

**City Council Meeting
January 27, 2024**

A regular Eaton Rapids City Council meeting was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on January 27, 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:

Pastor Chris Ridler, from Living Hope Community Church provided the invocation.

Approval of the Agenda:

Steele moved, and Malewski seconded approving the January 27, 2025, Council meeting agenda as presented. **Motion carried.**

Approval of the January 13, 2025, First Closed Session Meeting Minutes:

Steele moved, and Loftus seconded approving the January 13, 2025, first closed session meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

Approval of the January 13, 2025, Second Closed Session Meeting Minutes:

Steele moved, and Nicholas seconded approving the January 13, 2025, second closed session's meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

Approval of the January 13, 2025, City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes:

Malewski moved, and Steele seconded approving the January 13, 2025, City Council Work Session meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

Approval of the January 13, 2025, City Council Meeting Minutes:

Nicholas moved and Loftus seconded approving the January 13, 2025, City Council meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Expenditures totaling \$638,207.82:

Steele moved and Malewski seconded approving expenditures of the City of Eaton Rapids, totaling \$638,207.82. **Motion carried.**

Public Comment: None

Unfinished and Special Business: None

New Business

a. Adopt Resolution 2025-04 to approve the 2025-2028 School Coordination Committee Agreement.

Steele moved, and Loftus seconded to approve the 2025-2028 School Coordination Committee Agreement.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

b. Adopt Resolution 2025-05 to approve the Proposal for Financial Consulting Services for the 2025 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Project with MFCI, LLC.

Malewski moved, and Steele seconded to approve the proposal for Financial Consulting Services for the 2025 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Project with MFCI, LLC.

Roll call vote:

Yeas: 5 – Malewski, Loftus, Nicholas, Steele and Mayor Colestock
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

c. Adopt Resolution 2025-06 to approve the Proposal for Bond Counsel Services for the 2025 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Project with Dickinson Wright PLLC.

Steele moved, and Nicholas seconded to approve the Proposal for Bond Counsel Services for the 2025 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Project with Dickinson Wright PLLC.

Roll call vote:

Yeas: 5 – Loftus, Nicholas, Steele, Malewski and Mayor Colestock
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

d. Adopt Resolution 2025-07 to purchase, acquire, and construct improvements to the Water System and to publish notice of intent to issue revenue bonds.

Steele moved, and Loftus seconded to purchase, acquire, and construct improvements to the Water System and to publish notice of intent to issue revenue bonds.

Roll call vote:

Yeas: 5 – Nicholas, Steele, Malewski, Loftus, and Mayor Colestock
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

e. Adopt Resolution 2025-08 to approve the Proposal for Professional Design Services for the East Knight Street improvements with C2AE Engineering.

Steele moved, and Nicholas seconded to approve the Proposal for Professional Design Services for the East Knight Street improvements with C2AE Engineering.

Roll call vote:

Yeas: 5 – Steele, Malewski, Loftus, Nicholas and Mayor Colestock
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

Public Comments: None

Reports:

Fire Chief –

Chief McNutt and City Manager Ridge met with Angela Witwer about the new fire truck. He explained Federal allocations were on hold and we will need to start the process.

Police Chief- No Report

City Manager –

She will be attending the Michigan Municipal Executives Conference Tuesday through Thursday. Also, due to the cold weather, the city had several main-water breaks. The Utilities Department has done a fantastic job of keeping the residents informed and completing quick repairs.

Council Members:

Loftus –

Councilmember Loftus recognized the Public Works Department for efficient service, as well as the library, and Medical Center for the warming stations. He made positive comments on the upcoming Citizens Academy.

Nicholas –

Councilmember Nicholas restated the Public Works Department quick response on the water-main breaks and the professionalism involved. Also mentioned the great work with snow removal.

Malewski –

Councilmember Malewski will be attending the Citizens Academy and reported how nice downtown looks. She also complimented Travis Hicks on his coverage of the city, and the Public Works department's prompt repair of water-main breaks.

Steele –

Mayor Pro Tem Steele thanked City Manager Ridge and Clerk Webb for getting the water main break information out to the residents and promoted the Citizens Academy. He expressed his appreciation to the Water Department explaining the flags in the residents' yards.

Mayor Colestock –

Mayor Colestock thanked Mayor Pro Tem Steele for attending the EarlyRiser meeting. She also provided an update that the Eaton County Landbank would be closing on the Horner Mill Property on February 6th. Mayor Colestock attended her first Michigan Association of Mayor's Board Meeting and is honored to serve.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.


Pamela Colestock, Mayor


Robin Webb, City Clerk