

**City Council Meeting  
July 08, 2024**

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

**Approval of the Agenda:**

Steele moved, Nicholas seconded, PASSED to approve Meeting Agenda for the July 08, 2024, meeting.

**Approval of the minutes from June 24, 2024, City Council Work Session Meeting:**

Steele moved, Nicholas seconded, PASSED to approve the June 24, 2024, City Council Work Session meeting minutes with one spelling correction in second public comment.

**Approval of the minutes from June 24, 2024, City Council Meeting:**

Steele moved, Nicholas seconded, PASSED to approve the June 24, 2024, City Council meeting minutes.

**Approval of check disbursements totaling \$417,706.86:**

Steele moved, Nicholas seconded, PASSED to approve the check disbursements totaling \$417,706.86.

**Public Comment : None**

**Unfinished and Special Business:**

**New Business:**

a. Adopt Resolution 2024-21 to approve Michigan Department of Transportation State Trunkline Maintenance Contract effective October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2029.

Steele moved, Malewski seconded, PASSED to Adopt Resolution 2024-21 to approve Michigan Department of Transportation State Trunkline Maintenance Contract effective October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2029.

Roll call vote.

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

Nays – 0

Absent – 0

b. Adopt Resolution 2024-22 to approve purchase of Flock Safety/Automated License Plate Readers in the amount of \$27,900.

Steele moved, Loftus seconded, PASSED to Adopt Resolution 2024-22 to purchase of Flock Safety/Automated License Plate Readers in the amount of \$27,900, with conditional term limit not to exceed 10 years, with renewal option.

Roll call vote.

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

Nays – 0

Absent – 0

**Public Comments : None**

**Reports:**

a. **Fire Chief** – None

b. **Police Chief**- None

c. **City Manager** –Director Pierce and I are finalizing the Wellhead Protection Plan; draft will be available in August. The City of Eaton Rapids leadership attended the Mayor Exchange at Grosse Pointe touring facilities, exchanged innovative ideas and were warmly welcomed. The event will foster collaboration and strengthen ties between our two communities. Treasurer/Finance Director Genny Allen and I began work on the Retiree Health Valuation, needs to be completed by our Audit in September. We are taking nominations for this week for an employee delegate to attend the MERS Conference in October. This candidate cannot be a response to the management decisions, receive direction from management and in general, is not directly responsible to the legislature, executive or judicial branch of government. The conference will be held in Grand Rapids. City has put out RFP for City of Eaton Rapids: Master Plan, Subdivision (Planning Commission), Area Master Plan, and Parks and Recreation 5-year Plan. Proposals are due by August 2, 2024. The M16 & Helmet part of “Lest They be Forgotten Style Memorial” has been repaired, thanks to Director Pierce. The Noise Ordinance is being reviewed and will be presented at future meeting to begin approval process. Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting for the Mill Pointe Pavilion made possible by the Eaton County Community Parks Grant will take place on July 10 at 11am. The Public testing for the August 6 Election is July 9, at 10am. Then a big thanks to all the help to make another successful 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration.

d. **Council Members.**

**Nicholas** – Mill Pointe Pavilion is a nice addition to our ORC. 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities were phenomenal. Appreciated the other police departments participating in our celebration and helping to keep our town safe. The Grosse Point visit was very informative.

**Malewski** – All I can say is “Holiday Happiness” is all I seen on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Thank you, Director Pierce, for giving up your holiday to serve our city. Mill Point pavilion grand opening ceremony taking place on the 10<sup>th</sup> at 11 am. Craft Company has received the Mac & Cheese award in Grand Rapids contest. I enjoyed the experience and opportunity to see the similarities and differences in our visit to Grosse Point a couple of weeks ago. Thank you Breezy for the awesome pictures taken at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration.

**Loftus** –Enjoyed seeing the similarities and differences of Grosse Point and City of Eaton Rapids. More money in Grosse Point, but more of a Hometown feeling in our City. Also agreed that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event was exceptional. See that this is a growing event enjoyed

by all. Thank you, Breezy Marcus, for the great pictures on Facebook. Farmers Market has been a catalyst to bring people into town on the weekends. Planning on participating in the paddle around the G.AR. Park on July 13<sup>th</sup>. Reminder of the Library Millage of 6.5 million for the renovation of the Eaton Area Library. The Miller Farm will have an Open House soon.

**Steele** –Shout out to DPW crew fantastic job with cleanup. Many festivities in Parking lot 4, it was full of people enjoying themselves and having a great time. I walked the entire field to observe many families having a great time. Echo all the other Councilmembers comments about the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event.

**Mayor** – Great Mayor Exchange. Very educational, learned many ideas of information. Many thanks to City Manager Ridge, Director Pierce, Chief Weeks, Dave Hendon and Corey Cagle for the fantastic job done with all of the events for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Council of Government (COG) meeting July 18. Eaton Rapids Township should be the host location but due to a remodeling project, it may be moved to the Council Chambers. Will post change if necessary. My condolences to the Marty DeBow family as Marty passed away last week. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

#### **Adjournment**

Steele moved, Malewski seconded, PASSED to adjourn the meeting.  
The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

  
Pamela Colestock, Mayor

  
Robin Webb, City Clerk