

**October 26, 2020
City Council Meeting**

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on October 26, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Malewski called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

The invocation was given by Paster Jim Riley of Eaton Rapids Assembly of God.

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

Wichman moved, Steele seconded, PASSED, to approve the October 12th Worksession Minutes and the October 12th Council Meeting Minutes.

Wichman moved, Colestock seconded, PASSED, to approve the disbursements of \$826,030.51.

Public Comments: None

Unfinished and Special Business: None

New Business:

- a. Mayor Malewski presented his recommendation for the appointment of Ken Lehto to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Colestock moved, Politza seconded, PASSED, to appoint Ken Lehto to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- b. Steele moved, Wichman seconded, PASSED, to approve the quote from Ford Motor Credit for the lease of a 2021 Ford Police Utility Vehicle, including aftermarket police equipment and installation for three annual payments of \$17,760.45.
- c. Colestock moved, Wichman seconded, to adopt Resolution 2020-13 PA 202 Corrective Action Plan Authorization. Passed by roll call vote:
Yeas: Politza, Colestock, Steele, Wichman, Malewski
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

Public Comments:

County Commissioner Barb Rogers reported that Eaton County had no assessing issues requiring State action. She reported that less than 1% of Eaton County had tested positive for Covid-19. She thanked Mayor Malewski for making her day when they met at the Eaton County Courthouse.

Reports:

Police Chief Weeks discussed the recent ban on open carry at the polls. He reported that he had received a complaint that had been sent to Council about public urination. He has made his staff aware of the incident.

City Manager Desentz reported that State St. repairs are on schedule despite being hampered by weather and water service repairs. He advised sidewalk are behind due to weather and detours. Some will be pushed to spring for completion.

Councilman Wichman reported that the local FFA students did a great job cleaning up the Riverwalk area. He said he has been touched by the outpouring of sympathy for Mike Seeley. He will be missed.

Councilwoman Politza asked about the Grand River Power Company invoice. She wished the City good luck with the election.

Councilman Steele commended the City Public Works and Utility Departments for their work on State St. He also recognized the work of the FFA. He reported that he had worked with Mike Seeley often over the years and praised his professionalism and ability to de-escalate a situation.

Councilwoman Colestock reported that she is glad to hear that State St. is moving along on schedule. She has received reports of speeding through the detour streets. She thanked Quality of Life Director Zeller, Mainstreet /DDA Director Smith, and the Chamber of Commerce for their efforts to make the Holiday event happen. She remembered Mike Seeley as a great person and very approachable. He will be missed.

Mayor Malewski inquired about the weekly staff report indicating an issue with the phone system. They were back in service quickly. He is glad to hear that State St. is progressing as scheduled. He identified areas where he has observed geese nests. The nests must be removed now as a requirement of the geese relocation program. He thanked Quality of Life Director Zeller and Clerk Boomer for facilitating the live streaming of Council meetings. He advised that he will miss Mike Seeley.

Steele moved, Colestock seconded, PASSED, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Paul O. Malewski, Mayor

Laura Boomer, City Clerk