

A Worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, February 11, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Present were Mayor Malewski and Councilpersons Burke, Harri, Wichman and Colestock. None were absent.

Administrative Staff Present were City Manager Aaron Desentz, Fire Chief Roger McNutt, City Treasurer Marrie Jo Carr and Electric Foreman Sifton.

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

Public Comments:

J. Bush appeared before council regarding snow removal in the Downtown Business District. M. McGee appeared before council regarding snow removal in the Downtown Business District.

New Business Topics of Discussion were:

Treasurer Carr presented the 2nd quarter budget update. She included a revenue and expense summary ending at the 6-month period. Discussed the Business Incentive Fund. Treasurer Carr will research fund history and report back to council.

City Manager Desentz reviewed current utility rates. Advised sewer is operating at a loss and is sustained by electric. He discussed updating sewer rates to mitigate risk. Suggested a grant funded rate study. Desentz to research historical data.

Chief McNutt reviewed the Michigan's Public Safety Communications System (MPSCS) Member Subscriber Agreement. Councilwoman Colestock moved to approve the contract and appoint City Manager Desentz as signer; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

The Council discussed the Police Department request to purchase cameras for in car video recording and interview room video recording. The total amount is covered by a grant. Councilman Burke moved to approve the purchase; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Foreman Sifton discussed the purchase of a snow plow for the Electric Department. Councilwoman Colestock moved to authorize the purchase of a snow plow for the Electric Department as previously budgeted from Bannasch Welding for \$6,800.00; seconded by Councilman Wichman, passed unanimously.

Mayor Malewski and City Manager Desentz presented information to Council regarding snow removal in the Downtown Business District. Mayor Malewski proposed an hourly cost study for Downtown snow removal. Councilwoman Colestock moved to provide snow removal at a minimum accumulation of two inches to the Downtown Business District through April 12, 2019; seconded by Councilman Wichman, passed unanimously. City Manager Desentz will provide cost options to the DDA at their April 12, 2019 meeting.

Mayor Malewski discussed the Eaton Rapids Public Schools Education Foundation Benefit Auction. Offered to personally sponsor a table for Council. Advised to RVSP by email to City Manager Desentz by end of week.

Unfinished and Special Business: None.

Public Comments:

J. Bush appeared before Council in regards to snow removal communication with the Downtown Business District owners.

Reports:

Councilman Harri welcomed new City Clerk Boomer.

Mayor Malewski reported that there were negative social media posts directed at the City in regards to snow removal.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Paul O. Malewski, Mayor

Laura Boomer, City Clerk