

**City Council Meeting
June 10, 2024**

A regular Eaton Rapids City Council meeting was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on June 10, 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 Loftus were present.

Approval of the Agenda:

Steele moved, Nicholas seconded, PASSED to approve Meeting Agenda for the June 10, 2024 meeting.

Approval of the Closed Session Minutes for May 29, 2024

Steele moved, Nicholas seconded, PASSED to approve Closed Session for May 29, 2024.

Approval of the minutes from May 29, 2024, City Council Work Session Meeting:

Steele moved, Malewski seconded, PASSED to approve the May 29, 2024, City Council Work Session meeting minutes.

Approval of the minutes from May 29, 2024, City Council Meeting:

Steele moved, Malewski seconded, PASSED to approve the May 29, 2024, City Council meeting minutes.

Approval of check disbursements totaling \$587,081.77:

Steele moved, Nichloas seconded, PASSED to approve the check disbursements totaling \$587,081.77.

Public Comment: None

Unfinished and Special Business:

Proclamation Honoring Melanie Rasmussen

Mayor Colestock presented a Proclamation honoring Melanie Rasmussen for her heroism in jumping to aid a driver from the river after driving her car into the river.

VFW 100th Anniversary Presentation – Mike Wilson Executive Director

Mike Wilson gave a presentation of the 100th Anniversary of the VFW home. Show the advertisement for the VFW home coming out in July. Handed out packets of information on the upcoming celebration events.

Items of Business:

- a. Adopt Resolution 2024-13 to Authorize a contract with C2AE Engineering Services for 2024 Bridge High Flow Monitoring Inspections at a cost of \$5,600 per event and for a term not to exceed 1 year, subject to renewal by mutual agreement of both parties.

Steele moved, Malewski seconded, PASSED to Adopt Resolution 2024-13 to Authorize a contract with C2AE Engineering Services for 2024 Bridge High Flow Monitoring Inspection at a cost of \$5,600 per event and for a term not to exceed 1 year, subject to renewal by mutual agreement of both parties.

Roll call vote.

Yeas – 5 – Steele, Malewski, Nicholas, Loftus and Mayor Colestock

Nays – 0

Absent – 0

b. Adopt Resolution 2024-14 to Authorize a contract with GRP Engineering, Inc. for Substation Recloser Replacement & Foundation Repair Engineering Services.

Steele moved, Loftus seconded, PASSED to Adopt Resolution 2024-14 to authorize a contract with GRP Engineering, Inc for Substation Recloser Replacement & Foundation Repair Engineering Services.

Roll call vote.

Yeas – 5 – Malewski, Nicholas, Loftus, Steele and Mayor Colestock

Nays – 0

Absent – 0

c. Adopt Resolution 2024-15 to Authorize a contract with GRP Engineering, Inc. for Substation Transformer Bid Documents.

Steele moved, Nicholas seconded, PASSED to Authorize a contract with GRP Engineering, Inc. for Substation Transformer Bid Documents.

Roll call vote.

Yeas – 5 – Nicholas, Loftus, Steele, Malewski and Mayor Colestock

Nays – 0

Absent – 0

d. Adopt Resolution 2024-16 to approve Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget Amendments.

Steele moved, Malewski seconded, PASSED to approve Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget Amendments.

Roll call vote.

Yeas – 5 – Loftus, Steele, Malewski, Nicholas and Mayor Colestock

Nays – 0

Absent – 0

e. Adopt Resolution 2024-17 to approve OPT-OUT of the Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund (LIEAF) for 2024/2025.

Steele moved, Loftus seconded, PASSED to approve OPT-OUT of the Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund (LIEAF) for 2024/2025.

Roll call vote.

Yeas – 5 – Steele, Malewski Nicholas, Loftus and Mayor Colestock

Nays – 0

Absent – 0

f. Adopt Resolution 2024-18 to approve the purchase of Mower in the amount of \$12,085.32 from Hudson Inc.

Steele moved, Nicholas seconded, PASSED to approve the purchase of Mower.

Roll call vote.

Yeas – 5 – Malewski Nicholas, Loftus, Steele and Mayor Colestock

Nays – 0

Absent – 0

CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS :

Barb Rogers – Commissioner brought in a copy of the June Newsletter, presented a news article on the Tax Limitation proposal, as well as Housing Services Mid-Michigan and Capital Area Community Services Resource brochures.

Mike Michalcewicz made comments on how important the VFW Home is to this community and him personally for helping his family with their program.

REPORTS.

