

**City Council Meeting  
March 10, 2025**

A regular Eaton Rapids City Council meeting was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on March 10, 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:**

Pastor Mark Michalcewicz, from Grace Baptist Church, provided the invocation.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

Steele moved, and Malewski seconded approving the March 10, 2025, Council meeting agenda as presented. **Motion carried.**

**Approval of the February 24, 2025, Closed Session Meeting Minutes:**

This item was tabled until the March 24, 2025, City Council meeting.

**Approval of the February 24, 2025, City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes:**

Steele moved, and Nicholas seconded approving the February 24, 2025, City Council Work Session meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

**Approval of the February 24, 2025, City Council Meeting Minutes:**

Loftus moved, and Steele seconded approving the February 24, 2025, City Council meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

**Approval of Expenditures totaling \$754,668.75:**

Steele moved, and Malewski seconded approving expenditures of the City of Eaton Rapids, totaling \$754,668.75. **Motion carried.**

**Public Comment:**

Eaton County Commissioner Keith Barber provided City Council with the Eaton County Board of Commissioners Ways and Means Committee meeting schedule.

Kathrine Price, 56th Circuit Court Juvenile Attorney Referee and Juvenile Division Director, introduced herself to City Council. She plans to attend Eaton Rapids City Council meetings regularly and provide legislative updates to the Council.

**Unfinished and Special Business: none**

**New Business**

**a. Adopt Resolution 2025-18 to approve Scope of Work for Letter of Intent and Grant Application with LionBear Ventures for the MSHDA Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$3,500.00.**

Steele moved, and Malewski seconded approving the Scope of Work for the Letter of Intent and Grant Application with LionBear Ventures for the MSHDA Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$3,500.00.

**Roll call vote:**

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

**b. Adopt Resolution 2025-19 to accept the bid and award the contract for the North Substation Recloser Preplacement Project to U&I Products in the amount of \$110,825.00.**

Steele moved, and Nicholas seconded accepting the bid and awarding the North Substation Recloser Replacement Project contract to U&I Products for \$110,825.00.

**Roll call vote:**

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

**c. Adopt Resolution 2025-20 to accept bid and award contract for the West Substation Recloser Preplacement Project to U&I Products in the amount of \$119,244.00.**

Steele moved, and Loftus seconded accepting the bid and awarding the West Substation Recloser Preplacement Project contract to U&I Products for \$119,244.00.

**Roll call vote:**

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

**Public Comments:** None

**Reports:**

**Fire Chief** –No report.

**Police Chief**- No report.

**City Manager** – Treasurer/Finance Director Allen is working on an investment policy for the municipality. We closed a couple accounts and moved the invested funds to other financial institutions. City Manager Ridge attended the Eaton Community Bank Open House. She provided updates on the pedestrian crossing (work start date is June 9), the well-head protection educational project, and Urban Air. Citizen Academy attendees will tour the DPW, the Electric Plant, the Waste-Water Treatment Plant, and the Water Treatment Plant this week. The final Citizens Academy session will include the history of Eaton Rapids presented by Councilperson Deb Malewski, as well as presentations by Eaton County Commissioner Keith Barber and City Attorney Cullen Harkness. City Clerk Webb will conduct a public accuracy test for the May election on Monday, April 14, at 9:00 a.m. City Manager Ridge will attend the 2025 Capital Conference in Lansing on Tuesday, March 18, and Wednesday, March 19.

**Council Members:**

**Malewski** – A statewide tornado drill will occur on Thursday, March 19. R & D Landscaping is one of the 50 companies to watch in 2025. She enjoys attending the Citizen Academy and all the presentations. State Representative Angela Witwer provided beneficial updates during her last meeting.

**Steele** – The Planning Commission did not meet. The VFW National Home dedicated a new house at their Open House Event on Friday, March 7. Mayor Pro-Tem Steele attended the event and was recognized as a member of the City. He thanked Commissioner Barber for attending the Council meeting. Citizen Academy is a big success, and everything has been great.

**Nicholas** – Councilperson Nicholas agreed that Citizen Academy and the City's staff are great.

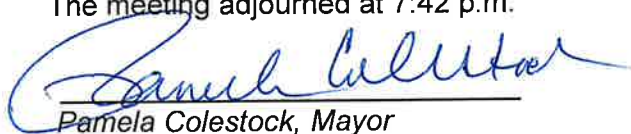
**Loftus** – Councilperson Loftus plans to propose a wooden boat event in conjunction with the summer G.A.R. Island Park activities at the next meeting. He had no report from the Parks, Recreation, and Events Committee as there was no meeting. He will miss the Oakridge Park Board meeting as it conflicts with Citizen Academy. Councilperson Loftus attended the February 27 state budget meeting provided by Senate Appropriations Chairwoman Sarah Anthony. He enjoys attending Citizen Academy and looks forward to the remaining two sessions.

**Mayor Colestock** – Thanked Mayor Pro-Tem Steele for attending the VFW Home Open House. She attended two Urban Air meetings. The Urban Air Sponsorship Sub-committee is working on sponsorship levels. The Municipal Services Committee provided details about a proposed change to the Open Meetings Act to allow members of a board, committee, etc. to attend meetings virtually. During the update with State Representative Angela Witwer, Representative Witwer's election workers mentioned to Mayor Colestock that they enjoy working with City Clerk Webb.

**Adjournment**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

  
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Pamela Colestock, Mayor

  
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Robin Webb, City Clerk