

July 10, 2023
City Council Worksession

A Worksession of the Eaton Rapids City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on July 10, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Colestock called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Colestock and Councilpersons Steele, Politza, Robison, and Nicholas.

Administrative Staff Present were City Manager Ridge, Clerk Boomer, Treasurer Allen, Fire Chief McNutt, DPW Director Pierce, Police Chief Weeks, Building Official Hummel, and Associate City Attorney Lars Kivari.

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. Building Official Hummel reviewed the proposed civil infraction fines ordinance adding vegetation violations. It is on the formal agenda for a first read.
2. City Manager Ridge presented and reviewed information about the LIEAF program. The Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund (LIEAF) provides critical energy assistance and self-sufficiency services to Michigan households that meet income qualifications. City can opt in and conduct shut offs year round and charge an additional fee to all electric customers. Council discussed the program and will consider again at a later meeting.
3. City Manager Ridge presented a proposed ordinance change to increase the turn on fees from \$50 to \$150 and after hours to \$250. The changes include allowing up to 3 days for restoration. Presented the shut off fees for other municipalities. Council discussed various fee structures. Clerk Boomer contributed.
4. City Manager Ridge presented and reviewed information on the MERS Officer and Employee Delegate program. The individuals would attend the MERS conference. Treasurer Genny Allen would attend as the Officer Delegate.
5. Fire Chief McNutt provided an update on the fire pickup truck he ordered. Ford could not provide a status on the truck he ordered. He is considering buying off the lot instead of waiting for the vehicle ordered. Ridge will check out Enterprise.

Old Business:

Mayor Colestock initiated a review of the Council Policies and Procedures through page 15. Associate City Attorney Kivari contributed.

Public Comments: None

Politza moved, Steele seconded, PASSED, to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Pamela Colestock, Mayor

Laura Boomer, City Clerk