

**City Council Meeting
July 14 2025**

A regular Eaton Rapids City Council meeting was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on July 14, 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, Councilmembers Malewski, Nicholas, and Loftus were present.

Invocation:

Steve Laginess from Thrive Church provided the invocation.

Approval of the Agenda:

Steele moved, and Malewski seconded, approving the July 14, 2025, Council meeting agenda with minor corrections to 10.g and 10.j. **Motion carried.**

Approval of the June 23, 2025, City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes:

Loftus moved, and Steele seconded, approving June 23, 2025, City Council Work Session meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

Approval of the June 23, 2025, City Council Meeting Minutes:

Loftus moved, and Steele seconded, approving June 23, 2025, City Council meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

Approval of the June 26, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes:

Steele moved, and Malewski seconded, approving June 26, 2025, Special meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Expenditures totaling \$1,625,079.99:

Steele moved, and Malewski seconded, approving expenditures of the City of Eaton Rapids, totaling \$1,625,079.99. **Motion carried.**

Public Comment:

Commissioner Barber gave an update on the County Budget progress. The Ways and Means committee met to discuss \$4.3 million worth of cuts, including \$900,000 worth of outside agencies and the rest being vacant positions, not being replaced. Currently \$500,000 short for next year and will be short \$1.2 million for 26-27. The next Budget meeting will be held on July 25th and the next Board of Commissioners meeting will be on Wednesday, July 16th.

Unfinished and Special Business: None

New Business:

- a. **First Reading Ordinance 2025-05 an Ordinance to add Section 14-5 of Article I of Chapter 14, Operation of Golf Carts on City Streets, of the Codified Ordinances of the Codified Ordinances of City of Eaton Rapids, Eaton County, Michigan.**

No Action Required

- b. **Adopt Ordinance 2025-04 to amend Appendix A, Article A, Article II, Section 2.20, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Eaton Rapids, Eaton County, Michigan, by**

amending the Zoning Map referred to in Section 2.20 to Rezone 1500 S. Main Street from Low Density Single Family Residential (RD-1) to General Business District (GBD).

Steele moved, and Malewski seconded, to adopt Ordinance 2025-04 to amend Appendix A, Article A, Article II, Section 2020, of the codified Ordinances of the City of Eaton Rapids, Eaton County, Michigan by amending the Zoning Map referred to in Section 2.20 t Rezone 1500 S. Main Street from Low Density Single Family Residential (RD-1) to General Business District (GBD). .

Roll call vote:

Yeas: 4 – Steele, Malewski, Loftus, and Mayor Colestock

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Nicholas

c. Adopt Resolution 2025-54 to authorize issuance of Water System Revenue Bonds.

Steele moved, and Loftus seconded to authorize the issuance of Water System Revenue Bonds.
Motion Carried.

Roll call vote:

Yeas: 4 – Malewski, Loftus, Steele, and Mayor Colestock

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Nicholas

d. Adopt Resolution 2025-55 to approve engineering services for the Generation Unit #1 Switch replacement Project to Verdantas (formerly GRP Engineering) in the amount of \$6,400.

Steele moved, Malewski seconded. Resolution 2025-55 to approve engineering services for the Generation Unit #1 Switch replacement Project to Verdantas (formerly GRP Engineering) in the of \$6400.

Roll call vote:

Yeas: 4 – Loftus, Steele, Malewski, and Mayor Colestock

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Nicholas

e. Adopt Resolution 2025-56 to approve engineering services for the Hospital Circuit Tie Switch Project to Verdantas (formerly GRP Engineering) in the amount of \$16,000.

Steele moved, Loftus seconded to approve Resolution 2025-56 to approve engineering services for the Hospital Circuit Tie Switch Project to Verdantas (formerly GRP Engineering) in the amount of \$16,000.

Roll call vote:

Yeas: 4 – Steele, Malewski, Loftus, and Mayor Colestock

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Nicholas

f. Adopt Resolution 2025-57 to approve engineering services agreement with Verdantas (formerly GRP Engineering) for North Circuit #1 /rebuild & Voltage Conversion Project in the amount of \$36,000.

Steele moved, Malewski seconded to approve Resolution 2025-57 to approve engineering services agreement with Verdantas (formerly GRP Engineering) for North Circuit #1 Rebuild & Voltage Conversion Project in the amount of \$36,000.

