

**December 28, 2020
City Council Meeting**

A regular meeting of the City Council was conducted by electronic remote means (online and/or by phone), on December 28, 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 894 6780 8495.

Mayor Malewski called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

The invocation was given by Councilman Steele who led the Lord's Prayer.

Mayor Malewski led a moment of silence in honor of the first responders and those who passed this year.

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

Wichman moved, Steele seconded, PASSED, to approve the December 14th Worksession Minutes and the December 14th Council Meeting Minutes.

Steele moved, Colestock seconded, PASSED, to approve the disbursements of \$1,112,955.41.

Public Comments: None

Unfinished and Special Business:

- a. Colestock moved, Steele seconded, PASSED, to approve the proposal from C2AE for engineering and architectural services for the reconstruction of the Howe Field Concession building not to exceed \$59,000.
- b. Steele moved, Wichman seconded, to approve the hybrid-cloud IT environment proposal from Dewpoint. PASSED by roll call vote:
Yeas: Wichman, Steele, Politza, Colestock, Malewski
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

New Business:

- a. Colestock moved, Steele seconded, PASSED, to appoint Dustin Hemingway to the Quality of Life Board's Arts Council Sub-Committee.
- b. Wichman moved, Steele seconded, PASSED, to approve the 2021 Council Public Meeting dates.
- c. Steele moved, Wichman seconded, to adopt Resolution 2020-14 to adopt the 2021 federal guidelines for poverty exemption for property tax. PASSED by roll call vote:
Yeas: Politza, Colestock, Steele, Wichman, Malewski
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

Public Comments:

County Commissioner Barb Rogers provided an update on Covid-19 cases in Eaton County. She reported that Commissioner assignments will be determined in the next couple of weeks. She also reported that the Eaton County Parks Master Plan was adopted.

Reports:

Fire Chief McNutt reported that he has met with the representatives conducting the fire department analysis.

Quality of Life Director Zeller reported that two new ground display snow people lights were installed on the island. She received about 350 Santa letters and distributed over 400 books. She has submitted a Round Six MSHDA Grant application. She reported that the Round 5 recipients have until September 2021 to complete their projects.

City Manager Desentz reported that he is working on scheduling Goals and Objectives meetings. He advised that the Eaton County Parks Master Plan included a trail connection between Eaton Rapids and Charlotte.

Councilwoman Politza commented that Downtown looked beautiful. She commented that she would like to have the outdoor music happen again. She wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilman Wichman inquired about the audit report and six month budget amendments. City Manager Desentz advised that the audit is complete and should be presented in January. The six month budget amendments will also be presented in January. Wichman reported that the Food truck committee is meeting on December 30th to discuss a draft ordinance.

Councilwoman Colestock thanked City Staff and Administration for surviving a tough year. She thanked Council for meeting throughout Covid-19. She wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilman Steele commented that the giving tree was a tremendous community response. He has received numerous compliments about the light displays and thanked City staff for their efforts. He reported that the holiday activities were well received.

Mayor Malewski commented that everyone really stepped up during Covid-19. He requested that Department Heads forward him department highlights for 2020. He reported that the City has some big projects ahead and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Colestock moved, Wichman seconded, PASSED, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Paul O. Malewski, Mayor

Laura Boomer, City Clerk

