

**City Council Meeting
August 12, 2024**

A regular Eaton Rapids City Council meeting was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on August 12, 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 Malewski, Nicholas, and Loftus were present.

Invocation:

Pastor Mark Michalcewicz with Grace Baptist Church provided the invocation.

Approval of the Agenda:

Steele moved and Malewski seconded approving the amended Meeting Agenda for the August 12, 2024, Council Meeting, adding item G, approval of the Eaton Rapids Homecoming Parade Application under New Business. **Motion carried.**

Approval of the minutes from July 22, 2024, City Council Work Session Meeting:

Steele moved and Malewski seconded approving the July 22, 2024, City Council Work Session meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

Approval of the minutes from July 22, 2024, City Council Meeting:

Steele moved and Malewski seconded approving the July 22, 2024, City Council meeting minutes with corrections. **Motion carried.**

Approval of check disbursements totaling \$527,923.79:

Steele moved and Nicholas seconded approving the check disbursements, which totaled \$527,923,79. **Motion carried.**

Public Comment:

Mr. Keith Barber, 5400 Oak Hills Drive, Hamlin Township, thanked community members who voted for him on August 6, 2024.

Unfinished and Special Business: None

New Business:

- a. Adopt Resolution 2024-27 to establish 2024 Property Tax Poverty Exemption Guidelines.

Steele moved and Nicholas seconded the adoption of Resolution 2024-27 to establish the 2024 Property Tax Poverty Exemption Guidelines. **Motion carried.**

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

b. Adopt Resolution 2024-28 to approve the Trademark License Agreement with Urban Air and Wake Up Downtown in the amount of \$2,500.00.

Steele moved and Malewski seconded the adoption of Resolution 2024-28, the Trademark License Agreement with Urban Air and Wake Up Downtown in the amount of \$2,500.00. Motion carried.

Roll call vote.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

c. Adopt Resolution 2024-29 to approve the Professional Engineering Agreement for TMF-Lead Service Line Grant with C2AE Engineering in the amount of \$279,500.00.

Steele moved and Nicholas seconded the adoption of Resolution 2024-29 Professional Engineering Agreement for the TMF-Lead Service Line Grant with C2AE Engineering in the amount of \$279,500.00. Motion carried.

Roll call vote.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

d. Adopt Resolution 2024-30 to accept the bid and award the \$1,297,422.00 contract for the West Substation Transformer Replacement to Virginia Transformer.

Steele moved, and Nicholas seconded the acceptance of the bid and awarded the \$1,297,422.00 contract to Virginia Transformer for the West Substation Transformer Replacement. Motion carried.

Roll call vote.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

e. Approve Special Event Application for "Raise the Woof" to be held on Saturday, September 21, 2024.

Steele moved and Malewski seconded the approval of the special event application for the "Raise the Woof" event to be held on Saturday, September 21, 2024. Motion carried.

f. Approve the appointment of Charles Millington to the Planning Commission Board for a term ending January 31, 2026.

Steele moved and Loftus seconded the approval of Charles Millington's appointment to the Planning Commission Board for a term ending January 31, 2026. Motion carried.

g. Approve the Eaton Rapids Homecoming Parade Application for Friday, September 27, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Steele moved and Nicholas seconded the approval of the Eaton Rapids Homecoming Parade Application for Friday, September 27, 2024, from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Motion carried.

Gabriella Vides, 300 Greyhound Drive, provided details of the parade route and the schedule of communications to the community.

Public Comments:

Charles Millington, 229 Holmes Street, thanked the Council for appointing him to the Planning Commission Board.

Eaton County Commissioner Barbara Rogers shared details regarding a ribbon cutting at 11:00 am on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at Crandell Park in Eaton County. The ribbon cutting is for the newly installed dock donated by Feighner Boat Lifts and Docks in Charlotte.

Reports:

- a. **Fire Chief** – None
- b. **Police Chief**- None
- c. **City Manager** – Director Pierce worked with Biddergy to sell six (6) city vehicles at auction. Total sales were \$74,415.00 There were questions regarding assessed house value concerns that were addressed. It was suggested at the last Council Meeting we offer information on how to access the information provided by the River Guage. Director Cagle has provided the information on the City Website, Facebook, City Newsletter and at the ORC. Citizen Academy will begin Thursday, January 30, 2025, and continue through Thursday, March 20, 2025.
- d. **Council Members:**

Loftus – Congratulated City Clerk Webb and election staff for a well-ran election on August 6, 2024. The Farmers Market appears to be going strong. He has completed two of the three sessions of the Governing Essentials Training through Michigan State Extension. The final session is on August 15th. Mill Pointe Park Pavilion now has handicapped spaces marked, landscaping straw in place, and lights at night.

Nicholas –Miller Farm's Open House is this Sunday, August 18, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Malewski – Welcomed Charles Millington to the Planning Commission. The property where the MC Eaton Rapids Depot sits was sold. There is talk about moving the depot building. "Raise the Woof" is Saturday, September 21, 2024. The Fire Department's Bucket Brigade Run is on Saturday, September 28, 2024, and is part of the Eaton Rapids Fire Department's 150th Celebration. There is an issue with discarded fishing line left near the bank of the river. One bird was injured, and another was killed. The CW Hunt Building has a fresh coat of paint and has repairs to the outside.

Steele – Thanked the Harkness Law Firm for sponsoring the City's team for the Eaton Rapids Medical Center Foundation Golf Outing on August 9th. He appreciates the cleanliness of the G.A.R. park. As a community, we need to ensure fishing line and other discarded items are not left for wildlife to get entangled in. He shared his appreciation for the D.P.W. and City staff for the work currently being done as an investment in the future of our community.

Mayor Colestock – Thanked Clerk Webb and her team for another successful election event last week. Great job! Mayor Colestock is excited to share that Urban Air is returning to Eaton Rapids! She was thrilled to hear from Kirk McKellar, who she knows will bring back the original purpose and meaning behind “Wake up Downtown!” She is very excited to get started on the planning, and if anyone wants to be a part of the planning process, please let Parks Director Cagle or City Manager Ridge know. The event will take many hands to make it the success it once was and make it bigger and better! She is excited to welcome our new friends from the City of Grosse Pointe on the 21st! We hope they will enjoy their tour of the many amenities that Eaton Rapids offers. The G.A.R Museum will hold its annual Civil War Discovery kids camp tomorrow, August 13th, starting at 10:00 a.m. This past week, Mayor Colestock was asked to serve on the Michigan Mayor’s Association Board of Directors. She said it’s truly an honor, and happy to serve in that capacity!

Adjournment

Steele moved, Malewski seconded adjourning the Council meeting. Motion carried.
The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.


Pamela Colestock, Mayor


Robin Webb, City Clerk