

January 9, 2023
City Council Worksession

A Worksession of the Eaton Rapids City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on January 9, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

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

Administrative Staff Present were City Manager Ridge, Clerk Boomer, Fire Chief McNutt, DPW Director Pierce, Treasurer Carr, 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:

Dave Wilson, representing Oakridge Park Committee, commented that the committee is looking into a grant for park amenities. Mayor Colestock advised the City and Eaton Rapids Township are working on an updated interlocal agreement.

Unfinished and Special Business:

1. City Manager Ridge reviewed the updated proposed language. Chief Weeks contributed and clarified the proposed changes. It will be included on the January 23, 2023 formal agenda for first read.

New Business:

1. City Manager Ridge presented and reviewed with Council information on the 2023 Clean Energy Program. Utility Director Pierce contributed.
2. City Manager Ridge presented and reviewed with Council the 2022 MPPA Business Model Risk Assessment. Pierce contributed. An electric rate study has been contracted.
3. City Manager Ridge presented and reviewed with Council the recommendations of the Local Officers Compensation Commission to establish Mayor and City Council compensation. The only change recommended is to allow up to ten (10) additional special meetings as called by the Mayor. It is on the formal agenda for adoption.
4. Clerk Boomer reviewed the January meeting dates for the City's boards and commissions to aid in the distribution of the appreciation gifts as provided for by donations.
5. Treasurer Carr presented and reviewed the December 31, 2022 Financial Report.
6. City Manager Ridge provided an update to the audit status. The audit extension was denied by the State. It needs to be submitted by January 31st. It should be filed next week.

Public Comments:

City Manager Ridge and City Attorney Harkness provided an update on the Horner Mill Property.

City Manager Ridge reported that there is a meeting scheduled between DDA and the Chamber to discuss upcoming events. Mr. M's received a Match on Main Grant. Another grant cycle is coming up. One (1) business is selected per round.

City Attorney Harkness advised he's busy with juvenile prosecutions.

Clerk Boomer provided an update on the implementation of Proposal 22-2.

Chief Weeks reported that he's meeting with Representative Elissa Slotkin. He advised traffic lights on Main Street are governed by the State. He recommended that elected officials reach out to MDOT with concerns.

Treasurer Carr reported that its been busy with taxes and year-end reporting.

Utility Director Pierce reported that they are beginning to interview for the public works positions openings.

Chief McNutt reported that he is recruiting firefighters.

Mayor Colestock reported that she is serving on the MML Economic Development Committee.

Steele moved, Robison seconded, PASSED, to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Pamela Colestock, Mayor

Laura Boomer, City Clerk