

**City Council Meeting
July 28 2025**

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

Invocation:

Mayor Colestock provided the invocation.

Approval of the Agenda:

Steele moved, and Malewski seconded, approving the July 28, 2025, Council meeting agenda with the amendment removing item 11.h. **Motion carried.**

Approval of the July 14, 2025, City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes:

Steele moved, and Loftus seconded, approving July 14, 2025, City Council Work Session meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Closed Session Minutes, under 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act (MCL-15.268) July 14, 2025:

Steele moved, and Loftus seconded, approving the Closed Session Minutes under 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act(MCL-15.268) for July 14, 2025. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Closed Session Minutes, under 8(d) of the Open Meetings Act (MCL-15.268) July 14, 2025:

Steele moved, and Malewski seconded, approving the Closed Session Minutes under 8(d) of the Open Meetings Act (MCL-15.268) for July 14, 2025. **Motion carried.**

Approval of the July 14, 2025, City Council Meeting Minutes:

Steele moved, and Loftus seconded, approving the July 14, 2025, City Council meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Expenditures totaling \$846,754.66:

Steele moved, and Nicholas seconded, approving expenditures of the City of Eaton Rapids, totaling \$846,754.66. **Motion carried.**

Public Comment: None

Unfinished and Special Business: None

Public Hearing opened at 705 p.m. for public comment on the Brownfield Plan for 400 Dexter Road, Eaton Rapids, Parcel Number 300-033-20-226-01, with comment from:

Aaron Tabias, Century Construction, bought the 400 Dexter property and is looking forward to this project and appreciate the partnership with the City of Eaton Rapids.

Mayor Pro Tem Steele - Considering the housing challenges, I appreciate the collaboration of joining together with Century Construction to provide residential housing with recreational advantages.

City Manager Ridge explained the arduous process of this plan going to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for approval. Have appreciated the help of LEAP and TriTerra to get this plan put together. Now, they are seeking approval from City Council to move forward.

Public Hearing was closed at 7:10 p.m.

New Business:

- a. **Adopt 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.**

Steele moved, and Nicholas seconded, to adopt Ordinance 2025-05 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.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

- b. **First Reading Ordinance 2025-06 an Ordinance to Add Section 14-7 of Article I of Chapter 14, Operation of Offroad Recreation Vehicles on City Streets, of the Codified Ordinances of City of Eaton Rapids, Eaton County, Michigan.**

No Action Required

- c. **First Reading Ordinance 2025-07 an Ordinance to Add Section 15-5 of Article I of Chapter 15, Breaking and Entering or Entering Without Breaking, of the Codified Ordinances of City of Eaton Rapids, Eaton County, Michigan.**

No Action Required

- d. **First Reading 2025-08 an Ordinance to amend Section 2-103 of Article V of Chapter 2, qualifications of Commissioners, of the Codified Ordinances of City of Eaton Rapids, Eaton County, Michigan**

No Action Required

- e. **Adopt Resolution 2025-69 to authorize the purchase and installation of a Furnace and AC Unit at the Public Safety Building \$12,400.94.**

Steele moved, and Nicholas seconded Resolution 2025-69, to authorize the purchase and installation of a Furnace and AC Unit at the Public Safety Building \$12,400.94. **Motion Carried.**

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

- f. **Adopt Resolution 2025-70 to authorize the purchase and installation of a Furnace and AC Unit at the Public Safety Building Computer Room \$6,799.93.**

Steele moved, Loftus seconded. Resolution 2025-70 to authorize the purchase and installation of a Furnace and AC Unit at the Public Safety Building \$6,799.93.

Roll call vote:

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

g. Adopt Resolution 2025-71 to authorize a Brownfield Plan for 400 Dexter Road, Eaton Rapids, Parcel Number 300-033-200-226-01.

Steele moved, Malewski seconded to approve Resolution 2025-71 to authorize a Brownfield Plan for 400 Dexter Road, Eaton Rapids, Parcel Number 300-033-200-226-01.

Roll call vote:

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

h. This item was removed.

i. Approve Event Application for Eaton Rapids High School Homecoming Parade on Friday, September 19, 2025.

Steele moved, Malewski seconded to approve Event Application for Eaton Rapids High School Homecoming Parade on Friday, September 19, 2025. **Motion carried**

j. Approve Jacob Leyrer to the Recreation Sub Committee for a term expiring December 31, 2027.

Steele moved, Nicholas seconded to approve Jacob Leyrer to the Recreation Sub Committee for a term expiring December 31, 2027.

Public Comments:

Reports:

Fire Chief – No Report

Police Chief- presented an update on the debriefing of the 4th of July event, which is a new procedure, according to our accreditation standards. The chief feels we are at our capacity for the fireworks to proceed safely.

City Manager – City Manager Ridge announced our newest employee, Cameron Priest, according to our succession planning for the Building/Zoning department. He is working with Chief McNutt and Building Official Hummel. Flag football and soccer signups are open until August 3. She also wanted to introduce Ranger Raven Island City Explorer. She will be exploring a different park every week. Stay tuned on Facebook.

Council Members:

Malewski – Councilmember Malewski attended a home tour with Official Hummel, seeing the housing projects around the city. She also participated in food distribution at the High School. The food need is very present in this area, and the line started at 7:30, opened at 9 a.m., and they were running out of food by 9:45 a.m.

Steele – Mayor ProTem Steele acknowledged the finalists for the People's Choice Award are Eaton Rapids Medical Center and Mooville. Congratulations. Recognized Councilmember Malewski's articles in the Flashes are very enlightening, and he appreciates Official Hummel's efforts for the new homes in process around the city.

Nicholas –No Report

Loftus – Councilmember Loftus attended to COG meeting liked witnessing the mutual interests being discussed and he is looking forward to the New Beacon for pedestrians on Main St.

Mayor Colestock – Mayor Colestock gave a big shoutout to Director Pierce and the entire Department of Public Works crew for all their hard work this summer and for always keeping a professional demeanor. Lastly, just to clarify, we have approved an Ordinance regarding golf carts prohibited in the city. The change to the ordinance was to allow city staff the ability to use golf carts for business purposes only.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.



Pamela Colestock, Mayor



Robin Webb, City Clerk