Roll call vote:

Yeas: 4 – Steele, Malewski, Loftus, and Mayor Colestock

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Nicholas

g. Adopt Resolution 2025-58 to approve Municipal Employees' Retirement Services (MERS) 2025 Officer and Employee Delegates for the Annual MERS Conference to be held October 16th and 17th.

Steele moved, Loftus seconded to approve Resolution 2025-58 to approve Municipal Employees' Retirement Services (MERS) 2025 Officer and Employee Delegates for the Annual MERS Conference to be held October 16th and 17th.

Roll call vote:

Yeas: 4 – Malewski, Loftus, Steele, and Mayor Colestock

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Nicholas

h. Approve Resolution 2025-59 to authorize the purchase of Police Handguns and Optics from Keisler's Supply in the amount of \$6,423.84.

Steele moved, Malewski seconded to approve Resolution 2025-59 to authorize the purchase of Police Handguns and Optics from Keisler's Supply in the amount of \$6,423.84.

Roll call vote:

Yeas: 4 – Loftus, Steele, Malewski, and Mayor Colestock

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Nicholas

i. Approve Resolution 2025-60 to authorize the execution of Contract No. 25-5354 with the Michigan Department of Transportation and Assigning Officials Authorized to Sign the Agreement for the Knight Street from Main Street to East Street Project.

Steele moved, Loftus seconded to approve Resolution 2025-60 to authorize the execution of Contract No. 25-5354 with the Michigan Department of Transportation and Assigning Officials Authorized to Sign the Agreement for the Knight Street from Main Street to East Street Project.

Roll call vote:

Yeas: 4 – Steele, Malewski, Loftus, and Mayor Colestock

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Nicholas

j. Approve Resolution 2025-61 to approve Resolution 2025-61 to approve First Amendment Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release Between Mill Street LLC, The City of Eaton Rapids, and the Eaton County Land Bank.

Steele moved, Malewski seconded to approve Resolution 2025-61 to approve First

Amendment Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release Between Mill Street LLC, The City of Eaton Rapids, and the Eaton County Land Bank.

Roll call vote:

Yeas: 4 – Steele, Malewski, Loftus, and Mayor Colestock

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Nicholas

k. Approve Resolution 2025-62 to approve a Land Division for 501 Union Street following Planning Commission Recommendation.

Loftus moved, Steele seconded to approve Resolution 2025-62 to approve a Land Division for 501 Union Street following Planning Commission Recommendation.

Roll call vote:

Yeas: 4 – Malewski, Loftus, Steele, and Mayor Colestock

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Nicholas

l. Approve Resolution 2025-63 to approve a Land Division for 4423 and 4425 Hyatt Street following Planning Commission Recommendation.

Steele moved, Malewski seconded to approve Resolution 2025-63 to approve a Land Division for 4423 and 4425 Hyatt Street following Planning Commission Recommendation.

Roll call vote:

Yeas: 4 – Loftus, Steele, Malewski, and Mayor Colestock

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Nicholas

m. Adopt Resolution 2025-64 to approve proposal for Construction Engineering 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, Loftus seconded to approve Resolution 2025-64 to approve proposal for Construction Engineering 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: 4 – Steele, Malewski, Loftus, and Mayor Colestock

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Nicholas

n. Adopt Resolution 2025-65 to authorize the amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with C2AE for East Knight Street Improvements Construction Phase.

Steele moved, Malewski seconded to approve Resolution 2025-65 to authorize the amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with C2AE for East Knight Street Improvements Construction Phase.

Roll call vote:

Yeas: 4 – Steele, Malewski, Loftus, and Mayor Colestock
Nays: 0
Absent: 1 - Nicholas

- o. Adopt Resolution 2025-66 to authorize the Engineering Services Agreement with Verdantas (Formerly GRP Engineering) for the West Substation transformer Replacement Project.**

Steele moved, Loftus seconded to approve Resolution 2025-66 to authorize the Engineering Services Agreement with Verdantas (Formerly GRP Engineering) for the West Substation transformer Replacement Project.

