

March 14, 2022
City Council Meeting

A regular meeting of the Eaton Rapids City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on March 14, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Colestock called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The invocation was given by Pastor Katie Lance of Thrive Church.

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

Steele moved, Politza seconded, PASSED, to approve the February 28, 2022 Worksession Minutes .

Steele moved, Nicholas seconded, PASSED, to approve the February 28, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes.

Steele moved, Nicholas seconded, PASSED, to approve the disbursements totaling \$497,718.43.

Public Comments:

Lynn Ball, 4673 Eaton River Trail, commented on pickleball and utilities.

Proclamations / Special Presentations: None

Public Hearings / Public Input: Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application

Public input meeting started at 7:10 p.m.

Quality of Life Director Zeller reviewed the grant application and the proposed project- an all accessible point for river access. The grant requires a 25% match.

Russ Hicks, 7900 Columbia Hwy, commented on the importance of Type A access points. Advised of potential required studies and that grants are competitive.

Public input meeting closed at 7:29 p.m.

Items of Business:

- a. First Read of Ordinance 2022-03. An Ordinance to Amend Section 2 of Article I of Chapter 2, Wards and Voting Districts Established; Described. City Attorney Harkness reviewed the ordinance. Clerk Boomer contributed.
- b. Steele moved, Politza seconded, PASSED, to reappoint Joseph Bennett to the Construction Building Board of Appeals for a term ending 1.31.2025.

Public Comments: None

Reports:

a. Mayor-

Mayor Colestock reported that she met with Eaton Rapids Township and Hamlin Township representatives. Both municipalities have pledged to contribute to the July 4th fireworks. The Hospital and the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) also contribute. The DDA meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum, but members discussed the farmers market, the façade grant program and snow removal in the downtown. She reported that communication is key to the City running successfully.

b. Council-

Councilman Steele reported that he is impressed with the professionalism of all staff.

c. City Manager-

City Manager Montenegro reviewed her Council report. She advised that communication is very important and that the MML Council and staff training will facilitate effective communication.

Steele moved, Politza seconded, to enter Closed Session to consider a matter of attorney client privilege.

PASSED by roll call vote:

Yeas: Steele, Politza, Nicholas, Colestock

Nays: 0

Absent: Robison

Council entered closed session at 7:50 p.m.

Council reconvened at 8:13 p.m.

Politza moved, Steele seconded, PASSED, to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Pamela Colestock, Mayor

Laura Boomer, City Clerk