

**City Council Meeting
June 09 2025**

A regular Eaton Rapids City Council meeting was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on June 09, 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 June 9, 2025, Council meeting agenda with one amendment, removing Item 10e. **Motion carried.**

Approval of the May 28, 2025, City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes:

Malewski moved, and Steele seconded, approving May 28, 2025, City Council Work Session meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

Approval of the May 28, 2025, City Council Meeting Minutes:

Loftus moved, and Nicholas seconded, approving May 28, 2025, City Council meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Expenditures totaling \$329,894.22:

Steele moved, and Malewski seconded, approving expenditures of the City of Eaton Rapids, totaling \$329,894.22. **Motion carried.**

Public Comment:

Commissioner Barber gave updates on the budget for the County and the discussion held on May 30th regarding the budget. They discussed outside agencies contract and the open position that will not be filled at this time. Animal control is a great concern and the fact that they have one deputy only at the Animal Control taking care of the animals that they currently have. He also stated that June 27th would be the next meeting to cut an additional 2,000,000 needed to be cut to balance the budget.

Unfinished and Special Business:

a. Planning Commission Annual Report

Darren Tanner, secretary of the Planning Commission, presented the Annual Report and highlighted points in the 2024 calendar year.

New Business:

a. Adopt Resolution 2025-40 to establish a request for funding, designate an agent, attest to the existence of funds and commit to implementing a maintenance program for East Knight Street and South Center Street Road Mill and Resurfacing Project Funded by the Transportation Economic Development Fund Category B Program.

Steele moved, and Loftus seconded, to adopt Resolution 2025-40 to establish a request for funding, designate an agent, attest to the existence of funds and commit to implementing a maintenance program for East Knight Street and South Center Street Road Mill and Resurfacing Project Funded by the Transportation Economic Development Fund Category B Program.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

b. Adopt Resolution 2025-41 to approve the purchase of a securable storage unit for the police department.

Steele moved, Malewski seconded Resolution 2025-41 to approve the purchase of a securable storage unit for the police department.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

c. Adopt Resolution 2025-42 to authorize the acceptance and adoption of the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (MHMO) update.

Malewski moved, Nicholas seconded to approve Resolution 2025-42 to authorize the acceptance and adoption of the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (MHMP) update.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

d. Adopt Resolution 2025-43 acknowledging the Protecting MI Pension Grant Program Corrective Action Plan Monitoring Requirement and Authorizing Submission of Required Documentation.

Steele moved, Loftus seconded to approve Resolution 2025-43 acknowledging the Protecting MI Pension Grant Program Corrective Action Plan Monitoring Requirement and Authorizing Submission of Required Documentation.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

e. Removed

Public Comments: None

Reports:

Fire Chief – No Report

Police Chief- Absent

City Manager – City Manager Ridge announced she will be out of the office on Thursday, Friday and Monday of the following week and might be unable to access her emails.

Council Members:

Malewski – Councilmember Malewski thanked Rick Loftus for his inaugural Wooden Boat Show, which showcased craftsmanship and art. She thanked Chief Weeks for presenting at the Cemetery Event honoring George Emery, and Director Cagle and Director Pierce for their participation in all of the events on Saturday. She stated that the sidewalk painting received 320 likes in 3 hours, and Sara Curry, teacher, was nominated for teacher of the month, as well as Cheryl Nowak has been named the Chief Commissioner of the Michigan Supreme Court, she is the first woman to hold one of the two top positions of the court. Lastly, she had positive comments on the mayor’s appearance on the Mayor on the Street podcast with Kristine Lott, a Mayor in Vermont. She explains that the mayor is professional, personable, and positive in her comments, and she makes us realize how lucky we are to have her as mayor.

Steele – Mayor Pro Tem Steele expressed his appreciation for the Mayor on Main Street podcast with Mayor Colestock as the guest. The Mayor presented herself well and showed her love for her city and dedication. He also said that the Wooden Boat Show was amazing, and the art of this craft shows in every boat.

Nicholas – Councilmember Nicholas commented on the well-done interview of the Mayor on the Mayor’s on Main Street.

Loftus –Councilmember Loftus thanked the people for all the events this weekend. The Boat Show was great. He also commended the Mayor on her interview with the “Mayors on Main Street” Podcast. He stated that he sees the City of Eaton Rapids becoming an exciting and attractive community to visit and live in. It is attracting people from all around with its events and attractions.

Mayor Colestock – Mayor Colestock admitted that the Mayor on Main Street was a lot of fun. She felt privileged that the podcast host from Vermontville gave her the opportunity because most of her guests are long-time Mayors from all over. Any chance to give Eaton Rapids positive attention, she will participate. Saturday was fantastic, free fishing, Community market, Art in the Park, and the Wooden Boat Show. She extended a “Great Job” to Director Cagle, Jake Forquer, and Joe Sheneman that was there early to help set up and represent the DDA at their booth. Urban Air meeting on Thursday, and she will be speaking at the Senior Center luncheon on June 12th. Anyone is welcome to join, but they ask for notice to plan for lunch. DDA will meet on Friday, and there will be a special City Council meeting on June 26th to approve a resolution for the bidding of the road project. Lastly, School Resource Officer Ferguson won another award for the Champion of Children Award from the Eaton County Substance Awareness Advisory Council.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.


Pamela Colestock, Mayor


Robin Webb, City Clerk