

A Worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, January 7th, 2019, at 5:00 p.m.

Present were Councilpersons Burke, Harri, Wichman and Colestock. Mayor Malewski was absent.

Administrative Staff Present were City Manager Aaron Desentz, Fire Chief Roger McNutt, and Police Chief Larry Weeks

Purpose of the meeting was a worksession. Notice of the meeting was duly given.

Public Comments:

Russ Hicks spoke on the River.

New Business Topics of Discussion were:

City Manager Desentz introduced the topic of the proposed Oak Ridge park hours change. Quality of Life Committee Chair Mary Maxey and Oak Ridge Park subcommittee members spoke on the topic of the proposed change. Council directed City staff to post the amended hours on a sign outside of the park to designate the hours as dawn until dusk.

City Manager Desentz introduced the proposed budget schedule. Councilmember Burke offered input on the Budget Committee role in the process. Council agreed with the proposal and directed staff to move forward.

Councilmember Colestock made the recommendation to appoint Russ Hicks to the Quality of Life River Recreation subcommittee in absence of the Mayor. The item will appear on the January 14th regular council meeting agenda.

City Manager Desentz discussed the Utilities Master Plan Request for Proposals that were submitted by two engineering firms. Council discussed the proposals. The item will be discussed further at the January 14th worksession and added to the January 14th regular work session

City Manager Desentz discussed the request from AT&T to extend their Metro Act permit to 2023. Moved by Wichman, second by Harri to approve the extension. Councilmember Burke abstained from voting. All in favor, motion carries 3-0.

Police Chief Weeks addressed the Council to discuss vacancies within the Police Department. Council will make a decision on the vacancy at a later date.

Motion by Harri, second by Burke to enter a closed session for the purpose of discussing upcoming collective bargaining negotiation strategy. Yeas: Harri, Burke, Wichman, Nays: Colestock. Motion carries 3-1.

Council entered a closed session at 6:50pm.

Council returned from the closed session at 7:30pm.

Unfinished and Special Business:

none

Public Comments:

None.

Reports:

Councilman Wichman reported on the Michigan Main Street process moving forward.

Councilman Burke reported on a change of standards regarding the City's electric sources. City staff will follow up on the inquiry.

Councilmember Colestock inquired about the City's utility newsletters. City staff will follow up on the inquiry.

Moved by Councilmember Burke, second by Councilmember Harri to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51pm.

Paul O. Malewski, Mayor

Aaron Desentz, City Manager