

September 28, 2020

Worksession

A Worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on September 28, 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, 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. City Manager Desentz presented and reviewed with Council the contract with Dunigan Construction for the reconstruction of Greyhound Drive through the south side of the Inverness intersection. Brian VanZee, Engineer with C2AE, contributed. Council discussed reconstructing Inverness since the school would be responsible for Greyhound Drive south of the Inverness intersection. It is on the formal agenda for approval.
2. City Manager Desentz presented and reviewed with Council the contract for engineering services for the reconstruction of State Street. It is on the formal agenda for approval.
3. Franklin Energy Outreach Lead Nathan Swezey presented and reviewed with Council an energy optimization cap waiver request submitted by Dowding Machine. It is on the formal agenda for approval.
4. Mayor Malewski presented his recommendation to re-appoint Jan Denton to the Eaton Rapids Area District Library Board. It is on the formal agenda for approval.
5. Quality of Life Director Zeller presented and reviewed with Council the Quality of Life Board's recommendation to create a human foosball field, four square space, and larger than life tic-tac-toe on the pickleball court at Howe Memorial Field. It is on the formal agenda for approval.
6. Quality of Life Director Zeller presented and discussed with Council the progress the Quality of Life Department and Board/Sub-Committees have made on completing goals and objectives of the parks and Recreation Master Plan.
7. City Manager Desentz advised Council that the current power purchase agreement with the Grand River Power Company has an auto-renewal clause and that the City would have to give 90 days notice to terminate the agreement effective December 31, 2020.
8. City Manager Desentz presented and reviewed with Council a proposal from Dewpoint to update the City's firewall. It is on the formal agenda for approval.

Unfinished and Special Business Topics of Discussion were: None

Public Comments:

Patrick McNutt, 751 Island Ct., appeared before Council regarding the Outdoor Recreation Center's handicap accessibility.

Mayor Malewski commented that Patrick McNutt would make a great addition to the Quality of Life Board and asked Patrick to consider serving on the board.

Training Attendance Update:

City Manager Desentz reported that he and several Department Heads were attending the Michigan Municipal League Virtual Convention this week. He is also attending the Michigan Municipal Electric Association Virtual Conference this week.

Staff Reports:

Clerk Boomer provided an election update. About 950 Absent Voter Ballots have been sent.

Councilman Wichman inquired about ADA compliance in the City's parks. Quality of Life Director Zeller advised any new additions to the parks must be ADA compliant.

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Paul Malewski, Mayor

Laura Boomer, City Clerk