

**City Council Meeting
December 23, 2024**

A regular Eaton Rapids City Council meeting was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on December 23, 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:

Mayor Colestock provided the invocation.

Approval of the Agenda:

Steele moved, and Malewski seconded approving December 23, 2024, Council meeting agenda as presented. **Motion carried.**

Approval of the December 09, 2024, City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes:

Steele moved, and Nicholas seconded approving the December 09, 2024, City Council Work Session meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

Approval of the December 09, 2024, City Council Meeting Minutes:

Malewski moved and Steele seconded approving the December 09, 2024, City Council meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Expenditures totaling \$1,080,769.12:

Steele moved and Loftus seconded approving expenditures of the City of Eaton Rapids, totaling \$1,080,769.12. **Motion carried.**

Public Comment: None

Unfinished and Special Business:

Proclamation Honoring Eaton Rapids Rotary Club's 70th Year

Mayor Colestock presented a proclamation to President Bill Darr, for the Rotary Club 70th Year Anniversary

New Business

a. Adopt Resolution 2024-46 to approve the Proposal for Design Services for the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Project for 4th Quarter Financing in Fiscal Year 2025.

Steele moved, and Malewski seconded to approve the Proposal for Design Services for the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Project for 4th Quarter Financing in Fiscal Year 2025.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

b. Adopt Resolution 2024-47 to approve Proposal for Professional Services for the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) 2025 Sources Water Protection (SWP) Grant .

Steel moved, and Nicholas seconded to approve Proposal for Professional Services for the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) 2025 Sources Water Protection (SWP) Grant .

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

c. Adopt Resolution 2024-48 to approve Corrective Action Plan Monitoring: Application for Certification of Compliance for the City of Eaton Rapids Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB).

Steele moved, and Malewski seconded to approve Corrective Action Plan Monitoring: Application for Certification of Compliance for the City of Eaton Rapids Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB).

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

d. Adopt Resolution 2024-49 to approve Corrective Action Plan Monitoring: Application for Certification of Compliance for the City of Eaton Rapids Pension Plan.

Steele moved, and Malewski seconded to approve Corrective Action Plan Monitoring: Application for Certification of Compliance for the City of Eaton Rapids Pension Plan.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

e. Adopt Resolution 2024-50 to approve Protecting MI Pension Grant, Corrective Action Plan Monitoring: Application for Certification of Compliance for the City of Eaton Rapids Pension Plan.

Steele moved, and Loftus seconded to approve Protecting MI Pension Grant, Corrective Action Plan Monitoring: Application for Certification of Compliance for the City of Eaton Rapids Pension Plan.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

f. Adopt Resolution 2024-51 to approve the 2025 Guidelines for Poverty Exemption.

Steele moved, and Malewski seconded to approve the 2025 Poverty Exemption.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

g. Adopt Ordinance 2024-05 to amend Chapter 19 – Streets, Sidewalks and Public Grounds/Article II. -Sidewalks/Division 1. Generally/Section 19-25. - Owners to clear snow and ice: removal costs, of the codified ordinances of the City of Eaton Rapids, Eaton County, Michigan.

Steele moved, and Nicholas seconded to amend Chapter 19 – Streets, Sidewalks and Public Grounds/Article II. -Sidewalks/Division 1. Generally/Section 19-25. - Owners to clear snow and ice: removal costs, of the codified ordinances of the City of Eaton Rapids, Eaton County, Michigan.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

h. Adopt Ordinance 2024-06 to amend Chapter 2 – Administration/Article VII. – Municipal Civil Infractions/Section 2-132 – Civil Penalties of the codified ordinances of City of Eaton Rapids, Eaton County, Michigan.

Malewski moved, and Loftus seconded to amend Chapter 2 – Administration/Article VII. – Municipal Civil Infractions/Section 2-132 – Civil Penalties of the codified ordinances of the City of Eaton Rapids, Eaton County, Michigan.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Public Comments:

Bill Darr, thanked everyone for the proclamation presented for Rotary's 70th Anniversary.

Reports:

Fire Chief – Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Police Chief- No Report

City Manager - Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Council Members:

Loftus – Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Compliments to the DPW for the great job of the snow removal, to Park, Recreation and Events Director Cagle for the great job on the Eaton Area Park and Recreation Master Plan, and to the Miller Farm for a great event last weekend.

Nicholas – Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Malewski – Council Member Malewski attended the Eaton County Resource Recovery meeting with City Manager Ridge. They gained valuable insights into the county's efforts to enhance

opportunities and support for the Eaton Rapids Recycling Center. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Steele –Special Yearend Thanks to:

- City Hall Administrative Staff, Dept Heads, Electric, Water & Wastewater Foremen & DPW employees for all their hard work and dedication to making sure everything ran as smoothly as possible, every day.
- To all members of our various Civic organizations: ER library, Arts Council & subcommittees: Chamber of Commerce: Downtown Development Authority, Rotary Club: Lions Club; GAR Museum; etc, for the major part they have all played throughout the year.
- Special recognition to the Eaton Rapids Police Dept, & the 150th-year-old Eaton Rapids Fire Dept. for their roles in keeping our City as safe as possible.
- Thanks to former Mayor Jamie Davidson for his in-depth feedback on the Eaton Rapids Area Parks & Recreation Master Plan update. Make sure you go on the website and give your own input.
- Lastly, to my fellow Council members, Thanks for your personal involvement, support, and commitment in making this past year such an overwhelming success. Big things are coming. Be Prepared.
- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Mayor Colestock – Mayor Colestock thanked City Staff, City Attorney and Assessor, and Council, your hard work and diligence. She also thanked the Boards and Committees, Pastoral Association and Residents for helping Council to become better listeners and communicators. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.



Pamela Colestock, Mayor



Robin Webb, City Clerk