

**December 12, 2022**  
**City Council Worksession**

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

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

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

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 information on the Operating Engineers' Local No. 324 Contract. She advised that attended one of the meetings. City Manager Ridge reviewed the tentative agreement. The Union has ratified the agreement. It is on the formal agenda for approval.
2. City Manager Ridge presented and reviewed with Council the corrective action plan monitoring-pension. She hopes to be 60% funded by 2026. It is on the formal agenda for approval.
3. City Manager Ridge presented and reviewed with Council the corrective action plan monitoring-OPEB. She believes the City will be 40% funded in ten years. It is on the formal agenda for approval.
4. City Manager Ridge advised that she met with Roy Davis about the State street Dam. He advised that he is planning to move forward with removing the State Street Dam and reduce water levels if the City doesn't agree to a maintenance fee agreement. Clerk Boomer reviewed the Interconnection Agreement facility improvement requirements. City Manager Ridge will respond in writing to Mr. Davis.
5. City Manager Ridge initiated a discussion on the Hometown Christmas Event. She requested that Council send feedback about the event to her so she can share at the recap meeting. There is an employee Christmas Lunch scheduled for the 22<sup>nd</sup>. City Hall will be closed for 2 hours. Council is invited as well.
6. City Manager Ridge discussed the appreciation gifts with Council. They would be purchased with donated funds. City Attorney Harkness advised that his office would like to contribute.
7. DPW/Utilities Director Pierce provided an update on the Well Head Protection Plan. Peerless has provided a quote to complete the report. It is due by December 31<sup>st</sup> and Pierce advised it would be submitted late.
8. Treasurer Carr presented and reviewed the November financial report.
9. City Manager Ridge provided an update to the audit status. Treasurer Carr contributed. The audit is complete, and the financial statements have just been received for review. The 20/21 single audit is nearing completion.

**Public Comments:**

City Attorney Harkness reported on the use of cemetery property for other things. The sale of cemetery property would require a Charter provision and a vote of the people. City Manager Ridge is looking into

moving the dog park. She will work with Building Official Hummel on alternate locations. Ridge will notify Eaton Pines that the property cannot be sold.

Chief Weeks advised the vandalism to G.A.R. Island Park is under investigation. They are close to solving the investigation.

Ridge advised the streetlight on McArthur River Drive has been installed. The pump has been retrieved and will be reinstalled. Insurance will cover the damage/costs.

Harkness reported that the Horner Mill Property lawsuit is ready to be refiled. Ridge met with Eaton County and the Land Bank Program about funds to assist with demolition.

Steele moved, Politza seconded, PASSED, to adjourn.  
The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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Pamela Colestock, Mayor

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Laura Boomer, City Clerk