

**February 24, 2020  
City Council Meeting**

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on February 24, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Present were Mayor Malewski and Councilpersons Wichman, Colestock and Steele. Politza was absent and excused.

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

Colestock moved, Wichman seconded, PASSED, to approve the agenda with the addition of item h. Grand River Expedition 2020 Special Event Application under New Business.

Wichman moved, Steele seconded, PASSED, to approve the February 10<sup>th</sup> Worksession Minutes and the February 10<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting Minutes.

Wichman moved, Steele seconded, PASSED, to approve the disbursements of \$1,129,066.00.

**Public Comments:** None

**Unfinished and Special Business:** None

**New Business:**

- a. Jordan Smith of Maner Costerisan presented and reviewed with Council Fiscal the Year 2018-2019 Audit Report. Steele moved, Colestock seconded, PASSED, to accept the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Audit Report.
- b. Wichman moved, Steele seconded, PASSED, to appoint Barbara "Jeanie" Hanson to the Arts Council Sub-Committee.
- c. Wichman moved, Steele seconded, PASSED, to approve the special event application for Eaton Rapids Air.
- d. First Reading of Ordinance 2020-01 to Amend Section 2-120 of Article VI of Chapter 2, Ethics
- e. Steele moved, Colestock seconded, to table the Utility Metering Upgrade Approval to a future Council meeting. Passed by roll call vote:  
Yeas: Wichman, Malewski, Colestock, Steele  
Nays: 0  
Absent: Politza
- f. Colestock moved, Wichman seconded, PASSED, to adopt Resolution 2020-04 to adopt the 2020 federal guidelines for poverty exemption. The following voted:  
Yeas: Colestock, Steele, Wichman, Malewski,  
Nays: 0  
Absent: Politza

- g. Steele moved, Colestock seconded, PASSED, to approve the Resolution for Designation of Street Administrator. The following voted:  
Yeas: Steele, Wichman, Colestock, Malewski,  
Nays: 0  
Absent: Politza
- h. Paul Renshler reviewed with Council the Grand River Expedition 2020 event. Colestock moved, Steele seconded, PASSED, to approve the Grand River Expedition 2020 special event application.

**Public Comments:**

County Commissioner Barb Rogers appeared before Council to stress the importance of Census reporting.

**Reports:**

Police Chief Weeks discussed with Council his hesitation to approve special event applications that do not include the event details. He reported that the video system installation is complete.

Clerk Boomer reported that the public test of the election equipment is scheduled for February 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. She provided an election update.

City Manager Desentz reported that the City Hall remodel is almost complete. He advised that the State approved modified testing at the landfill site resulting in about a \$25,000.00 savings. WSP, the landfill testing company, will attend a future meeting. He advised that Council Orientation is scheduled for March 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Parliamentary Procedure training from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Councilman Steele reported that he recognizes that he was selected for Council not elected and he has been busy studying and reading to prepare for his role. He thanked Council for their support.

Councilman Wichman welcomed Councilman Steele. He congratulated the City Department Heads on their efforts as outlined in the Mayor's State of the City Article.

Councilwoman Colestock reported that the Eaton County Parks and Rec Master Plan survey is available. She welcomed Councilman Steele. She advised that Turtle Tom's opens March 1<sup>st</sup> at noon.

Mayor Malewski welcomed Councilman Steele. He reported that he and City Manager Desentz met with Congressman Walberg. They discussed a variety of topics but focused on economic development. He advised that he would miss the next City Council meeting. He thanked Treasurer Carr, City Manager Desentz and the Department Heads for their efforts as reflected in the audit report.

Wichman moved, Colestock seconded, PASSED, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

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Paul O. Malewski, Mayor

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Laura Boomer, City Clerk