

**City Council Meeting
April 27, 2026**

A regular Eaton Rapids City Council meeting was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on April 27, 2026, 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, Loftus, and Nicholas were present.

Invocation:

Mayor Colestock provided the invocation.

Approval of the Agenda:

Steele moved, and Nicholas seconded, approving April 27, 2026, Council meeting agenda as presented. **Motion carried.**

Approval of April 13, 2026, City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes:

Steele moved, and Loftus seconded, approving the April 13, 2026, City Council Work Session meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

Approval of April 13, 2026, City Council Meeting Minutes:

Steele moved, and Malewski seconded, approving April 13, 2026, City Council meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

Approval of April 21, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes:

Steele moved, and Nicholas seconded, approving April 21, 2026, City Council meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Expenditures totaling \$1,350,564.05

Steele moved, and Malewski seconded, approving expenditures of the City of Eaton Rapids, totaling \$1,350,564.05. **Motion carried.**

Public Comment:

Bethany Malone, 405 McArthur River Dr was wondering if there was an update on the sewer backup on her street. Director Pierce reported a meeting with Jim Minster to devise the best plan.

Commissioner Barber reported that a grant through the DNR to plant trees for Crandall Lake. The state will allocate 2.5 million to the drain district. These funds could reduce assessments on drains or create a refund for participants. Higby drain is the next projected plan.

Unfinished and Special Business:

a. Professional Municipal Clerks Week – May 3 – 9

Mayor Colestock presented City Clerk Webb with a proclamation for Professional Municipal Clerks Week. Honoring Clerk Webb for the week of May 3rd - 9th.

b. Fire Day – May 2, 2026

Mayor Colestock presented Chief McNutt with a proclamation honoring Fire Day, May 2, 2026.

New Business:

First Reading of Ordinance 2026-04 to amend Section 9-10 of Article I of Chapter 9, Adoption of the 2021 International Fire Code, of the Codified Ordinances of City of Eaton Rapids, Eaton County, Michigan.

No Action Required

Adopt Resolution 2026-33 to approve application to the Eaton County Parks Community Grant Program for the purchase of an enclosed trailer

Steele moved, and Loftus seconded, to approve Resolution 2026-33 to approve application to the Eaton County Parks Community Grant Program for the purchase of an enclosed trailer.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Adopt Resolution 2026-34 to approve application to the Eaton County Parks Community Grant Program for funding to support Water, Sewer, and Electric Infrastructure for the Community Center

Steele moved, and Malewski seconded, to approve Resolution 2026-34, to approve application to the Eaton County Parks Community Grant Program for funding to support Water, Sewer and Electric Infrastructure for the Community Center.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Adopt Resolution 2026-35 to approve application to the Eaton County Parks Community Grant Program for landscaping of Mylo L Stewart Pocket Park

Steele moved, and Nicholas seconded, to approve Resolution 2026-35 to approve application to the Eaton County Parks Community Grant Program for landscaping of Mylo L Stewart Pocket Park.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Adopt Resolution 2026-36 to approve Metro Act Right-of-Way Telecommunication Permit with Midwest Energy & Communication

Steele moved, and Nicholas seconded, to approve Resolution 2026-36 to approve Metro Act Right-of-Way Telecommunication Permit with Midwest Energy & Communication.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Adopt Resolution 2026-37 to approve construction contract with Leavitt & Starck Excavating Inc, for North Industrial Park Street Improvement, contingent of receiving the revised contract with the price and proof of liability insurance.

Steele moved, and Malewski seconded, to approve Resolution 2026-37 to approve construction contract with Leavitt & Starck Excavating Inc, for North Industrial Park Street Improvement, contingent on receiving the revised contract with the price and proof of liability insurance.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Public Comments: None

Council Member;

Steele – Mayor Pro Tem Steele spoke on the North Industrial Park Street Project. Gave statistics on the process and remarked that good work is not cheap and cheap work is not usually good. Also, commented on attending the Crime Stoppers Breakfast and the many things he learned.

Loftus – Councilmember Loftus attended the Council of Government meeting on April 16. Participants discussed improving interaction between the townships and the city. There was discussion on the EMS coverage, how to memorialize Bill Botti, as well as coordinating and centralizing the three municipalities' public event calendar. He attended the Special Meeting on the Budget. He noted that Foster Coffee will celebrate 1 year of business on May 2nd, MB Realty will have a grand opening on May 14, and the library refresh project is making good progress.

Mayor Colestock – Mayor Colestock thanked all who attended our meetings tonight. We know and appreciate the passion that people have regarding topics close to them and sometimes that passion can get heated, but at the end of the day, we as a council have to follow the process and procedures because many of those processes are there to help protect our residents and our city. We love being able to help people see their goals and dreams come true, and I can say that this council and staff find ways to say “yes” more than “no”, but again, we have to follow the policies in place to make that happen. We also must be mindful that we represent all 5,200 residents, not just 1.

I would also ask that everyone keep our city manager and her family in their thoughts and prayers.


Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.



Pamela Colestock, Mayor



Robin Webb, City Clerk