

**July 24, 2023**  
**City Council Work Session**

A Work Session of the Eaton Rapids City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on July 24, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Colestock called the work session 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, Treasurer Allen, Fire Chief McNutt, DPW Director Pierce, Parks, Recreation, and Events Director Cagle, Police Chief Weeks, and City Attorney Cullen Harkness.

**Public Comments:** none

**Special Business:** none

**New Business:**

1. City Manager Ridge reviewed the proposed increase of the Turn-on rate from \$50 to \$100. There was consensus of City Council to move forward. City Attorney Harkness will edit the City Ordinance to reflect the change. It will be presented at a future Council meeting.
2. Chief Weeks recommended the sign on West Hamlin Street be removed and the entirety of the street be posted similarly as most of the downtown business district. This item is on the formal council agenda for approval.
3. City Attorney Harkness presented to council the Michigan election law allows the City to change the November City Mayor and Council Elections to even numbered years without changing the City Charter. The requirement to have a public hearing and adopt a resolution can happen at the same meeting. City Council is interested in pursuing this option.
4. City Manager Ridge provided an update on the open City Clerk position. There is a temporary clerk available to start working with the City part-time. She will be available to work the upcoming elections. Once there is an updated job description in place for this position, the City will post the opening.

**Public Comments:**

Mrs. Lila Lewis, 206 Lindy Avenue received a letter from the City regarding an ordinance concerning the storage of travel trailers. After some discussion, Mayor Colestock said she will talk with City Manager Ridge and Building Inspector Hummel about the ordinance.

**Closed Session:**

Steele moved, Nicholas seconded, PASSED, to go into closed session at 5:38 p.m. for employee reviews.

Steele moved, Nicholas seconded, PASSED, to go back into open session.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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Pamela Colestock, Mayor

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Yvonne Ridge, Interim City Clerk