

February 8, 2021
City Council Meeting

A regular meeting of the City Council was conducted by electronic remote means (online and/or by phone), on February 8, 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 860 6787 0757.

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

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 Lake George, Michigan

The invocation was given by Pastor Katie Lance of Thrive Church.

Steele moved, Colestock seconded, PASSED, to approve the agenda with the removal of 10. a. Ambulance Contract Approval and 10. c. First Reading of Ordinance 2021-01.

Wichman moved, Colestock seconded, PASSED, to approve the January 25th Worksession Minutes, the January 25th Council Meeting Minutes, and the January 21st Special Meeting Minutes.

Colestock moved, Steele seconded, PASSED, to approve the disbursements of \$268,830.26.

Public Comments: None

Unfinished and Special Business:

Jordan Smith of Maner Costerisan presented and reviewed with Council the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Audit Report. Steele moved, Colestock seconded, PASSED, to accept the audit report as presented.

New Business:

- a. Removed
- b. Wichman moved, Steele seconded, PASSED, to approve the City of Eaton Rapids 2021 Goals and Objectives as presented.
- c. Removed

Public Comments: None

Reports:

City Manager Desentz reported that he has spoken with MEDC about the CDBG Riverwalk Project matching funds discrepancy. They advised that the agreement would be amended. The project has an anticipated start date of February 20th and a target completion date of September 1st. He advised that the City would publish a construction notice.

City Treasurer Carr reported that she and Quality of Life Director Zeller are working on installing software to assist the Building Department with violation letters.

Quality of Life Director Zeller reported that she and Parks and Recreation Coordinator Cagle attended the MParks virtual conference last week. She is working on the USDA Trails Grant application that is due March 31st. She also reported that she is applying for a National Fish and Wildlife Association Grant to repair the bank erosion at Memorial Park. Council discussed adding additional sections of the riverbank to the grant request.

Councilman Wichman complimented City Manager Desentz and City Treasure Carr on the audit report.

Councilman Steele reported that he is impressed with the behind the scenes work that is happening on the zoning ordinance review, other zoning issues, and the marijuana ordinance. He commented that a lot of hard work is going on.

Councilwoman Colestock reported that the G.A.R. Museum has submitted special event applications for events using G.A.R. Park. Due to the riverwalk construction they will discuss alternate sites for the events and will amend their applications. She reported that she is glad the marijuana ordinance was removed from the agenda. She reached out to the public yesterday on social media and received feedback indicating a want for more public input on the topic. She inquired about the recent sewer backups and insurance claims. City Manger Desentz advised that the claims have been submitted to the City's insurance carrier.

Councilwoman Politza thanked the City Staff for their hard work.

Colestock moved, Steele seconded, PASSED, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Paul O. Malewski, Mayor

Laura Boomer, City Clerk