

**City Council Meeting  
January 22, 2024**

A regular Eaton Rapids City Council meeting was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on January 08, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

**Call To Order:**

Mayor Colestock called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

Mayor Colestock, Mayor Pro-Tem Steele, Councilpersons Nicholas, Malewski and Robison were present.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Invocation:**

The invocation was given by Pastor James Haldane, from the Eaton Rapids Church of the Nazarene.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

Steele moved, Robison seconded, PASSED to approve the meeting agenda.

**Approval of the minutes from December 27, 2023, City Council Work Session Meeting:**

Steele moved, Nicholas seconded, PASSED to approve the December 27, 2023, City Council revised Work Session meeting minutes.

**Approval of the minutes from December 27, 2023, City Council Meeting:**

Steele moved, Nicholas seconded, PASSED to approve the December 27, 2023, City Council revised meeting minutes.

**Approval of check disbursements totaling \$336,044.06.**

Steele moved, Nicholas seconded, PASSED to approve the check disbursements totaling \$336,044.06.

**Citizen Comments and Questions:**

Linda Gillentine – 603 Cumberland Dr would like city to check into an artesian well that is causing issues at her home.

**Unfinished and Special Business: None**

**Items of Business:**

**a. Nomination & Appointment of Mayor Pro Tempore, term expiring December 31, 2026.**

Mayor Colestock nominated William Steele as Mayor Pro Tempore. Malewski moved, Nicholas seconded to approve the nomination and appointment of William Steele for Mayor Pro Tempore, term expiring December 31, 2026.

Roll call vote.

Name	Vote
Mayor Pro Tem Steele	Y
Robison	Y
Malewski	Y
Nicholas	Y
Mayor Pam Colestock	Y

**b. Nomination & Appointment of Councilmember to Budget Committee.**

Mayor Colestock nominated Ken Nicholas to serve on the Budget Committee. Steele moved, Malewski seconded to approve nomination and appoint Councilmember Nicholas to the Budget Committee.

Roll call vote.

Name	Vote
Robison	Y
Malewski	Y
Nicholas	Y
Mayor Pro Tem Steele	Y
Mayor Pam Colestock	Y

**c. Appointment of Wayne Ash to Oakridge Park Board, term ending December 31, 2025.**

Steele moved, Malewski seconded to appoint Wayne Ash to Oakridge Park Board, term ending December 31, 2025.

**d. Appointment Emelia Emerson to Oakridge Park Board, with term ending December 31, 2024.**

Steele moved, Nicholas seconded to appoint Emelia Emerson to Oakridge Park Board, term ending December 31, 2024.

**Citizen Comments and Questions:**

Commissioner Rogers presented the council with January 2024 County Newsletter.

**13. Reports:**

a. Fire Chief  
None

b. Police Chief:  
None

c. City Manager – All open enrollments have been completed. Total brick sales are \$41,294, all attributed to Suzi Politza. Currently in the middle of Union negotiations with Operating Engineers 324. New Press release from EATRAN announcing relaunch and redesigning of the Connector Service and expanding service on Saturdays. Director Funkhouser will be attending Work Session on January 22 to provide additional information. Michigan Municipal League (MML) CapCon early registration is now open for March 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Let

me know if you are interested. Treasurer/Finance Director Allen and Public Works/Utilities Director Pierce continue to work the Electric Study with Utility Financial Solutions, LLC. Should be completed within the next 6 months. Mayor Colestock continues to work with attorney Harkness and Eaton County Treasurer Bob Robinson, in hopes to demo Horner Mill property. The Presidential Primary Election is February 27<sup>th</sup>. Trucks for the Fire department are scheduled to go into production the second week of February. Hope to have them by April or May. Director Pierce and I are preparing a Letter of Interest to apply for the FY24 NFA Reimbursement Program. The letter is due on February 9, 2024, at 5:00pm. The two appointments are the first to be appointed. Once Eaton Rapids Township appoints two positions, the Board will select another Board member. Director Cagle, Treasurer Allen, and I will be attending the first meeting on January 18, 2024, to provide information.

d. Council Members

Robison – GO BLUE!

Nicholas – Past Christmas and New Year season was wonderful. The whole city's decorations were wonderful.

Malewski – Thank you for the opportunity and looking forward to working with everyone.

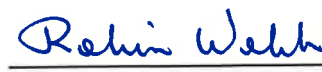
Mayor Pro Tem Steele - Thanked Wayne Ash and Emelia Emerson for stepping up into leadership in the new Oakridge Park Board. Welcomed councilwoman Malewski. Also gave a shout out to DPW for all they do keeping the city running smoothly.

e. Mayor – Lots coming up in the next few months for council regarding goals and objectives for the next fiscal year that will be given in the State of the City address at our February 26<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. Also, budget meetings, highlights from City Manager Ridge, Chief Weeks, and Chief McNutt from 2023 and goals for 2024. We hope to have more information about the Mills St LLC deeding the Horner property over the Eaton County Land Bank. Updates to come. Great news, the Lions Club District is going to help Eaton Rapids club stay alive. Plan to celebrate the Eaton Rapids Lions Clubs 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in May. Reminder for Council- Council of Government is January 18<sup>th</sup> at Hamlin Township at 6pm. Open to all Council to attend. Lastly, GO BLUE!

**Adjournment:**

Robison moved, Nicholas seconded, PASSED to adjourn the meeting.  
The meeting was adjourned at 7.27 p.m.

  
Pamela Colestock, Mayor

  
Robin Webb, City Clerk