

**February 22, 2021**  
**City Council Worksession**

A Worksession of the City Council was conducted by electronic remote means (online and/or by phone), on February 22, 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 856 4446 4734.

Present were:

Mayor Malewski remotely from Eaton Rapids, Michigan  
Councilwoman Colestock remotely from Eaton Rapids, Michigan  
Councilwoman Politza remotely from Eaton Rapids, Michigan  
Councilman Steele remotely from Eaton Rapids, Michigan  
Councilman Wichman remotely from Eaton Rapids, Michigan

Also in attendance via audio/video were City Manager Desentz, Clerk Boomer, Fire Chief McNutt, Treasurer Carr, Police Chief Weeks, 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

**Unfinished and Special Business Topics of Discussion were:**

1. Mayor Malewski introduced Eaton Area Ambulance Manager Bob Hale who reviewed with Council the 2021-2023 EMS Contract. The contract is for \$13,938 per year for the contract period. He clarified that number of responses in the City includes hospital transfers.

**New Business Topics of Discussion were:**

1. Mayor Malewski introduced his recommendation of Emelia Emerson to the Quality of Life Board. Quality of Life Director Zeller contributed to the discussion.
2. Quality of Life Director Zeller reviewed with Council an updated fee schedule for the rental of athletic facilities for tournaments. She advised the current fee structure does not cover the cost of facility preparation. The updated fee structure would cover the preparation expenses.
3. Quality of Life Director Zeller presented and reviewed with Council a proposal from Goose Busters for goose round up, relocation and harassment. Christopher Compton of Goose Busters contributed and answered Council's questions about the process. Mayor Malewski commented that the DNR reports that relocation does not work. Councilman Wichman commented that the geese create a health issue. Councilman Steele commented that the effects of the geese hurt the City because of the mess they leave. Reducing their numbers makes sense. Councilwoman Colestock commented that geese come with the river and the proposal is too expensive. Councilwoman Politza inquired about the use of swans to deter geese.
4. Quality of Life Director Zeller presented and reviewed with Council the special event application submitted by her Department for July 3-4, 2021. She reported that the Eaton Rapids Air Committee suggested that they not pursue that event and instead combine resources with the July 4<sup>th</sup> Committee and expand that event. The application was approved by the Special Event Committee.
5. Mainstreet/DDA Director Smith presented and reviewed with Council the draft food truck ordinance and schedule of fees.

6. The Utility Billing Ordinances Update discussion was moved to the formal agenda.

**Public Comments:** None

**Training Attendance Update:** None

**Staff Reports:** None

The meeting adjourned at 6:59p.m.

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Paul Malewski, Mayor

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Laura Boomer, City Clerk