

**City Council Meeting
May 28 2025**

A regular Eaton Rapids City Council meeting was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on May 28, 2025, 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:

Mayor Colestock provided the invocation.

Approval of the Agenda:

Steele moved, and Nicholas seconded, approving the May 28, 2025, Council meeting agenda with the correction of Item 10b to state to adopt Resolution 2025-37 to adopt a Budget for the General Municipal Purposes of the City of Eaton Rapids for the 2025/2026 Fiscal Year, to Set the Millage Rates to be levied *as amended*, and to Appropriate Funds for Said Purpose. **Motion carried.**

Approval of the May 12, 2025, Closed Session Minutes:

Malewski moved, Steele seconded, approving May 12, 2025, Closed Session Minutes.

Approval of the May 12, 2025, City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes:

Loftus moved, and Steele seconded, approving May 12, 2025, City Council Work Session meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

Approval of the May 12, 2025, City Council Meeting Minutes:

Malewski moved, and Steele seconded, approving May 12, 2025, City Council meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Expenditures totaling \$807,545.74:

Steele moved, and Nicholas seconded, approving expenditures of the City of Eaton Rapids, totaling \$807,545.74. **Motion carried.**

Public Comment:

Chris Allen, 10105 Hyatt St- Thanked the City, Councilman Loftus, Mayor Colestock, Director Cagle, all of the staff that helped with the parade. He state there was over 400 flags dispersed at the Rosehill Cemetery and 40 volunteers.

Unfinished and Special Business:

- a. Proclamation Honoring Steve Fuller

Mayor Colestock honored Steve Fuller with a proclamation for dedication and commitment to the City of Eaton Rapids for 42 years of Service.

Public Hearing – 2025/2026 Budget

Mayor Colestock opened a Public Hearing at 7:10 pm

Comments were taken from:

Finance Director/Treasurer Allen gave a brief summary of the Budget and highlighted different areas of importance.
There were no other comments.

Mayor Colestock closed the Public Hearing at 7:12 pm.

New Business

a. Approve the reappointment of Rocco Buysse to the Local Development Finance Authority for a term ending 05/31/2029.

Steele moved, Malewski seconded to approve the reappointment of Rocco Buysse to the Local Development Finance Authority for term ending 05/31/2029.

b. Adopt Resolution 2025-37 to adopt a Budget for the General Municipal Purposes of the City of Eaton Rapids for the 2025/2026 Fiscal Year, to Set the Millage Rates to be levied as amended, and to Appropriate Funds for Said Purpose.

Steele moved, and Loftus seconded, to adopt Resolution 2025-36 to adopt a Budget for the General Municipal Purposes of the City of Eaton Rapids for the 2025/2026 Fiscal Year, to Set the Millage Rates to be levied as amended, and to Appropriate Funds for Said Purpose.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

c. Adopt Resolution 2025-38 to Establish Water and Sewer Rates Effective July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, and July 1, 2027.

Malewski moved, Loftus seconded Resolution 2025-38 to Establish Water and Sewer Rates Effective July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, and July 1, 2027.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

d. Adopt Resolution 2025-39 to approve a Conditional Use Permit for a Tattoo Studio at 117 E. Knight Street.

Steele moved, Nicholas seconded to approve Resolution 2025-39 to approve a Conditional Use Permit for a Tattoo Studio at 117 E. Knight Street.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Public Comments:

Rocco Buysse, 117 Frost St. – Thanked Council for the reappointment to the LDFA Board. He reminded everyone that the mobile food pantry will be at the High School on Saturday at 9 am. He also stated that the parade was fine.

Patrick McNutt, 751 Island Court, congratulated Steve Fuller on his retirement.

Reports:

Fire Chief – absent

Police Chief- No Report

City Manager – City Manager Ridge gave updates on the following projects: 400 Dexter-Century Construction, Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF), MSHDA/CDBG Letter of Intent, Eaton County Community Grant Program, Federal Appropriations, State Appropriate Request, and Community Project Funding. She is waiting for updates from US Senator Gary Peters and State Senator Sarah Anthony on pending appropriations. She and Chief Weeks will begin bargaining on Tuesday, June 3, for the Police Union. She met Troy Latunski, Manager of the Eaton Area Ambulance Service, about the financials of the Eaton Area Ambulance Service and was informed that they are actively working to improve services and transparency. The Renewable Energy Plan notice will be published on May 31st. This plan has been developed to meet the requirement of 50% Renewable Energy by 2030 and 60% Renewable Energy by 2035. She wants to express her appreciation to Steve Fuller's dedication and service to the City of Eaton Rapids! She wants to wish him well and acknowledge that he will be missed. Lastly, Oakridge Park received a grant for the Gazebo and Picnic table for the Park.

Council Members:

Malewski – Councilmember Malewski reminded everyone of the Urban Air Event coming first week of October. Many activities are scheduled, and many volunteers are needed. The City's flowers are beautiful. Genny Allen did a great job on the budget. Congratulations to Steve Fuller's on his retirement. June 8th the Eaton County Historical Group will be giving a tour and history of Officer Emery.

Steele – Mayor Pro Tem Steele wants to congratulate Steve Fuller on his retirement. He will miss his smiling face and appreciate all his service. The Memorial Parade was enjoyable and well done. As always, City Staff went above and beyond to help make the parade a success.

Nicholas – Councilmember Nicholas also congratulated Steve Fuller on his retirement.

Loftus – Councilmember Loftus thanked Steve Fuller for his warm reception when he first moved into Eaton Rapids. The Eaton Rapids High School girls' soccer team has had a good run this season. He took part in the St. Peter's church carnival. He praised Director Peirce and the DPW workers for their quick response to the May 14th storm. The cemetery flag placements had many volunteers and went very well at the Rosehill and Oaklawn Cemeteries. The Memorial Parade and ceremony were a success. Thank you to Chris Allen and the G.A.R. Museum for orchestrating the events. We had a fantastic turnout of volunteers. He thanked FOX 47 and WILX for capturing the event.

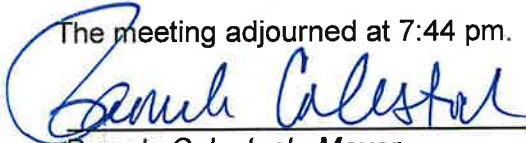
Mayor Colestock – Mayor Colestock thanked G.A.R. Museum and the Memorial Day Committee for the Memorial celebration and the city Staff for all they do. She thanked all of the volunteers who helped place flags at the cemetery and had a special shout-out to John Nobach and his staff to make the cemetery look pristine, not a single blade of grass was out of place. She also announced that the Urban Air Event is sold out. 101 campers have reserved spots for

the event. Lastly, she thanked the City Administration and City Council for the decision regarding the infrastructure, although it will raise rates, the residents will appreciate the upgrades for years to come. The opportunity that we faced to get all this work done is the chance of a lifetime, and she is proud of all who made it a priority for our city. We can handle the criticism, knowing this is the right path for our city.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.


Pamela Colestock, Mayor


Robin Webb, City Clerk