

June 26, 2023
City Council Worksession

A Worksession of the Eaton Rapids City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on June 26, 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 (5:15-5:30 p.m. via Zoom), Building Official Hummel, and City Attorney Harkness.

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:

Donald Nolte, 609 Hastay, commented on the enforcement of the vegetation ordinance.

City Manager Ridge introduced Treasurer Genny Allen.

Unfinished and Special Business: None

New Business:

1. Police Chief Weeks presented and reviewed with Council an updated quote for the purchase of a 2023 Ford Police Interceptor including equipment and installation. Council had approved a quote for a 2022 model last year and it was ordered. That vehicle was not produced, and Ford advised a 2023 would be produced with an increase in cost. Council discussed paying for the entire purchase with no financing. It is on the formal agenda for approval.
2. City Attorney Harkness reviewed proposed changes to the vegetation ordinance. Building Official Hummel contributed. Harkness will work on adding vegetation offenses to the civil infraction ordinance.
3. City Manager Ridge reviewed the First Amended Employment Agreement for Firefighter Dave Hendon. The amendment includes language for retirement contributions retroactive to August 11, 2022.
4. City Manager Ridge reviewed the Resolution to Authorize Issuance of General Obligation Limited Tax Bond, Series 2023.
5. Treasurer Allen reviewed the Resolution to Authorize Budget Amendments. City Manager Ridge contributed.
6. 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. Robison commented that she thinks 3 days is too long and the fee seems excessive. Mayor Colestock commented that the \$50 turn on fee is too low. Council discussed options. Looking into work order software. City Attorney Harkness will work on the ordinance and bring back to Council
7. City Manager Ridge reviewed the proposed FY 2023-2024 Extra Voted Millage reduction with Council. The Utility Millage was over collected, and the rate should be decreased over the next three (3) years.

Public Comments:

Joseph Callahan, C2AE Engineer, reviewed the CWSRF bids received. The bids were higher than expected but the recommendation is to continue with the project.

Patrick McNutt, 751 Island Ct., asked if a lift station at Howe Field was included in the CWSRF project. It is not included.

Robison moved, Steele seconded, PASSED, to adjourn.
The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Pamela Colestock, Mayor

Laura Boomer, City Clerk