

September 14, 2020
City Council Meeting

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on September 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Malewski called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

The invocation was given by Pastor Katie Lance of Thrive Church.

Colestock moved, Steele seconded, PASSED, to approve the agenda with the edition of items a. Lynn Ball Proposal Discussion, b. Parking Ordinance Discussion, and c. Parking Fees Discussion under Unfinished and Special Business and Closed Session to consider Legal Opinion on Dam Agreement before adjournment.

Wichman moved, Steele seconded, PASSED, to approve the August 24th Worksession Minutes and the August 24th Council Meeting Minutes.

Steele moved, Wichman seconded, PASSED, to approve the disbursements of \$565,535.05.

Public Comments: None

Unfinished and Special Business:

- a. City Manager Desentz advised that no written proposal has been received from Lynn Ball for the development of the Cuda Property. He has indicated that he would like to develop the property without tying into the City sewer system. Council discussed the 425 Agreement with Hamlin Township that covers this property. City Attorney Harkness contributed.
- b. Police Chief Weeks presented and reviewed with Council a proposed updated parking ordinance. City Attorney Harkness contributed.
- c. Police Chief Weeks presented and reviewed with Council a proposed parking fine schedule that would be adopted by resolution later. City Attorney Harkness contributed.

New Business:

- a. Colestock moved, Steele seconded, PASSED, to approve the bid from Dave Cole Decorators, Inc. for the exterior painting of the DPW building in the amount of \$16,144.00.
- b. Steele moved, Colestock seconded, PASSED, to approve establishment of the Marijuana Ordinance Committee with the following list of appointments to the Committee:
 - Paul Malewski, Mayor
 - Aaron Desentz, City Manager
 - LeRoy Hummel, Building Official
 - Kathy DeGrow, Planning Commission
 - Eric Chagnon, Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA)
 - Roger McNutt, Fire Chief
 - Larry Weeks, Police Chief

Public Comments: None

Reports:

Police Chief Weeks reported that the vehicle involved in the officer shooting incident has been recovered. He expressed gratitude to Lt. Creger and his staff for their work on the investigation.

Clerk Boomer provided a utility billing update. She reported residential electric usage almost doubled since the June billing. This increased usage resulted in higher utility invoice balances.

City Manager Desentz reported that he has a call with MEDC to discuss the CDBG Riverwalk Project in advance of the Michigan Strategic Fund Board meeting on September 22nd where the project is on the agenda for approval.

Quality of Life Director Zeller reported that the new Riverwalk sign is installed. She thanked Jeannie Hanson for her work designing and painting the sign.

City Attorney Harkness reported that a pending litigation case against the City was dismissed.

Politz moved, Colestock seconded, for Council to enter closed session to consider a legal opinion on the dam agreement. PASSED by roll call vote:

Yeas: Politz, Colestock, Malewski, Steele, Wichman

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Council went into closed session at 8:12.

Council reconvened at 8:43.

Councilman Steele reported that the dog service stations are a nice addition to the City. He reported that he purchased a mug from the Fire Department Fundraiser. He reported that he enjoyed participating in the Mayor's Kayak event.

Mayor Malewski reported on his 24-hour kayak event to collect school supplies for local students. The event raised about \$3,000 in cash and school supplies.

Wichman moved, Steele seconded, PASSED, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Paul O. Malewski, Mayor

Laura Boomer, City Clerk