

September 12, 2022
City Council Worksession

A Worksession of the Eaton Rapids City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on September 12, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

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

Administrative Staff Present were City Manager Ridge, Clerk Boomer, Fire Chief McNutt, Police Chief Weeks, City Attorney Harkness, and DPW/Utilities Director Pierce.

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. Police Chief Weeks presented and discussed with Council the mutual aid policy implications with the loss of Sheriff patrol in the neighboring townships from midnight to 6:00 a.m. He is proposing mutual aid with the responding agency and not act as the primary responder.
2. Mayor Colestock presented and reviewed an agreement with Gavin Historical Bricks to purchase unused bricks currently at DPW. City Attorney Harkness contributed. It is on the formal agenda for approval.
3. City Manager Ridge presented and reviewed with Council the RFP for auditing services. She is recommending entering in an agreement with Siegfried Crandall P.C.(lowest bidder). It is on the formal agenda for approval.
4. Mayor Colestock initiated a discussion on the begging ordinance. Council reviewed the current ordinance and sample language from other municipalities. City Attorney Harkness contributed.
5. City Manager Ridge presented and reviewed with Council Ordinance 2022-09 to change Quality of Life Board to Parks, Recreation, and Events Board and to change Quality of Life Director to Director of Parks, Recreation and Events. It is on the formal agenda for a first reading.
6. City Manager Ridge presented and reviewed with Council Ordinance 2022-10 to update the Water Ordinance. It is on the formal agenda for a first reading.
7. Mayor Colestock initiated a discussion on appointments to the Parks and Recreation Sub Committee. It is on the formal agenda for approval.
8. City Attorney Harkness presented and reviewed Resolution 2022-12 Spicerville Transfer and the Agreement with Eaton County Road Commission. They are on the formal agenda for approval.

Public Comments:

Police Chief Weeks reported that there was an incident over the weekend involving an altercation and a firearm. The incident has been resolved. The Department assisted with a domestic violence call in the County and arrested the suspect in the City. Police Chief Weeks reported that the City was awarded \$16,000 for a County Cybersecurity Grant.

DPW/Utility Director Pierce reported that were no lead lines found in the Hall St. reconstruction.

Councilperson Robison reported that the pickleball group reached their fundraising goal.

Councilperson Politza reported that she removed dead flowers from the bridge flower boxes.

Council discussed the naming of the Riverwalk.

Councilperson Steele reported that he met the School Resource Officer at the football game and was impressed with him.

Steele moved, Robison seconded, PASSED, to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Pamela Colestock, Mayor

Laura Boomer, City Clerk