

**May 11, 2020**  
**City Council Meeting**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the meeting of the City of Eaton Rapids City Council held on May 11, 2020 starting at 7:00 p.m. was conducted virtually (online and/or by phone), due to health concerns surrounding Coronavirus/COVID-19 under the Governor of Michigan's Executive Orders 2020-15 and 2020-21. Due to public safety concerns resulting from the COVID-19 Pandemic, this meeting was conducted via Zoom Conferencing using Meeting ID 895-5205-9079 and Password 209208.

Mayor Malewski called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

Colestock moved, Steele seconded, to approve the agenda. PASSED by roll call vote:

Yeas: Steele, Wichman, Politza, Colestock, Malewski

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Steele moved, Wichman seconded, to approve the April 13<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting Minutes. PASSED by roll call vote:

Yeas: Wichman, Politza, Steele, Colestock, Malewski

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Politza moved, Colestock seconded, to approve the disbursements of \$955,262.51. PASSED by roll call vote:

Yeas: Malewski, Politza, Wichman, Colestock, Steele

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

**New Business:**

- a. Wichman Moved, Steele seconded, to approve the cancelation of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration.

PASSED by roll call vote:

Yeas: Colestock, Steele, Politza, Wichman, Malewski

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

- b. Politza moved, Colestock seconded, to approve the suspension of utility shutoffs and shutoff fees until July 1, 2020 and maintain late fees. PASSED by roll call vote:

Yeas: Steele, Colestock, Politza, Wichman

Nays: Malewski

Absent: 0

- c. Steele moved, Wichman seconded, to approve the 2020-2021 Sidewalk Project. Passed by roll call vote:

Yeas: Politza, Wichman, Malewski, Steele, Colestock

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

**Public Comments:** (The public may comment for up to 5 minutes. The meeting host will unmute the public participants at this time and call on individual participants for public comment.)

Lindsey Zeller, 4515 Freeman, thanked the Council for their leadership. She acknowledged that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July decision was not easy.

Councilman Wichman reported that it was not an easy decision to cancel the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration. He congratulated City Manager Desentz for a grant award for an intern to focus on community outreach for a period of 3 years.

Councilman Steele thanked City Manager Desentz for his work on the City's re-opening plan. He thanked Quality of Life Director for her efforts on geese control. He thanked City Treasurer Carr for explaining sidewalk project payments. He advised that the website and newsletter are even more important now to communicate with the public. He reported that he is looking forward to meeting in person again.

Councilwoman Politza thanked everyone for their efforts in ensuring the success of virtual meetings.

Councilwoman Colestock thanked City staff for their efforts in conducting City business and getting work done while the stay home order is in effect. She advised that the cancelation of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration was very difficult. She acknowledged the work already done for the 4<sup>th</sup> by Quality of Life Director Zeller and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee and is looking forward to next year.

Mayor Malewski reported that he appreciates the hard work of the City Staff and the City Residents.

Colestock moved, Wichman seconded, to adjourn. PASSED by roll call vote:

Yeas: Steele, Politza, Colestock, Wichman, Malewski


Nays: 0

Absent: 0

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.



Paul O. Malewski, Mayor



Laura Boomer, City Clerk