

**April 10, 2023,
City Council Meeting**

A regular meeting of the Eaton Rapids City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on April 10, 2023, 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, Robison, and Politza.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The invocation was given by Mayor Colestock.

Steele moved, Politza seconded, PASSED, to approve the agenda removing item d. under New Business.

Steele moved, Politza seconded, PASSED, to approve the March 27, 2023 Worksession Minutes .

Steele moved, Politza seconded, PASSED, to approve the March 27, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes.

Steele moved, Politza seconded, PASSED, to approve the disbursements totaling \$576,751.18.

Public Comments: None

Unfinished/Special Business:

- a. Mayor Colestock recognized James Ray for his retirement from the Eaton Rapids Fire Department after 19 years of service. James Ray thanked Council and Fire Department Command Staff.
- b. Building Official Hummel presented the 2020, 2021, and 2022 Planning Commission Annual Reports. Councilman Steele thanked the Planning Commission for their work on the Board and on the reports. Mayor Colestock also thanked the Planning Commission and Chairman Vanek for attending.

Items of Business:

- a. Steele moved, Nicholas seconded, PASSED, to appoint Mark Haubert to the Hospital Finance Authority Board for a term ending December 31, 2023.
- b. Steele moved, Nicholas seconded, PASSED, to appoint Lisa St. Aubin to the Hospital Finance Authority Board for a term ending December 31, 2024.
- c. Steele moved, Nicholas seconded, PASSED, to appoint Sara Allswede to the Hospital Finance Authority Board for a term ending December 31, 2025.
- d. Removed
- e. Steele moved, Nicholas seconded, to adopt Ordinance 2023-03 to amend Section 2-44 of Division 3 of Article III of Chapter 2, Written Contract Required; When Purchase Order is a Written Contract, of the codified Ordinances of the City of Eaton Rapids. PASSED by roll call vote:
Yeas: Robison, Nicholas, Colestock, Steele, Politza
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
- f. Steele moved, Nicholas seconded, to adopt Ordinance 2023-04 to add Section 2-31 of Division 1 of Article III of Chapter 2, Withdrawal of City Monies by City Manager, of the codified Ordinances of the City of Eaton Rapids. PASSED by roll call vote:
Yeas: Nicholas, Colestock, Steele, Politza, Robison
Nays: 0

Absent: 0

- g. First Read of Ordinance 2023-05. An Ordinance to Repeal Section 2-27 of Division 1 of Article III of Chapter 2, City Council to Adopt Rules, and to Amend Section 2-49 of Division 3 of Article III, Purchasing Policy, of the codified Ordinances of the City of Eaton Rapids.

Public Comments:

Martin Vanek, Planning Commission Chair, commented on the zoning ordinance. He requested a way to record their meetings for minutes transcription.

County Commissioner Rogers presented copies of the Road Commission Annual Report. She advised that she inquired about the cost of asphaltting a gravel road and was informed that one (1) mile is about \$1.5 million.

Reports:

- a. Staff-

Fire Chief McNutt thanked James Ray for his service to the Fire Department, especially in the creation and administration of the Jr. Firefighter program. He reported that he and Building Official Hummel will be busy over the next several weeks conducting rental inspections.

City Manager Ridge congratulated James Ray on his retirement from the Fire Department. She thanked Building Official Hummel for presenting the Planning commission reports. She reported that CapCon is next week and that she and two (2) Council members are attending. She congratulated Sheila Camp on her retirement from the City after twelve (12) years of service. She reported that more bricks have been sold. She thanked staff for their efforts with being short staffed.

- b. Council-

Councilwoman Politza thanked James Ray for his service. She thanked staff for their hard work.

Councilwoman Robison also thanked James Ray for his service and thanked staff for their hard work.

Councilman Steele thanked James Ray for his service, especially with the air trailer. He expressed confidence in the staff working through being short staffed. He commented that Wednesday evenings be busy again this week with the car show and that residents should take their time driving through town. He thanked Commissioner Rogers for reporting back on the cost of asphaltting a gravel road.

- c. Mayor-

Mayor Colestock thanked James Ray for his service. She reported that the Easter Egg Hunt was successful. She thanked Director of Parks, Recreation and Events Cagle and his team for their work on the event. She reported that the April COG meeting is canceled. The budget process has started, and the Budget Committee has met once. She advised she is confident it will go well.

Steele moved, Politza seconded, PASSED, to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Pamela Colestock, Mayor

Laura Boomer, City Clerk