

May 26, 2020
City Council Worksession

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the meeting of the City of Eaton Rapids City Council scheduled for **May 26, 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 818 8192 0367 and Password 261913.

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 presented and reviewed with Council quotes to replace the Fire Department boat motor. Quotes were for a Mercury 25H 4 stroke motor. It was not included in the current budget for replacement but the current motor is not operable. City Manger Desentz advised there were funds available in the General Fund for the purchase. It is on the formal agenda for approval.
2. Police Chief Weeks presented and reviewed with Council a proposal to hire a part time school resource officer. School Board Superintendent DeFrance contributed to the discussion. The School Board supports the position and advised that the district believes it can fund the position. Council members voiced support for the position. The proposal is on the formal agenda for approval.
3. City Treasurer Carr presented and reviewed with Council the 3rd Quarter Budget Report. She advised that the City had a very good 3rd quarter.
4. City Manager Desentz presented and reviewed with Council his budget predictions for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020.
5. City Manger Desentz presented and reviewed with Council the draft budget for fiscal years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022. He ran out of time to complete his review and will complete the review and discussion at a special meeting on June 1st.

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

Quality of Life Director discussed a blockage in the river and how to remove it. She also discussed the need for signage at Mill Point Park.

Police Chief Weeks reported that the search and rescue operation has been rescheduled for June 12th and 13th. He will create a press release to inform the public of the exercise. He expressed his appreciation for City Manger Desentz's work on the budget.

City Clerk Boomer advised that she would be sending absent voter applications this week to residents on the permanent absent voter list.

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

Yeas: Politza, Colestock, Wichman, Steele, Malewski

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Paul O. Malewski, Mayor

Laura Boomer, City Clerk