

March 22, 2021
City Council Meeting

A regular meeting of the City Council was conducted by electronic remote means (online and/or by phone), on March 22, 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 829 8652 0076.

Mayor Malewski called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 Eaton Rapids, Michigan

The invocation was given by Pastor Mark Michalcewicz of Grace Baptist Church.

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

Steele moved, Wichman seconded, PASSED, to approve the March 8th Worksession Minutes and the March 8th Council Meeting Minutes.

Wichman moved, Steele seconded, PASSED, to approve the disbursements of \$626,229.83.

Public Comments: None

Unfinished and Special Business: None

New Business:

- a. Steele moved, Wichman seconded, PASSED, to approve the Special Event Application submitted by the G.A.R. Museum for the Memorial Day Parade and Events.
- b. Steele moved, Wichman seconded, PASSED, to approve the Special Event Application submitted by the G.A.R. Museum for the 4th of July Living History Encampment and Events.
- c. Mayor Malewski read a Council Proclamation recognizing Jacob Fisher and Student Painters for their entrepreneurial spirit.
- d. Wichman moved, Steele seconded, to adopt Ordinance 2021-01 to Amend Sections 8.5-62, 8.5-63, 8.5-64, 8.5-65, 8.5-66, 8.5-67, 8.5-68, 8.5-69, 8.5-70, 8.5-70.5, 8.5-72, 8.5-73, 8.5-75, 8.5-81, 8.5-84, 8.5-85, 8.8-86 of Article V, OF Chapter 8, Rates, To Modify Due Dates and Set Rates By Resolution. PASSED by roll call vote:
Yeas: Colestock, Politza, Steele, Wichman, Malewski
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
- e. Colestock moved, Steele seconded, to adopt Ordinance 2021-02 To Amend Sections 22-150, 22-151, and 22-153(a) Of Article IV, Division 2 OF Chapter 22, Rates And Fees, To Modify The Due Dates For Water And Sewer Charges. PASSED by roll call vote:

Yeas: Steele, Wichman, Colestock, Politza, Malewski

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

- f. Wichman moved, Steele seconded, PASSED, to adopt Resolution 2021-05 To Establish Electric Service Rates.
- g. Colestock moved, Politza seconded, PASSED, to adopt Resolution 2021-06 To Establish Water and Sewer Rates.
- h. Colestock moved, Steele seconded, PASSED, to adopt Resolution 2021-07 To Establish Utility Billing Charges.
- i. Steele moved, Politza seconded, PASSED, to appoint John Roche to the Quality of Life Board Arts Council Sub-Committee.
- j. Colestock moved, Wichman seconded, PASSED, to appoint Brian Wixson to the Quality of Life Board River Recreation Sub-Committee.
- k. Colestock moved, Steele seconded, PASSED, to appoint Brayden McDaniel to the Quality of Life Board River Recreation Sub-Committee.

Public Comments:

County Commissioner Rogers reported that Eaton County is experiencing an increase in COVID-19 cases but that recoveries are also increasing. She reported that the Early Head Start Program has been back for some time and have had no COVID-19 positive cases from school exposure. The program bus drivers have delivered over 24 thousand meals.

Reports:

City Manager Desentz reported that the Riverwalk Project construction is progressing as scheduled. He advised that the Budget Committee will meet next week.

Clerk Boomer reported that utility customers may be eligible for utility bill assistance through the Federal CERA Program administered in the state by MSHDA.

Fire Chief McNutt reported that the Fire Department has been very busy with grass fires.

Councilman Steele thanked Councilman Wichman for sharing the information he received at the Michigan Municipal League CapCon Conference. He reported that he has noticed the Island Project has created a lot of foot traffic in the area as people check out the progress.

Councilwoman Politza commented that all the work in the parks is great to see. She inquired about music in the Downtown area.

Mayor Malewski reported that he received a packet of ideas for recreation activities from a first grade class at Island City Academy. He will pass the packet on to Quality of Life Director Zeller. He advised that the river water level is low.

Steele moved, Colestock seconded, for Council to enter closed session to consider a matter of attorney client privilege. PASSED by roll call vote:

Yeas: Steele, Colestock, Wichman, Politza, Malewski,

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Council went into closed session at 7:50 p.m.

Council reconvened at 8:39 p.m.

Steele moved, Politza seconded, PASSED, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Paul O. Malewski, Mayor

Laura Boomer, City Clerk