

**April 26, 2021**  
**City Council Meeting**

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on April 26, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Malewski called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Present were: Mayor Malewski, Councilwoman Colestock, Councilwoman Politza, Councilman Steele, and Councilman Wichman.

The invocation was given by Pastor Patricia Lankton of Community Christian Church.

Colestock moved, Steele seconded, PASSED, to approve the agenda.

Steele moved, Colestock seconded, PASSED, to approve the April 12<sup>th</sup> Worksession Minutes, the April 12<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting Minutes, and the April 14<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting Minutes.

Wichman moved, Steele seconded, PASSED, to approve the disbursements of \$627,780.13.

**Public Comments:**

Jeff Metts, 8483 Brookfield Rd, commented against the medical marijuana facilities ordinance.

Chris Dowding-Metts, 8483 Brookfield Rd., commented against the medical marijuana facilities ordinance.

**Unfinished and Special Business:**

Mayor Malewski read his Mayor's Monarch Pledge Proclamation proclaiming the month of May as "Monarch Education and Awareness Month".

**New Business:**

- a. Wichman moved, Steele seconded, to approve the bid from Morrow Roofing/Weather Shield for the Wastewater Treatment Plant roofing upgrade in the amount of \$38,388.00. PASSED by roll call vote:  
Yeas: Wichman, Steele, Colestock, Politza, Malewski  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 0
- b. Colestock moved, Steele seconded, PASSED, to approve the Student Art Display along the Scott Munn Riverwalk.
- c. Colestock moved, Steele seconded, to approve Resolution 2021-08 Authorizing the City Manager as Signatory for the Brook Street Reconstruction Contract. PASSED by roll call vote:  
Yeas: Steele, Colestock, Politza, Wichman, Malewski  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 0
- d. Wichman moved, Steele seconded, to adopt Ordinance 2021-03 to add article I of Chapter 23, amend Sections 23-1, and add Sections 23-2 through 23-13 Marijuana Establishments, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Eaton Rapids, Eaton County, Michigan, to allow for the operation of medical marijuana facilities within the City of Eaton Rapids.

Passed by roll call vote:

Yeas: Colestock, Steele, Wichman,

Nays: Politza, Malewski

Absent: 0

- e. First Read of Ordinance 2021-04 to Add Section 23.31 to Article XXIII, Appendix A, Zoning Ordinance to Provide Regulations for the Medical Use of Marijuana in the Course of a Home Occupation.
- f. First Read of Ordinance 2021-05 to Amend Section 1.40 to Article I, Appendix A, and to Add Section 23.50 to Article XXIII, Appendix A, Zoning Ordinance to Create a Commercial Medical Marijuana Facilities Overlay District.
- g. First Read of Ordinance 2021-06 to Add Article VII, Sections 17-90 through 17-102 of Chapter 17, Peddlers, Solicitors, and Merchants to Allow for the Regulation of Mobile Food Vending.

**Public Comments:**

Donald Nolte, 609 Hastay, commented on the enforcement of the noxious weed ordinance.

County Commissioner Rogers reported that there have been 9,338 cases of COVID-19 in Eaton County. She advised that Early Head Start reported no cases of COVID-19 were traced to school. She reported that recycling efforts in the County are being looked at and the needs for recycling in the County.

Patrick, McNutt, 751 Island Court, commented that he loves being a member of the Quality of Life Board and the Parks Development Sub-Committee and contributing to the City.

**Reports:**

Clerk Boomer reported that utility shutoffs for nonpayment will begin on Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Quality of Life Director Zeller reported that the Pavilion picnic tables are on loan to the schools for outside learning. They will be returned when school is done for summer. She complimented Clerk Boomer for her efforts with curtailing the number of shutoffs for non-payment. Outreach efforts and consistency have reduced the number of shutoffs.

Councilwoman Politza reported that she would like to see disk golf offered in the parks. She challenged Councilman Wichman to a round of disk golf. She suggested that the bricks be sold at the farmer's market.

Councilman Steele congratulated Clerk Boomer's son, Liam Boomer, for his Swimmer of the Year nomination. He commented that there are many hard decisions for local government, and he feels great to be part of a team that works together to make these decisions. Considerable thought and education go into making tough decisions like Council made tonight. He reported that he is looking forward to life post-COVID-19.

Councilwoman Colestock thanked the Police and Fire Departments for their work this past week. They work hard and have gone through a lot.

Councilman Wichman echoed Councilwoman Colestock's comments commending the police and fire Departments. He commented that Public Safety is important in our community.

Mayor Malewski also echoed the comments commending the Police and Fire Departments. He added that these difficult calls take a toll on the public safety sector and that their families bear a burden.

Colestock moved, Steele seconded, for Council to enter closed session to discuss collective bargaining negotiation strategy. PASSED by roll call vote:

Yeas: Colestock, Politza, Wichman, Steele, Malewski

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Council went into closed session at 8:49 p.m.

Council reconvened at 9:33 p.m.

Wichman moved, Colestock seconded, PASSED, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

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Paul O. Malewski, Mayor

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Laura Boomer, City Clerk