

**City Council Meeting
November 25, 2024**

A regular Eaton Rapids City Council meeting was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on November 25th, 2024, at 7:00 pm.

Call To Order:

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

Roll Call:

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

Invocation:

Steve Laginess from Thrive Church provided the invocation.

Approval of the Agenda:

Steele moved, and Malewski seconded approving the November 25th, 2024, Council meeting agenda with the exclusion of agenda item 11e. **Motion carried.**

Approval of the November 11, 2024, City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes:

Malewski moved, and Loftus seconded approving the November 11, 2024, City Council Work Session meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

Approval of the November 11, 2024, First Closed Session Meeting Minutes:

Steele moved, and Nicholas seconded approving the November 11, 2024, first closed session meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

Approval of the November 11, 2024, Second Closed Session Meeting Minutes:

Steele moved, and Malewski seconded approving the November 11, 2024, second closed session's meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

Approval of the November 11, 2024, City Council Meeting Minutes:

Loftus moved and Steele seconded approving the November 11, 2024, City Council meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Expenditures totaling \$736,857.91:

Steele moved and Nicholas seconded approving expenditures of the City of Eaton Rapids, totaling \$736,857.91. **Motion carried.**

Public Comment:

Keith Barber, newly elected Eaton County Commissioner, 5400 Oak Hills Dr, thanked everyone for their votes and invited everyone to the Eaton County Budget meeting on December 5, at 9 am. He also announced that M50/M99 should reopen this week.

Unfinished and Special Business:

New Business:

a. Adopt Resolution 2024-42 to approve the transfer of foreclosed property code number 300-034-400-090-00 to the Eaton County Treasurer.

Nicholas moved, and Steele seconded approving the transfer of foreclosed property code number 300-034-400-090-00 to the Eaton County Treasurer.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

b. Adopt Resolution 2024-43 to approve the purchase of security cameras for G.A.R. Island Park from Advanced Satellite Communications in the amount of \$9,997.00.

Malewski moved, and Loftus seconded to approve the purchase of security cameras for G.A.R. Island Park from Advanced Satellite Communications in the amount of \$9,997.00.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

c. Adopt Resolution 2024-44 to establish and approve the schedule for the Council Work Sessions and Regular meetings for the year 2025.

Steele moved, and Nicholas seconded to establish and approve the schedule for the Council Work Sessions and Regular meetings for the year 2025.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

d. Adopt Resolution 2024-45 to amend the Budget for the General Municipal purposes of the City of Eaton Rapids for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Steele moved, and Loftus seconded to amend the Budget for the General Municipal purposes of the City of Eaton Rapids for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

e. Removed.

f. First Reading of Ordinance 2024-04 to rescind Section 2-105 of Division 2 of Article V of Chapter 2, member to hold no other municipal offices: exceptions: compensation, of the codified ordinances of the City of Eaton Rapids, Eaton County, Michigan.

g. Approve Special Event application for the 5th Annual Grand River Color Tour Triathlon on Saturday, October 4, 2025.

Steele moved, and Loftus seconded approving the Special Event application for the 5th Annual Grand River Color Tour Triathlon on Saturday, October 4, 2025. **Motion Carried.**

Public Comments:

Patrick McNutt, 751 Island Court, Apt F expressed the importance of finally getting the cameras for the G.A.R. Island Park.

Reports:

Fire Chief – Fire Chief McNutt reported about a mutual aid dispatch to Hamlin Township which lasted approximately 2.5 hours. The Fireman's Christmas Party is December 14th at 5 pm.

Police Chief- Police Chief Weeks reported on multiple implications of a suspect of stolen cars tracked on the FLOCK cameras and pursued twice, catching them in south Lansing the second time pursued. Also, updated council on new police candidate, Ryan Haywood, hired on December 11. He will start academy on January 6, 2025 and graduate in March or April. With the addition of Ryan, the police department will be fully staffed.

City Manager –City Manager Ridge expressed her appreciation for her staff who always pitch in when things need to be done. Clerk Webb ran the benefit enrollment meeting, while she had another meeting to attend. Also, the city-wide leaf pick-up went well. The DPW could use a dump trailer or truck for this event to be more efficient.

Council Members:

Loftus – Councilman Loftus visited the mobile recycling trailer and noted they take styrofoam. Parks, Rec, and Events board distributed surveys for the Master Plan. He recognized all the hard work on the Christmas Decorations around town, including the G.A.R. Park and the Pocket Park, with a special thanks to Deb Malewski. He also reminded citizens of upcoming events: Window decorating contest, the Wine Walk, on December 6th, Hometown Family Christmas on December 7th, with the parade, tree lighting, etc., and Miller Farms Christmas on the Farm on December 14th.

Nicholas – Councilman Nicholas was pleased that cameras will be installed at the G.A.R. Island Park. He requested residents to do their part as well. If they see something, report it. He is pleased that the leaf pick-up went well and hopes this can be a yearly service for our residents.

Malewski – Councilwoman Malewski worked with the Arts Council on painting, painting, and painting. She has been appointed to the Eaton County Material Management Committee. This committee makes sure the mobile recycling center gets to the city regularly.

Steele –Mayor Pro Tem Steele thanked all of the city staff for their hard work taking care of the city and decorations. He walked through the Pocket Park, which is fantastic. He reminded the residents to be sure to see the new items added to the park. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Colestock – Mayor Colestock shouted out to Councilwoman Malewski for all of the work on the snowmen cutouts around the Christmas tree. Thank you to everyone who helped decorate the G.A.R. Park. A special thank you to the Eaton Rapids High School Interact Club for their efforts. She is glad cameras will be installed at the G.A.R. Island Park. She also thanked Chief Weeks, Lieutenant Creger, and Director Pierce for getting the logistics all worked out for this project.

Adjournment

Malewski moved, and Steele seconded adjourning the Council meeting. **Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.


Pamela Colestock, Mayor


Robin Webb, City Clerk