- a. **Fire Chief** – He and Caption Freer, Dave Hendon and a couple other were at the Farmers Market selling address signs and mug this past Saturday and had a great turnout. In the process of hiring 2 fire fighters.
- b. **Police Chief** – There has been an uptick in calls for hours that the sheriff and state troopers are covering our city. Will be evaluating the situation in order to assess if there needs to be changes in hours for the current staff. 1 Cadet starts in September and starts the academy in October slated to graduate in December. One other applicant being considered.
- c. **City Manager** –DPW Department has replace all of the bad boards on the pedestrian bridge. Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) has been submitted and confirmed by EGLE, we will know if we receive funds in the fall of 2024. All 3 bridges on Knight St have been approved for repair. Eaton County Community Parks Grant/Mill Pointe Pavillion is under construction. Should be complete in the next two weeks. Art in the Park was a successful event many participants made this event a huge success. Overall, Director Cagle estimates there were around 400 to 500 people in attendance. Director Cagel would like to thank Council member Rick Loftus for volunteering to be the crossing guard during the event. There were many cars lined up for the Eaton Rapids Clean Up Day. In the process of working on the Retiree Health Valuation. EGLE Wellhead Protection Grant Program will provide funding to contract with an engineering firm to write a Wellhead Protection grant for the City of Eaton Rapids. Attended the Eaton Rapids Rotary Presidents Dinner with our Mayor as the keynote speaker and did an outstanding job. New President is Bill Darr. Thank you, Chief Weeks, for organizing the Tabletop Exercise for the of July, run by Eaton County Emergency Manager, Ryan Wilkinson. Fall Soccer and Adult Kickball registration will be open on July 1, 2024. Chief Weeks reported on Saturday that the storage on the system was full and reported the issue to Dewpoint. Director Pierce worked with Dewpoint and the issue has been resolved. Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Audit will begin on September 23-September 27. Mayor Colestock and I met with Grosse Pointe to confirm the details of our visit scheduled for

June 26. Director Pierce and I met with the City Manager and the Utilities Director of Mason. We received valuable feedback regarding projects Mas had completed and we are getting ready to begin.

d. **Council Members.**

Steele – Impressed with Melanie Rasmussen for helping a complete stranger. Had the privilege to spend time with Mike Wison, many great things going on at the VFW. I have a deep appreciation for this Home. Total Local wrote and interesting article on the G.A.R. Hall Grand River Park project. Thanks to City Manager Ridge and stall for a successful budget and another audit in a timely manner. Thanks to Rick Loftus for stepping in on Saturday during the Art in the Park and Farmers Market. Events.

Malewski – Want to thank Melanie Rasmussen for going above and beyond. Recycling Day was a huge success. All of the workers, City and Granger staff worked very hard to keep the process moving at a steady pace. Wanted to mention the library events, many are free and are available for adults and children. Thank you, Rick Loftus, for helping out on Saturday

Nicholas –Wanted to emphasize the importance of the VFW Home. This monumental place was a large part of his family history. He has many memories of the events that have happened and resulted from the VFW Home.

Loftus – The Cemetery Tour was terrific, well attended, well organized and very informative. The life stories of those at rest furthered my appreciation of Eaton Rapids resident past and present. Saturday our downtown was brimming with activities Commendations for everyone involved. After being enlisted as a crossing guard, I noted that everyone thanked me for my service. This underscores the appreciation citizens will have for the MDOT Main and Hamlin pedestrian crosswalk light to come. Coupling events with the armers market adds greatly to the weekend excitement. The pavilion at Mill Pointe Park is underway and already provides a nice visual bread between the park and nearby businesses. Will be exceptional when the landscaping is completed.

Mayor – Thank you to Councilmember Malewski for inviting me to participate in the Rosehill Cemetery Tour. The Farmers Market, Art in the Park, and Recycling events were a great success in bringing so many people to town. Thank you to Director Cagle, Breez Markus, DPW Director Pierce, Community & Economic Specialist Barna, and the Arts Council for making the day great. Also thank you to Rick Loftus for stepping in as a crossing guard. Last Tuesday Mayor Pro Tem Steele, City Manager Ridge, Director Cagle and Pierce and Chief Weeks and McNutt attended the 4th of July Table Top exercise. County Emergency Manager, Ryan Wilkinson did a great job presenting. Hoping next year all Council members will be able to attend. I was the guess speaker at the Rotary's Annual President's Dinner giving an update on the Horner Property, the need for more housing in the city and an update regarding the recycling center. It was an honor to be the speaker. This week I will be performing a wedding ceremony at City Hall and I will be kicking off the Library 5K Run/Walk at G.A.R. Island Park on Saturday at 9am.

ADJOURNMENT.

Steele moved, Malewski seconded, PASSED to adjourn the meeting.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.


Pamela Colestock, Mayor


Robin Webb, City Clerk