

**January 11, 2021
City Council Meeting**

A regular meeting of the City Council was conducted by electronic remote means (online and/or by phone), on January 11, 2021 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 811 9557 8203.

Mayor Malewski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

The invocation was given by Mayor Malewski.

Colestock moved, Steele seconded, PASSED, to approve the agenda.

Steele moved, Wichman seconded, PASSED, to approve the December 28th Worksession Minutes and the December 28th Council Meeting Minutes.

Steele moved, Colestock seconded, PASSED, to approve the disbursements of \$672,099.08.

Public Comments: None

Unfinished and Special Business:

- a. City Manager Desentz presented and reviewed with Council the six month budget amendments. City Treasure Carr contributed. Steele moved, Colestock seconded, to adopt Resolution 2021-01 to Amend the Budget for the General Municipal Purposes of the City of Eaton Rapids for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021. PASSED by roll call vote:

Yeas: Wichman, Steele, Politza, Colestock, Malewski

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

New Business:

- a. Wichman moved, Steele seconded, to adopt Resolution 2021-02 In Support of the Application for Regional Trail Technical Assistance. PASSED by roll call vote:

Yeas: Politza, Steele, Colestock, Wichman, Malewski

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

- b. Colestock moved, Steele seconded, to approve the digger truck purchase form Altec in the amount of \$239,157.00. PASSED by roll call vote:

Yeas: Colestock, Wichman, Steele, Politza, Malewski

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Public Comments:

Torie appeared before Council regarding the keeping of chickens in the City.

Reports:

City Clerk Boomer reported that she is working on election grant reporting and updates to the utility billing ordinance.

Quality of Life Director Zeller reported that the Memorial Park updates have been sent to the engineers at C2AE. She is working with Parks and Recreation Coordinator Cagle on a ball field rental fees audit. She is attending a meeting to discuss the geese removal.

City Manager Desentz thanked Council for their support of the Trail Study Resolution and the digger truck purchase. He reported that the bid opening for the riverwalk project was conducted today and that six bids were received. He is meeting with Department Heads this week to discuss department goals and objectives. He reported that the COG meeting is most likely going to be canceled and suggested that the Council and Department Head Goals and Objectives meeting be held on January 21st at 5:30 p.m.

Councilman Wichman thanked Council for their support of the trail study resolution and riverwalk project. He believes these will enhance the quality of life for residents.

Councilman Steele reported that great projects are happening in the City. He commented that he would have like to have known about the current employment openings before they were posted.

Mayor Malewski reported that he is excited about the trail study resolution. He commended quality of Life Director Zeller, DDA/Main St. Director Smith, and City Manager Desentz on their efforts with the project. He advised that he is excited about the fiber study and the potential to offer broadband services. He reported that he is glad to see that the digger truck is approved. He commented that the geese are a fact of life in the City. He reported that there are a lot of important decisions coming up for the Council to consider.

Colestock moved, Steele seconded, PASSED, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Paul O. Malewski, Mayor

Laura Boomer, City Clerk