

April 26, 2021
City Council Worksession

A Worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on April 26, 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, Treasurer Carr, Fire Chief McNutt, Quality of Life Director Zeller, Public Works/Utilities Director Moss, 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 5:01 p.m.

Public Comments: None

Unfinished and Special Business: None

New Business:

1. Public Works/Utilities Director Moss presented and reviewed with Council the bids for the Wastewater Treatment Plant roof upgrade. He recommended the lowest bid from Morrow Roofing/Weather Shield in the amount of \$38,388.00. It is on the formal agenda for approval.
2. Treasurer Carr presented and discussed with Council the Third Quarter Financial Report.
3. Quality of Life Director Zeller presented and discussed with Council a proposal developed by the Arts Council Sub-Committee and recommended by the Quality of Life Board for a student art display along the Scott Munn Riverwalk. The project would be funded by sponsorships and grants. It is on the formal agenda for approval.
4. City Manager Desentz summarized and reviewed with Council the results of the Fiber Study conducted through a grant from Michigan Municipal Electric Association. City Manager Desentz will move forward with an RFP/RFI for a buildout of a fiber system.
5. City Clerk Boomer presented and reviewed with Council a billing analysis showing how the proposed rates would affect the average residential customer over a three (3) year period.

Public Comments: None

Training Attendance Update: None

Staff Reports:

Clerk Boomer reported that she registered for the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks Conference to be held in June. She also reported that she attended the EATRAN Board of Directors Meeting.

Main Street/DDA Director Smith reported that he is working with Quality of Life Director Zeller on funding the student art project. He advised the building next to City Hall is under contract. Another Downtown business is renovating apartments on its second floor. He is working on finding tenants for empty storefronts.

Quality of Life Director Zeller reported that she attended a compliance training for MSHDA. She reported that the Parks Development Sub-Committee completed a project to promote the Mayor's Monarch Pledge. She is working on an MParks Grant for accessible playground equipment.

Fire Chief McNutt reported that the fire engine that was on its way for a pre-sale inspection caught on fire and is a loss. It has been turned into insurance. He reported that it was a busy weekend with some tough calls.

Public Works/Utilities Director Moss reported that he is working on the sidewalk repairs project. The previous contractor cannot complete the work when desired. He is preparing an RFP to go out this week. He is working on street sweeping bids.

City Manager Desentz reported that he is working with MEDC on a CDBG grant opportunity for water infrastructure. He reported that there was a malicious destruction of property incident at City Hall over the weekend.

The meeting adjourned at 6:53p.m.

Paul Malewski, Mayor

Laura Boomer, City Clerk