

**July 13, 2020**  
**City Council Meeting**

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on July 13, 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, Politza and Steele.

The invocation was given by Fire Chief McNutt.

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

Wichman moved, Colestock seconded, PASSED, to approve the June 22<sup>nd</sup> Worksession Minutes and the June 22<sup>nd</sup> Council Meeting Minutes.

Colestock moved, Steele seconded, PASSED, to approve the disbursements of \$491,546.93.

**Public Comments:** None

**Unfinished and Special Business:** None

**New Business:**

- a. Wichman moved, Steele seconded to approve the proposal from C2AE for engineering services for the Riverwalk project not to exceed \$295,000. PASSED by roll call vote:  
Yeas: Steele, Wichman, Colestock, Politza, Malewski,  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 0
- b. Steele moved, Colestock seconded, PASSED, to set the Board of Review compensation to \$100 for attending the March Board of Review meetings and \$35 each for the July and December Board of Review meetings as recommended by the City Manager.
- c. Steele moved, Politza seconded, PASSED, to approve the printing and mailing of utility bills and newsletters by Minute Press as recommended by the City Clerk.
- d. Steele moved, Wichman seconded, PASSED, to approve the expenses related to the VISTA intern program for fiscal year 2020-2021.
- e. Colestock moved, Steele seconded, PASSED, to appoint Dustin Hemingway to the River Recreation Sub-Committee of the Quality of Life Board.
- f. Steele moved, Colestock seconded, PASSED, to re-appoint David Ford to the Quality of Life Board for a term ending March 31, 2023.
- g. Steele moved, Colestock seconded, PASSED, to re-appoint Alaina Dequaine to the Quality of Life Board for a term ending March 31, 2023.
- h. Steele moved, Colestock seconded, PASSED, to re-appoint Helen Broom to the Quality of Life Board for a term ending March 31, 2023.
- i. Steele moved, Colestock seconded, PASSED, to re-appoint Chris Sebastian to the Quality of Life Board for a term ending March 31, 2023.

- j. Colestock moved, Steele seconded, PASSED, to approve the negotiated salary increase for the Police Chief retroactive to April 1, 2020.
- k. Steele moved, Colestock seconded, PASSED, to approve the negotiated salary increase for the Fire Chief retroactive to April 1, 2020.
- l. Steele moved, Wichman seconded, PASSED, to approve the negotiated salary increase for the City Manager retroactive to April 1, 2020.

**Public Comments:** None

**Reports:**

Police Chief Weeks reported that the new police vehicle was delivered but installation of after market equipment is backed up due to Covid-19. The Ford Expedition is having issues and going out for service. May be down 2 vehicles. He advised he must order the budgeted vehicle now to guarantee delivery before next spring. He reported that the School Resource Officer position is moving forward. He is following up on interviews. He discussed the mask order with Council. Advised they will respond to complaints and turn them over to the Prosecutor's Office for a decision on charges. He briefed Council on a traffic incident.

Fire Chief McNutt reported that he sent information on a new pumper to Council. He advised to send questions to him.

Quality of Life Director Zeller reported that the ORC bathroom project is almost complete. She advised that she has received 9 applications for the MSHDA grant program. They will be awarding 3 awards at about \$10,000 each. Those not selected will be encouraged to apply for the Curb Side Grant Program. She reported that the recycle bins awarded through a grant will be delivered this week. She is awaiting a repair estimate for the ORC bus. They will offer still water paddling until it is back in service. She reported on summer activities including a basketball event and baseball/softball clinic. She has set up a Census reporting station at City Hall. There is a Down Town Re-Opening event scheduled for July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Clerk Boomer reported that she has been busy with Absent Voter Ballots and election preparations. She thanked Council for approving the utility billing proposal and looks forward to making the office more efficient. She advised that she has received election equipment through CARES grant money administered by the Bureau of Elections.

City Manager Desentz advised that COG meets on July 16<sup>th</sup> at City Hall. He reported that he sent an update regarding the dam meeting to Council. He advised of the MERS actuarial and response.

Councilman Wichman complimented Quality of Life Director Zeller and Parks and Rec Coordinator Cagle on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Video.

Councilman Steele reported that the fireworks display by residents was great. He enjoyed seeing residents celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> with family and neighbors. He reported on vandalism to the boardwalk bridge.

Councilwoman Colestock commended staff for their efforts during Covid-19 especially the City's first responders.

Councilwoman Politza asked for clarification of the status of the area dams. They are not producing electricity at this time.

Steele moved, Wichman seconded, PASSED, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

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Paul O. Malewski, Mayor

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Laura Boomer, City Clerk