

March 8, 2021
City Council Meeting

A regular meeting of the City Council was conducted by electronic remote means (online and/or by phone), on March 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 886 1631 3170.

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 Jim Riley of Eaton Rapids Assembly of God.

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

Wichman moved, Steele seconded, PASSED, to approve the February 18th Special Meeting Minutes, the February 22nd Worksession Minutes, and the February 22nd Council Meeting Minutes.

Steele moved, Colestock seconded, PASSED, to approve the disbursements of \$303,755.69.

Public Comments: None

Unfinished and Special Business: None

New Business:

- a. Colestock moved, Steele seconded, to approve the three (3) year contract with The Harkness Law Firm. PASSED by roll call vote:
Yeas: Colestock, Steele, Politza, Wichman, Malewski
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
- b. Steele moved, Wichman seconded, to approve the proposal from ASC for security cameras not to exceed \$36,160.69. PASSED by roll call vote:
Yeas: Politza, Wichman, Steele, Colestock, Malewski
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
- c. Steele moved, Wichman seconded, to adopt Resolution 2021-03 To Designate Member Authorized Representative to the Energy Services Project. PASSED by roll call vote:
Yeas: Wichman, Steele, Colestock, Politza, Malewski
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

- d. Steele moved, Wichman seconded, to adopt Resolution 2021-04 911 Fee Diversion. PASSED by roll call vote:
Yeas: Steele, Wichman, Colestock, Politza, Malewski
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
- e. First Read 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
- f. First Read 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

Public Comments: None

Reports:

City Manager Desentz reported that the Riverwalk Project construction is progressing as scheduled. Brook Street improvements are going out to bid soon and will be a summer-fall project.

Chief Weeks reported that training opportunities have picked up with the lifting of COVID restrictions on gatherings.

Councilman Wichman commented that he thought Councilman Steele and Quality of Life Director Zeller spoke well to the goose control topic when interviewed by the local paper. He thought the article was well written. He also thanked City Manager Desentz for his comments regarding goose control.

Councilman Steele reported that he is seeing a lot of activity going on. The City is busy with spring clean-up.

Mayor Malewski thanked the citizens of Eaton Rapids, Council, and the Engineers.

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

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Council went into closed session at 7:32 p.m.

Council reconvened at 7:51 p.m.

Colestock moved, Steele, seconded, to authorize the City Manager to sign a conflict of interest waiver as it relates to PURPA/Mill St. LLC issue. PASSED by roll call vote:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Steele moved, Colestock seconded, PASSED, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Paul O. Malewski, Mayor

Laura Boomer, City Clerk