved, Politza seconded, PASSED, to approve the proposal for engineering services for the Hospital Street Lift Station from C2AE.

- h. Wichman moved, Colestock seconded, PASSED, to approve the quote from Advanced Satellite Communications for the replacement of the Public Safety Building's video system.
- i. Colestock moved, Wichman seconded, PASSED, to approve the employment contract for the Chief of Police.

Public Comments:

Russ Hicks, Eaton Rapids Township, appeared before Council regarding National Dam Safety Awareness Day scheduled for 5/31/2020. He distributed dam safety materials.

Ron Parsons, 710 Feasal, appeared before Council regarding the dams and the Council vacancy.

Rebecca Ammon, 352 S. Miller Drive, appeared before Council regarding dam safety.

Helen Broom, 600 Devon Street, appeared before Council regarding dam safety education opportunities and the Council vacancy.

Reports:

Fire Chief McNutt reported that he met with the Hamlin Township and Eaton Rapids Township Fire Chiefs as directed at the COG meeting. They discussed joint training opportunities and fire protection in the area. They shared their concerns with the ambulance service. They have decided to meet two times a year. Their next meeting is scheduled for July.

Police Chief Weeks reported that he would like to see law enforcement included in any feasibility study for area emergency services. He reviewed his staffing with Council.

City Manager Desentz reported on the status of the CDBG grant.

Clerk Boomer reported that the testing of the election machines will begin this week and absentee ballots will go out once complete. She also reported that County Commissioner Rogers sent notice that she would not be in attendance tonight.

Councilman Wichman thanked Ron Parsons and Helen Broom for interviewing for the Council vacancy. He welcomed Rick Loftus to the Planning Commission.

Mayor Malewski expressed apologies for the Council vacancy process confusion. He advised that he'd like to see more candidates apply for the vacancy. He invited both of tonight's candidates to re-interview on February 10th. He advised that he does share concerns with the safety of the dams.

Wichman moved, Colestock seconded, PASSED, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Paul O. Malewski, Mayor

Laura Boomer, City Clerk