

April 12, 2021
City Council Worksession

A Worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on April 12, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Present were Mayor Malewski and Councilpersons Colestock, Politza, Steele, and Wichman.

Administrative Staff Present were City Manager Desentz, Clerk Boomer, Police Chief Weeks, Quality of Life Director Zeller, and Building Official Hummel.

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: None

New Business:

1. City Manager Desentz introduced the Marijuana Caregiver/ Home Occupation Ordinance. Building Official Hummel and Police Chief Weeks contributed to the discussion. The proposed ordinance would create local regulations for the growing of caregiver medical marijuana in the home along with State regulations. The Planning Commission recommended the ordinance for approval.
2. Building Official Hummel presented and discussed with Council a request for a land division submitted by Faith First for a parcel on N. Michigan. The Planning Commission recommended the split be approved. It is on the formal agenda for approval.
3. Building Official Hummel presented and discussed with Council a request for rezoning submitted by Faith First for a parcel on N. Michigan. The Planning Commission recommended the rezoning be approved. It is on the formal agenda for approval.
4. City Manager Desentz summarized and reviewed with Council the results of the utility rate studies. He advised any changes be effective October 1st.
5. City Manager Desentz presented and reviewed with Council a power purchase commitment authorization as recommended by the Michigan Public Power Agency. It is on the formal agenda for approval.
6. City Manager Desentz presented and reviewed with Council dates for a Special Meeting for the Budget Presentation. The consensus was to schedule for May 3, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.
7. City Clerk Boomer presented and reviewed with Council a request to reappoint a representative to the EATRAN Board of Directors. It is on the formal agenda for approval.
8. City Clerk Boomer presented and reviewed with Council an updated Designated Assessor Agreement. It is on the formal agenda for approval.

Public Comments:

Patrick McNutt, 751 Island Ct., commented on the utility rate studies.

Training Attendance Update:

City Manager Desentz reported that he attended a webinar on wind energy zoning. He advised that the City Managers Association is hoping to hold a conference in July.

Clerk Boomer reported that she attended a Capital Area Municipal Clerks Association Meeting. There was much discussion on the many proposed election reform bills being considered at the State level.

Quality of Life Director Zeller reported that she attended a compliance training for MSHDA.

Staff Reports:

City Manager Desentz advised that Eaton Rapids Township and Hamlin Township have suggested that the COG meeting scheduled for April 15th be canceled due to lack of business. Council agreed.

Building Official Hummel reported that the Planning Commission held a public hearing for the site plans for the King St. project.

Councilman Wichman reported that the 2021 Michigan Trails Magazine included river trails for the first time and recognized the Grand River Trail.

The meeting adjourned at 6:42p.m.

Paul Malewski, Mayor

Laura Boomer, City Clerk