

City of Eaton Rapids Special Meeting April 21, 2026

The Special Meeting of the Eaton Rapids City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on April 21, 2026, at 3:30 p.m.

Call To Order:

Mayor Colestock called the work session to order at 3:01 p.m. Present were Mayor Colestock, Mayor Pro Tem Steele, and Councilmembers Malewski, Loftus, and Nicholas.

Administrative Staff present included Treasurer/Finance Director Allen, Public Works and Utilities Director Pierce, Building Official Hummel, Clerk Webb, Chief Weeks, Chief McNutt, and Parks, Recreation, and Event Director Cagle.

Public Comment

Bethany Malone, 405 McArthur River Dr, commented on the sewer backup in her home has made a big mess in her basement. She would like to know if the city is going to be responsible for some of the cleanup.

Sue Steward, 401 McArthur River Dr, She is also had sewer in her basement and wants to know what is being done about the drain system to fix this problem.

Chief Weeks – Officer training week is coming up. They had to get an inspection on the vehicle (2021 Ford) used for the training and discovered 2 oil leaks, needed brakes, tires, and other items necessary to pass inspection. Total repairs would be \$13,000. This is over the threshold for his authority and the City Manager, so He was informing the council of the coming repair. He was going to try a local repair business to see if the quote would be less.

New Business

1. McArthur River Drive – Sewer Discussion

Mayor Colestock gave an update on the current issue on McArthur River Dr. Director Pierce informed the council that he is in the process of getting quotes from engineers and then will assess the issues and make an informed proposal to bring back to the council to fix the sewer problem. Discussion ensued.

2. 2026/2027 Draft Budget Discussion

Treasurer/Finance Director Allen presented copies of the draft budget and lead the discussion on individual departments and funds for the 2026/2027 Budget. All department heads participated in the discussion. Discussion ensued.

Public Comment:

Mayor Pro Tem Steele- He pointed out the unique situation that the City has in the fact that there are council members on the Budget Committee so that we can all work together.

Chief Weeks – He reported that the Mock Assessment went well, the department was given some minor tweaks to make to make the final assessment successful.

Caleb Brinson, 501 Carlisle, commented that he did not have a sewer backup in his home, which could possibly help with the investigation process of the McArthur River Drive drain problem.

Steele moved, and Malewski seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m. Motion carried.

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Pamela Colestock, Mayor

Handwritten signature of Robin Webb in blue ink, written over a horizontal line.

Robin Webb, City Clerk