

February 27, 2023
City Council Worksession

A Worksession of the Eaton Rapids City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on February 27, 2023, 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, DPW Director Pierce, Parks, Recreation & Events Director Cagle, Police Chief Weeks, and City Attorney Harkness.

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. Parks, Recreation & Events Director Cagle presented and reviewed with Council the 2023 Easter Egg Hunt Special Event Application. The event is scheduled for April 1st at 11:00 a.m. at the Amphitheater. It is on the formal agenda for approval.
2. City Attorney Harkness presented and reviewed with Council a draft Power to Authorize Purchases Ordinance. City Manager Ridge explained the reasoning behind the ordinance. She would like the ability to approve payments outside of Council approval. Council discussed the spending threshold. City Attorney Harkness will work on the ordinance language. He will look at amending the contracts ordinance and purchasing policy to coincide with the change.
3. City Manager Ridge provided an update to the audit status. The audit has been submitted. She reviewed the audit findings with Council. She is working on a corrective action plan.

Public Comments: None

DPW Director Pierce reported that DPW crews cleaned up downed branches from the ice storm.

City Manager Ridge reported that several W2's need corrected. Clerk Boomer contributed. Ridge advised she will not amend the incorrect payroll.

Parks, Recreation, & Events Cagle reported that basketball is done. Soccer registration has opened and is up to 80 registrations already. The 4th of July Committee meets tomorrow. He submitted Match on Main grants for DDA. He is attending MParks March 7-10.

City Attorney Harkness reported that the Horner Mill property counsel has communicated minor changes to the settlement agreement but has not sent it yet. He has not heard from counsel regarding the Riverwalk easement. He reported that another juvenile responsible for the Island Park vandalism has pleaded guilty.

Fire Chief McNutt reported that inspections have been completed on 2nd and 3rd floors of 208 King St.

Mayor Colestock reported that the Recycling Committee met last week. They discussed available recycling grants. Some require a lot of work in the application process.

Steele moved, Robison seconded, PASSED, to adjourn.
The meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Pamela Colestock, Mayor

Laura Boomer, City Clerk