

City of Eaton Rapids Work Session Meeting

January 27, 2025

The Work Session of the Eaton Rapids City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on January 27, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

Call To Order:

Mayor Colestock called the work session to order at 5:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Colestock, Mayor Pro-Tem Steele, Councilmembers Malewski, Nicholas, and Loftus.

Administrative Staff present were City Manager Ridge, City Clerk Webb, Treasurer/Finance Director Allen, Public Works/Utilities Director Pierce, Fire Chief McNutt, Police Chief Weeks and City Attorney Harkness.

Public Comments: None

Unfinished and Special Business:

1. Community Exchange

A discussion took place regarding whether to participate in the 2025 MML community Exchange. The Council weighed benefits, potential challenges, and overall impact to staff.

2. Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Update

City Manager Ridge provided an update on the DWSRF project and discussed the many steps involved to keep this project on track.

New Business:

1. 2025-2028 School Coordinating Committee Agreement

Clerk Webb presented the 2025-2028 School Coordinating Committee Agreement and discussed her recommendation to the OPT IN for the 2025-2028 Agreement.

2. 2025-2045 Renewable Energy Plan

Director Pierce discussed the 2025-2045 Renewable Energy Plan and let the Council know that Patrick Bowland, CEO and General Manager of Michigan Public Power Authority (MPPA), will attend our next meeting to answer any additional questions.

3. Horner Mill Update

Mayor Colestock and City Manager Ridge gave an update on the Horner Mill property. The Landbank is scheduled to close on February 6th. Mayor Colestock indicated the next step will be to secure funding for the demolition of the property.

Board & Committee Reports:

Steele –

Mayor Pro Tem Steele attended the EarlyRisers meeting and connections were made with other local organizations.

Loftus –

Councilmember Loftus presented updates from the Parks, Recreation, and Events committee, a discussion on renewing the Mayor's Monarch Pledge, submission of the Master Plan, and past and current events.

Councilmember Loftus provided an Oakridge Park update which included a discussion on a new trail, re-elected officers, and the preliminary budget presentation. There was discussion on the

past and current events calendar.

Malewski –

Councilmember Malewski reported that Arts Council recapped the previous year and reviewed the current year's calendar.

Mayor Colestock –

Mayor Colestock gave an update that the LDFA Board has approved the TIF Plan, and the next step will be sending the plan to the taxing authorities. The LDFA is still searching for a new Commercial Realtor. Also, there is a possible buyer for a property in South Industrial Park.

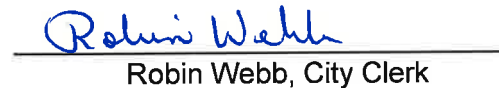
Public Comment:

Patrick McNutt, 751 Island Court, is glad the Parks & Recreation Master Plan is complete, and he appreciates the sidewalks being cleaned off.

Adjournment:

Steele moved and Malewski seconded adjourning the Meeting at 6:26 p.m. Motion carried.


Pamela Colestock, Mayor


Robin Webb, City Clerk