

**February 25, 2019
City Council Meeting**

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, February 25, 2019. at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Malewski called the meeting to order.

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

The invocation was given by Jim Riley of the Eaton Rapids Assembly of God.

Councilwoman Colestock moved to approve the agenda with the addition of worksession new business items seven (PT code enforcement official) and eight (MMPA / MMEA alternate) under new business; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri moved to approve the February 11th worksession minutes and the February 11th council meeting minutes; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Colestock moved to approve the disbursements of \$497,507.09; seconded by Burke, passed unanimously.

Public Comments: None.

Unfinished and Special Business: None.

New Business Topics of Discussion were:

City Manager Desentz discussed the need for a part time code enforcement official. Building Official Hummel has identified at least 115 property maintenance code (PMC) violations while reviewing just half of the city. City Manager Desentz recommends the creation of a part time code enforcement official position. This position would start at \$15.00 per hour at 20 hours per week. City Manager Desentz also recommends a review of building permit fees. A budget amendment would be required to fund the position for the remainder of the current fiscal year and an addition of \$15,000.00 in the next fiscal year budget. This would be offset by building permit fees. Councilwoman Colestock moved to approve City Manager Desentz move forward in the process of hiring a part time code enforcement official; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

City Manager Desentz reported that a secondary contact is required by the Michigan Municipal Electric Association (MMEA) and by the Michigan Public Power Agency (MPPA). He recommended that he be designated the primary contact and City Clerk Boomer the secondary. Councilman Burke moved to approve that MMEA Resolution designating City Clerk Laura Boomer as the alternate contact for the MMEA and approve City Clerk Laura Boomer as the alternate contact for the MPPA; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Public Comments:

County Commissioner Barb Rogers reported on the following: that Eaton County has posted the magistrate position but no one has been hired yet; that the 2019-2020 budget work has begun; that there will be a County recycling event in May at Delta Township; that the CACS Head Start program has identified a problem with attendance.

City Manger Desentz reported a City Clean up event is scheduled for June 1, 2019.

W. Steele, 216 State St., appeared before council regarding the rental situation in the city. Voiced support of the PT code enforcement position.

R. Hicks, 7900 Columbia Hwy, appeared before council to extend an invite to the City for a Grand River meeting being held at Lansing Brewing Company on March 25, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. Reported that there will be a Crandall Park Water Festival on June 8, 2019 and a Fish with a First Responder event in mid-June at Crandall Park. Reported on proposed Grand River recreational ideas including removal of several dams.

Reports:

Police Chief Weeks reported on recent social media posts involving the police department. Offered an explanation to Council. Advised a response on social media was not warranted.

Councilman Burke extended a thank you to city crews for keeping up with the weather and clearing city roads in a timely manner.

Councilwoman Colestock reported that she attended the Down Town Master Plan meeting. Reported that there is an ER Air Committee meeting on Thursday, February 28th at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Planning a 50's theme for this year's event.

Councilman Harri reported that he believes the code enforcement position is a move in the right direction for the City.

City Manager Desentz asked that all media requests be forwarded to the Manger's office. He will be working on budget meeting scheduling. He is participating in lineman interviews this week.

City Clerk Boomer reported that utility billing will go out this week. Reported that she is reviewing document retention especially for election materials and separating documents for destruction. Reported she will coordinate with Chief Weeks to schedule mobile document shredding.

Mayor Malewski congratulated City Manager Desentz on his recent marriage. Discussed email he forwarded to Council in reference to code compliance. Advised he forwarded a letter about tree removal at Oakridge Park to Bill Botti for a response. Thanked Chief Weeks for facilitating the Harkness presentation.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Paul O. Malewski, Mayor

Laura Boomer, City Clerk