

October 26, 2020

Worksession

A Worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on October 26, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

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

Administrative Staff Present were City Manager Desentz, Clerk Boomer, Police Chief Weeks, Fire Chief McNutt, and Quality of Life Director Zeller.

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

Public Comments: None

New Business Topics of Discussion were:

1. Quality of Life Director Zeller presented and reviewed with Council the results of the 2020 Curb-Side Grant program. Thirteen applications were approved, and eleven projects were completed.
2. Quality of Life Director Zeller presented and reviewed with Council the preliminary plans for the Holiday Parade. Her staff is working with Main Street/DDA Director Smith and the Chamber of Commerce to plan the event.
3. Police Chief Weeks presented and reviewed with Council a proposal to purchase a 2021 Ford Police Utility vehicle. It is on the formal agenda for approval.
4. City Manager Desentz presented and reviewed with Council the PA 202 Corrective Action Plan for pension and OPEB funding. The authorization resolution is on the formal agenda for approval.
5. Builder Lynn Ball presented and reviewed with Council his proposed plans for a housing development utilizing a pressurized grinder system to tie into the sewer system.
6. Mayor Malewski presented his recommendation to appoint Ken Lehto to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Ken is currently an alternative on the Board.

Unfinished and Special Business Topics of Discussion were: None

Public Comments:

Scott Camp, 1211 Water St., appeared before Council about his utility bill.

Training Attendance Update: None

Staff Reports:

Quality of Life Director Zeller reported that she and Parks and Recreation Coordinator Cagle are attending the virtual National Parks and Recreation Conference. She reported that the equipment for the live streaming of Council meetings has been installed and will be in use for the Council meeting later.

Clerk Boomer reported that nearly 1/3 of the City voters have requested absent voter ballots.

Mayor Malewski presented to Council a request for a utility invoice late fee reversal. Wichman moved, Steele seconded, to reverse the disputed late fees due to conflicting ordinance language. PASSED by roll call vote:

Yeas: Wichman, Steele, Politza, Malewski

Nays: Colestock

Absent: 0

Councilman Wichman inquired about mask enforcement. Chief Weeks advised that the Michigan Police Chief's Association declined the State's request to endorse the enforcement of mask usage.

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Paul Malewski, Mayor

Laura Boomer, City Clerk