

April 24, 2023
City Council Worksession

A Worksession of the Eaton Rapids City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on April 24, 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, Police Chief Weeks, and Director of Parks, Recreation and Events.

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. Michael McGeehan of GRP Engineering, Inc, presented and reviewed the Electric Reliability Study.
2. City Manager Ridge introduced a discussion on water and sewer rates. Warren Creamer, Managing Director of MFCI, LCC attended via Zoom and presented projections and reviewed the CWSRF Grant. He recommended smoothing rate increases over three years with inflationary increases thereafter.
3. City Manager Ridge provided Council an update on the Treasurer/Finance Position. No applications have been received. She is proposing hiring an Interim Finance Director through an auditing firm at 100 hours per month for a six (6) month contract. Robison suggested offering a higher salary to attract a permanent full-time treasurer. Steele wants to proceed with the contract with experienced staff, not hiring someone less experienced. Politza thinks the contract will help clean things up prior to hiring a permanent full-time treasurer.
4. City Manager Ridge provided Council with an update on the budget. The Budget Committee has met twice. The committee will meet one more time. She is planning a Special Budget Meeting on May 9th at 5:00 p.m.

Public Comments: None

Steele moved, Robison seconded, PASSED, to adjourn.
The meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Pamela Colestock, Mayor

Laura Boomer, City Clerk