

January 11, 2021
City Council Worksession

A Worksession of the City Council was conducted by electronic remote means (online and/or by phone), on January 11, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Due to public safety concerns resulting from the COVID-19 Pandemic, this meeting was conducted via Zoom Conferencing using Meeting ID 886 8954 0922.

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

Administrative Staff Present were City Manager Desentz, Clerk Boomer, Fire Chief McNutt, Treasurer Carr and Quality of Life Director Zeller.

Purpose of the meeting was a worksession. Notice of the meeting was duly given.

Mayor Malewski called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Public Comments: None

New Business Topics of Discussion were:

1. City Manager Desentz presented and reviewed with Council the addendum to the WSP contract for landfill testing services. The State is requiring additional testing that will add \$12,000 to the annual testing costs. Adam Heft of WSP contributed to the discussion and provided a testing update.
2. City Manager Desentz introduced and provided background information on the MMEA grant to conduct a study of local area fiber connections for the provision of high-speed internet service. Tom Asp and Jim Weikert of Power Systems Engineering, the firm that conducted the study, presented the results to Council. Council discussed the results of the study.
3. Public Works/Utilities Director Antone presented and reviewed with Council the proposal to purchase an Altec Digger Truck for \$239,157.00. It is a budgeted expense. It is on the formal agenda for approval.
4. Quality of Life Director Zeller presented and reviewed with Council Resolution 2021-02 in support of the application for regional trail technical assistance. The grant will study the feasibility of a trail that connects Eaton Rapids and Charlotte. Several groups and municipalities are working together to submit the application. The resolution is on the formal agenda for adoption.
5. DDA/Main St. Director Smith presented and reviewed with Council a draft food truck ordinance.

Unfinished and Special Business Topics of Discussion were:

1. The budget amendments discussion was moved to the formal agenda.

Public Comments: None

Training Attendance Update: None

Staff Reports: None

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Paul Malewski, Mayor

Laura Boomer, City Clerk