

**May 11, 2020**  
**City Council Worksession**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the meeting of the City of Eaton Rapids City Council scheduled for **May 11, 2020 starting at 5:00 pm** will be 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 will be conducted via Zoom Conferencing using Meeting ID 852 7436 5573 and Password 411910.

Mayor Malewski called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

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

Administrative Staff present were City Manager Desentz, City Clerk Boomer, Quality of Life Director Zeller, City Treasurer Carr and Police Chief Weeks.

Purpose of the meeting was a worksession. Notice of the meeting was duly given.

**New Business:**

1. Mayor Malewski opened a discussion with Council as to whether or not to move forward with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration. Quality of Life Director Zeller contributed and reviewed a list of vendors committed to the celebration. Colestock advised that the City can't take too long to notify vendors. Zeller advised \$1,400 had been donated to date and that not many additional donations were expected due to stay home order. Donations would be returned if the event is canceled. Zeller advised that most of the surrounding events had been canceled.
2. Quality of Life Director Zeller presented and reviewed with Council information on proposed spraying of Flight Control Plus to deter geese from City Parks. Colestock questioned the timing of the proposed applications and if it is too late to be effective. Malewski expressed concerns with contamination to the waterways. Desentz advised the product is approved by the DNR. Zeller will seek additional information about the spray and research alternative deterrents.
3. City Manager Desentz opened a discussion with Council about the postponement of utility shut offs. Utility shut offs and shut off fees are currently suspended until July 1<sup>st</sup> due to the stay at home order. Late fees have not been suspended. City Clerk Boomer contributed.
4. City Manager Desentz presented and reviewed with Council the proposed 2020-2021 sidewalk project. The project would require a 50% match of the homeowner for the replacement of their sidewalk. Colestock expressed concerns with residents' ability to pay for the program.
5. City Manger Desentz presented and reviewed with Council the City Re-Opening Plan. The plan includes opening once the stay home order has been lifted with precautions following CDC guidelines.

**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.) None

Moved by Wichman, seconded by Steele, to adjourn. PASSED by roll call vote:

Yeas: Colestock, Wichman, Steele, Politza, Malewski

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

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Paul O. Malewski, Mayor

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Laura Boomer, City Clerk