

**November 9, 2020
City Council Meeting**

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on November 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Malewski called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

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

The invocation was given by Katie Lance of Thrive Church.

Steele moved, Colestock seconded, PASSED, to approve the agenda with the addition of Advent Ministries PATH presentation.

Colestock moved, Wichman seconded, PASSED, to approve the October 26th Worksession Minutes and the October 26th Council Meeting Minutes.

Wichman moved, Steele seconded, PASSED, to approve the disbursements of \$367,390.93.

Public Comments: None

Unfinished and Special Business: None

New Business:

- a. Colestock moved, Steele seconded, PASSED, to approve the Special Event Application for the Hometown Family Christmas Parade and activities.
- b. Wichman moved, Steele seconded, to approve the addendums to the Police Employees hired after 8/01/2013 agreement and DPW Employees hired after 12/01/2011 agreement. PASSED by roll call vote:
Yeas: Wichman, Steele, Colestock, Politza, Malewski
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
- c. Edwin Taylor, PATH Outreach Coordinator for Housing Services Mid-Michigan, introduced the PATH Program and discussed it with Council. The program is aimed at assisting people struggling with homelessness. November is homelessness awareness month. They are seeing increased numbers due to COVID-19 especially with the elderly. The program offers items for warmth and shelter assistance. He discussed programs available to combat homelessness.

Public Comments: None

Reports:

Quality of Life Director Zeller reported that bids were secured for the MSHDA Grant projects with construction to begin in the spring. The grant program is targeted to specific geographic areas. The awards prioritize safety updates and is need based. All awardees received Property Maintenance Code violations. She advised that the Arts Council is offering virtual art classes.

City Clerk Boomer reported a 61% voter turnout for the November 3rd General election. She advised that the election went well.

Councilwoman Politza thanked Clerk Boomer for her work on the election and Quality of Life Director Zeller for her work on the MSHDA and Curb-Side Grants.

Councilman Wichman extended his appreciation to Clerk Boomer for her work on the election.

Councilwoman Colestock congratulated Clerk Boomer and the election inspectors on a successful election. She reported that she received positive feedback on the election. She asked for clarification of the process for Property Maintenance Code violations. Violations are issued and fined twice before being sent for a court hearing.

Councilman Steele congratulated Clerk Boomer on the election and City Manager Desentz on his Rotary Club presentation. He advised that quality of Life Director Zeller is an asset to the community and congratulated her for her work on grant projects. He reported that he received a thank you from a resident for the brush area cleanup at DPW.

Mayor Malewski reported that the brush drop area looks good and has been very busy. He thanked PATH Outreach for coming to the meeting and presenting.

Steele moved, Colestock seconded, PASSED, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Paul O. Malewski, Mayor

Laura Boomer, City Clerk