

**December 14, 2020
City Council Meeting**

A regular meeting of the City Council was conducted by electronic remote means (online and/or by phone), on December 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Due to public safety concerns resulting from the COVID-19 Pandemic, this meeting was conducted via Zoom Conferencing using Meeting ID 849 9232 1791.

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 Pastor Jim Riley of the Eaton Rapids Assembly of God.

Mayor Malewski led a moment of silence in memory of Deborah Antone, the wife of DPW/Utilities Director Dennis Antone.

Colestock moved, Steele seconded, PASSED, to approve the agenda with the addition of item 9. a. Food Truck Discussion.

Wichman moved, Steele seconded, PASSED, to approve the November 23rd Worksession Minutes with a correction to item 7 and the November 23rd Council Meeting Minutes.

Steele moved, Colestock seconded, PASSED, to approve the disbursements of \$373,431.85.

Public Comments: None

Unfinished and Special Business:

- a. Mayor Malewski introduced a discussion about food trucks operating in the City. City Manager Desentz advised that DDA/Main Street Director Smith has formed a committee to work on a Food Truck Ordinance. There have been reports of food trucks operating in the City without a permit. They have been operating on privately owned parcels that are not zoned for this purpose and could result in a zoning violation to the property owner. City Manager Desentz advised to discuss the situation with the vendors and ask them to cease operating in the City pending the outcome of the Food Truck Ordinance Committee.

New Business:

- a. Steele moved, Colestock seconded, PASSED, to approve the Designated Assessor Agreement designating Tim Vandermark as the Designated Assessor and designate City Manager Desentz as the authorized signer.
- b. Colestock moved, Wichman seconded, to approve the energy optimization cap waiver request for the City of Eaton Rapids Street Lighting Project. PASSED by roll call vote:
Yeas: Colestock, Politza, Wichman, Steele, Malewski
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

Public Comments: None

Reports:

City Manager Desentz reported that he is working on Goals and Objectives with staff and will be scheduling meetings with Council soon. He is working on the budget at the six month position. He will update Council on COVID-19 restrictions as they are announced.

Councilman Wichman expressed condolences on the passing of Deborah Antone. He thanked Quality of Life Director Zeller for her help organizing memorial contributions from City staff and officials. He commented that the Giving Tree response has been impressive.

Councilwoman Colestock expressed condolences to DPW/Utilities Director Antone. She requested to have Building Official Hummel give an update on some projects in town and maybe the building owners attend a meeting to give a project update. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilman Steele expressed his condolences to DPW/Utilities Director Antone. He reported he has received many compliments about how great the City looks. He commented on the nice job done by City staff.

Mayor Malewski expressed condolences to DPW/Utilities Director Antone. He reported that Council recorded Christmas videos and that he recorded a reading of *Twas the Night Before Christmas* to be aired on Facebook December 24th at 4:00 p.m. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked everyone for their support.

Steele moved, Colestock seconded, PASSED, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Paul O. Malewski, Mayor

Laura Boomer, City Clerk