

**April 24, 2023,
City Council Meeting**

A regular meeting of the Eaton Rapids City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on April 24, 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 Pastor Jim Riley of Eaton Rapids Assembly of God.

Steele moved, Politza seconded, PASSED, to approve the agenda with the addition of item 11. i. Interim Finance Director Contract under Items of Business.

Steele moved, Politza seconded, PASSED, to approve the April 10, 2023 Worksession Minutes .

Steele moved, Politza seconded, PASSED, to approve the April 10, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes.

Steele moved, Politza seconded, PASSED, to approve the disbursements totaling \$817,576.09.

Public Comments:

Russ Hicks, 7900 Columbia, distributed information on dams. He commented on dams in the area.

Unfinished/Special Business:

- a. Mayor Colestock opened the Closeout Public Hearing for Michigan Community Block Grant Funding for Eaton Rapids Island City Parks Improvement at 7:09 p.m. Ridge reviewed the scope of the project. There were no public comments. Councilwoman Robison commented that it was a successful project with needed repairs to the Island. Councilman Steele commented that it was his goal when running for Council to replace the East Pedestrian Bridge and that has been accomplished. Good to see people out enjoying the park and riverwalk. Councilwoman Politza commented that it is a beautiful project and it turned out great. Mayor Colestock commented that the engineering firm won an award for the project. Public Hearing closed at 7:15 p.m.

Items of Business:

- a. Steele moved, Robison seconded, PASSED, to approve the Special Event Application for Art in the Park Event submitted by the City of Eaton Rapids Arts Council.
- b. Steele moved, Robison seconded, PASSED, to approve the Special Event Application for Open Mic Event submitted by the City of Eaton Rapids Arts Council.
- c. Steele moved, Robison seconded, PASSED, to approve the CDAM AmeriCorps State Program Host Site Agreement for a one (1) year full-time internship.
- d. Steele moved, Nicholas seconded, PASSED, to adopt the Policy and Procedure for the Public Inspection and Copying of Public Records in lieu of Customary Business Hours.
- e. Steele moved, Nicholas seconded, to adopt Resolution 2023-06 to Update Signatories at Eaton Community Bank.

PASSED by roll call vote:

Yeas: Nicholas, Colestock, Steele, Politza, Robison

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

- f. Steele moved, Nicholas seconded, to adopt Resolution 2023-07 To Authorize City Manager to File a Claim for the Protecting MI Pension Grant Program. PASSED by roll call vote:
Yeas: Colestock, Steele, Politza, Robison, Nicholas
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
- g. Steele moved, Nicholas seconded, to adopt Resolution 2023-08 to Authorize City Manager To Purchase, Acquire, and Construct Capital Improvements and to Publish Notice of Intent to Issue Municipal Securities. PASSED by roll call vote:
Yeas: Steele, Politza, Robison, Nicholas, Colestock
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
- h. Steele moved, Nicholas seconded, to adopt Ordinance 2023-05 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. PASSED by roll call vote:
Yeas: Robison, Nicholas, Colestock, Steele, Politza
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
- i. Steele moved, Nicholas seconded, PASSED, to approve the Interim Finance Director Contract with Rehmann.
PASSED by roll call vote:
Yeas: Politza, Steele, Colestock, Nicholas, Robison
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

Public Comments:

Dale Erion, 1015 Hall St., commented on flag disposal event on May 20th (weather permitting) at Rose Hill Cemetery.

Reports:

- a. Staff-
Fire Chief McNutt thanked Dale Erion for the cemetery map marking firefighter graves. He also thanked Dean Butler for his donation of two backpack blowers to the Fire Department.
City Manager Ridge reported that HUD selected the Island Project for a site visit. They are coming Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. The engineering firm for the project won a historic civil engineering award for the project. She has applied for an MSHDA grant for housing rehabilitation. The City did not receive the Slotkin grant. She is working on a DWSRF grant with MI Water Navigator. She will be out of the office for the next week.
- b. Council-
Councilwoman Politza commented on the flag at the Public Safety Building.
Councilwoman Robison reported that the Chamber of Commerce dinner is May 18 and tickets are available.

Councilman Steele thanked Russ Hicks for the dam information. He thanked Dale Erion for the cemetery maps. He recognized Clerk Boomer for her efforts keeping Council organized.

c. Mayor-

Mayor Colestock reported that the Memorial Day Parade is May 29th at 11:00 a.m. Anyone interested in participating can reach out to her. Veteran cemetery flags will be placed May 27th at 9:00 a.m. at Rose Hill Cemetery. Volunteers are welcome.

Steele moved, Robison seconded, PASSED, to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Pamela Colestock, Mayor

Laura Boomer, City Clerk