

February 14, 2022
City Council Worksession

A Worksession of the Eaton Rapids City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on February 14, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

Present were Mayor Colestock and Councilpersons Politza, Steele, Nicholas, and Robison.

Administrative Staff Present were City Manager Montenegro, Clerk Boomer, Building Official Hummel, DPW/Utilities Director Pierce, Treasurer Carr, City Attorney Harkness and Quality of Life Director Zeller.

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

Mayor Colestock called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Public Comments: None

Unfinished and Special Business: None

New Business:

1. Mayor Colestock presented and reviewed with Council the City's LEAP membership status. The 2022 membership has not been renewed. DDA has approved up to \$1,500 towards the \$3,000 membership. City Manager Montenegro and Quality of Life Director Zeller contributed.
2. Police Chief Weeks presented and reviewed with Council a proposal for a School Resource Officer in partnership with Eaton Rapids Public Schools. ERPS Superintendent Dr. DeFrance and City Attorney Harkness contributed. Chief Weeks will check with the City's labor attorney about unemployment. It is on the formal agenda for approval.
3. City Attorney Harkness presented and reviewed with Council Ordinance 2022-02 General Penalty to update the existing ordinance. The first read is on the formal agenda.
4. City Attorney Harkness presented and reviewed with Council proposed precinct boundary changes as a result of the 2020 Census. Clerk Boomer contributed.
5. Building Official Hummel presented and reviewed with Council a proposal to sell the current dog park to MCM Inc. (owner of Eaton Pines) and acquiring a parcel owned by MCM Inc. to become the dog park. This would allow Eaton Pines to have land contiguous to the current park to construct an office/club house with a pool and possible playground. The resulting parcel for the dog park would provide additional benefits to the dog park. Representatives from MCM Inc. contributed.
6. City Manager Montenegro presented and reviewed with Council a proposal from Dewpoint to update the City's network core switches.

Public Comments: None

Training Attendance Update:

Police Chief Weeks reported that he attended the Michigan Chiefs Association Conference last week. Recruitment and retention was a big topic. The Police Department is attending scenario based training.

Building Official Hummel reported that he is attending a Tornado Risk and Mitigation webinar.

Quality of Life Director Zeller reported that she attended a MSHDA training and award notification webinar. The City was awarded a \$75,000 MSHDA grant to assist homeowners in the City. She and Parks and Recreation Coordinator Cagle are attending the MParks conference in a few weeks.

Treasurer Carr reported that she is attending the MGOFA conference in March and an advanced treasurer's class.

Staff Reports:

Clerk Boomer reported that she attended the EATRAN Board of Directors meeting last week.

Police Chief Weeks reported that he has conducted interviews for the police academy sponsorship. He is extending offers to two (2) candidates.

Quality of Life Zeller reported the 4th of July planning committee meets on Thursdays at 2:00 p.m.

Steele moved, Politza seconded, PASSED, to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Pamela Colestock, Mayor

Laura Boomer, City Clerk