

April 12, 2021
City Council Meeting

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on April 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Present were: Mayor Malewski, Councilwoman Colestock, Councilwoman Politza, Councilman Steele, and Councilman Wichman.

The invocation was given by Pastor Jenny Rouble of First Congregational Church.

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

Colestock moved, Steele seconded, PASSED, to approve the March 22nd Worksession Minutes, the March 22nd Council Meeting Minutes, and the March 24th Special Meeting Minutes.

Steele moved, Wichman seconded, PASSED, to approve the disbursements of \$647,773.50.

Public Comments: None

Unfinished and Special Business: None

New Business:

- a. Steele moved, Wichman seconded, PASSED, to authorize City Manager Desentz to sign the Power Purchase Commitment Authorization recommended by the Michigan Public Power Agency.
- b. Colestock moved, Steele seconded, PASSED, to appoint Clerk Boomer to the EATRAN Board of Directors as a County At Large Member.
- c. Politza moved, Steele seconded, PASSED, to approve the updated Designated Assessor Agreement for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025.
- d. Steele moved, Colestock seconded, PASSED, to approve the land division request submitted by Faith First for a parcel on N. Michigan.
- e. Colestock moved, Steele seconded, PASSED, to approve the rezoning request submitted by Faith First for the newly split 3.54 acre parcel.
- f. First Read of Ordinance 2021-03 to add article I of Chapter 23, amend Sections 23-1, and add Sections 23-2 through 23-13 Marijuana Establishments, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Eaton Rapids, Eaton County, Michigan, to allow for the operation of medical marijuana facilities within the City of Eaton Rapids effective September 1, 2021.

Public Comments: None

Reports:

Clerk Boomer reported that utility shutoffs for nonpayment will begin this month. She advised that March saw a lower than average number of late accounts.

Building Official Hummel reported that the zoning ordinance rewrite is moving along. The draft should go to the Planning Commission next month and then to Council in July.

Quality of Life Director Zeller reported that the Curb-Side Grant program opened on April 1st. She has distributed about twenty applications. She is working on outreach efforts. The deadline for submission has been extended to June 15th and the work completion date has been extended to November 15th.

City Manager Desentz reported that the Riverwalk Project continues to move along. The construction of the actual riverwalk begins soon.

City Attorney Harkness reported that the legal process for 224 N. Main is beginning.

Councilman Steele thanked Building Official Hummel and Fire Chief McNutt for their efforts with the Property Maintenance Code enforcement.

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

Yeas: Politza, Colestock, Malewski, Steele, Wichman

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Council went into closed session at 7:49 p.m.

Council reconvened at 8:21 p.m.

Colestock moved, Steele seconded, PASSED, to have Mayor Malewski abstain from voting on the recommendation of the Ethics Panel.

Wichman moved, Steele seconded, PASSED, to draft a letter of caution as recommended by the Ethics Panel. Mayor Malewski abstained.

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

Paul O. Malewski, Mayor

Laura Boomer, City Clerk