Roll call vote:

Yeas: 4 – Malewski, Loftus, Steele, and Mayor Colestock
Nays: 0
Absent: 1 - Nicholas

- p. Adopt Resolution 2025-67 to authorize the Engineering Services Agreement with Verdantas (Formerly GRP Engineering) for the West Circuit #2 Rebuild & Voltage Conversion Project.**

Steele moved, Loftus seconded to approve Resolution 2025-67 to authorize the Engineering Services Agreement with Verdantas (Formerly GRP Engineering) for the West Circuit #2 Rebuild & Voltage Conversion Project.

Roll call vote:

Yeas: 4 – Loftus, Steele, Malewski, and Mayor Colestock
Nays: 0
Absent: 1 – Nicholas

- q. Adopt Resolution 2025-68 to approve purchase or lease of a property**

Steele moved, and Loftus seconded to approve purchase agreement for property at 400 Dexter.

Roll call vote:

Yeas: 4 – Steele, Malewski, Loftus, and Mayor Colestock
Nays: 0
Absent: 1 – Nicholas

- r. Appoint Robert C Dickins to the Downtown Development Authority to fill a vacated seat by Rachel Chagnon for a term expiring December 31, 2026.**

Steele moved, Loftus seconded to approve the appointment of Robert C. Dickins to the Downtown Development Authority to fill a vacated seat by Rachel Chagnon for a term expiring December 31, 2026.

- s. Appoint Daniel Ankney III to the Recreation Subcommittee for a term expiring December 31, 2027.**

Steele moved, Loftus seconded to approve the appointment of Daniel Ankney III to the Recreation Subcommittee for a term expiring December 31, 2027.

Public Comments:

Reports:

Fire Chief – no report

Police Chief- absent

City Manager –

City Manager Ridge thanked all the city staff who helped with the 4th of July celebration. She attended the Community Market on Saturday, spent more than she planned, and enjoyed every minute. Great job, Jake, and everyone who made it a success. The flashing beacon project has cause very little disruption, and should be completed this week, New Hire for a part-time Code Enforcement Officer will be starting July 21st, and she attended several meeting, Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP), the Eatran Board meeting, and coffee hour with Angela Witwer as she presented Sarah Curry with the May Teacher of the Month, a well deserved honor. Lastly, Charlie has retired, he is now in a retirement home living his best life.

Council Members:

Malewski –

She attended the County Official Briefing concerning the county's financial challenges, the Material Management Planning Committee in regards to the Work Plan submission, Arts Council, which agreed on the need for increasing the advertising for the city events, Urban Air Committee meeting, as plans are moving right along. She attended Sarah Curry's award presentation, thanked all of the city staff and volunteers for the 4th of July event, as well as, announcing the special event on July 19th that the original plat of Eaton Rapids was signed in 1938. The platting was done by Amos Spicer, Pierpont Spicer, C.C. Darling, and Samuel Spicer 187 years ago.

Steele –

He stated that the 4th of July event was unbeatable. He attended the Early Riser meeting, Angela Witwer's honoring of Sarah Curry, and a GAR presentation that was the best he had seen yet.

Nicholas – Absent

Loftus –

He commended the town's Fourth of July festivities, noticing the neighboring police departments' support. He noted that once the parade and festivities were over, the city was spotless due to Department of Public Works cleanup efforts. Enjoys the refurbishing of houses, the graffiti cleanup on the cement bridge to Howe field, and hanging flower baskets on Main Street that make the city inviting. He attended Angela Witwer's coffee hour, awarding Sarah Curry, teacher of the Month for May. Lastly, he had heartfelt words regarding the G.A.R. Museum events, especially the most recent in which letters of a Civil War veteran were on display.

Mayor Colestock –


She thanked all of the city staff for their hard work on the 4th of July, as well as the cities of Charlotte and Olivet for their Police Departments' assistance. Also, thanked the Eaton County

Dispatch and the Eaton Area EMS. She attended the Angela Witwer presentation of May's Teacher of the Month award given to Sarah Curry. She will be attending the Michigan Association of Mayors Summer Workshop on August 6th – 8th, and the Council of Government meeting on Thursday, July 17th. The Autism Communication Board unveiling is Friday, August 8th, at 5 pm at Howe Field. Lastly, the Urban Air planning committee will start meeting 2 time per month in August.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.


Pamela Colestock, Mayor


Robin Webb, City Clerk