

City Council Meeting May 11, 2026

A regular Eaton Rapids City Council meeting was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on May 11, 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 Malewski seconded, approving May 11, 2026, Council meeting agenda adding item 11h Resolution 2026-44 and item 11i Resolution 2026-45. **Motion carried.**

Approval of April 27, 2026, City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes:

Steele moved, and Nicholas seconded, approving April 27, 2026, City Council Work Session meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

Approval of April 27, 2026, City Council Meeting Minutes:

Steele moved, and Loftus seconded, approving April 27, 2026, City Council meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Expenditures totaling \$785,678.22

Steele moved, and Nicholas seconded, approving expenditures of the City of Eaton Rapids, totaling \$785,678.22. **Motion carried.**

Public Comment:

Jamie Newberry, 511 Lake Street, requested better communication needed for the water projects, shutoffs, tree removals. Very disappointed in the poor communication.

Calob Brinson, 501 Carlisle, 2679 Michigan, requests 425 Agreement to be removed from the Michigan St property, also wanting better communication about progress on the sewer backup issue on McArthur River Dr., stating it has been an issue for 20 years.

Public Hearing

Mayor Colestock entered into Public Hearing at 7:10 pm:

Neil Noack, from C2AE Engineering, project manager, presented a summary of the 2027 DWSRF Project Plan. It will include replacing the lead and galvanized services for FY 2027.

Public Hearing Closed at 7:14 pm.

Unfinished and Special Business:

a. Proclamation for Eaton Rapids Varsity Wrestling Team

Mayor Colestock presented Coach Millheim with a proclamation honoring the Varsity Wrestling Team and its accomplishments in the 2025/2026 school year. Most of the wrestlers and families were present.

b. Proclamation for Pettit Hardware 140th Anniversary

Mayor Colestock read the proclamation for the 140th Anniversary, which was presented to Marilynn Pettit on Friday, May 7th, at the business location during the celebration event.

c. Proclamation for National Police Week, May 10 – 16, 2026

Mayor Colestock presented Chief Weeks with a proclamation honoring National Police Week, May 10-16, 2026.

d. Proclamation for National Public Works Week May 17 – 23, 2026

Mayor Colestock presented Public Works/Utilities Director Pierce with a proclamation honoring National Public Works Week, May 17-23, 2026.

New Business:

Adopt 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.

Steele moved, and Malewski seconded, to adopt 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 the City of Eaton Rapids, Eaton County, Michigan.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Approve Special Event Application for Yoga in the Park, May 30, June 20, and July 18

Steele moved, and Loftus seconded, to approve Special Event Application for May 30th, June 20th, and July 18th for a Yoga class on the GAR Island. **Motion Carried.**

Adopt Resolution 2026-39 to award Iron Horse Excavating LLC the Eaton Rapids Plains Road Sewer Extension Project in the amount of \$1,566,790.04

Steele moved, and Nicholas seconded, to approve Resolution 2026-39, to award Iron Horse Excavating LLC the Eaton Rapids Plains Road Sewer Extension Project in the amount of \$1,566,790.04.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Adopt Resolution 2026-40 to award Mike & Sons Asphalt, Inc. the Eaton Rapids East Knight Street and South Center Street Road Project in the amount of \$312,462.11

Steele moved, and Malewski seconded, to approve Resolution 2026-40 to award Mike & Sons Asphalt, Inc the Eaton Rapids East Knight Street and South Center Street Road Project in the amount of \$312,462.11.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: 0
Absent: 0

Adopt Resolution 2026-41 to award Hoffman the Knight Street Lead Line Replacement Project in the amount of \$87,019

Steele moved, and Nicholas seconded, to approve Resolution 2026-41 to award Hoffman the Knight Street Lead Line Replacement Project in the amount of \$87,019.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: 0
Absent: 0

Adopt Resolution 2026-42 to approve C2AE Project Planning Services Agreement Amendment #1 for the City of Eaton Rapids TMF- Lead Service Line Grant in the amount of \$51,000

Steele moved, and Malewski seconded, to approve Resolution 2026-42 to approve C2AE Project Planning Services Agreement Amendment #1 for the City of Eaton Rapids TMF- Lead Service Line Grant in the amount of \$51,000.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: 0
Absent: 0

Adopt Resolution 2026-43 to approve ML Chartier Excavating, Inc. Change Order for the City of Eaton Rapids TMF – Lead Service Line Grant in the amount of \$69,520

Steele moved, and Loftus seconded, to approve Resolution 2026-43 to approve ML Chartier Excavating, Inc. Change Order for the City of Eaton Rapids TMF – Lead Service Line Grant in the amount of \$69,520.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: 0
Absent: 0

Adopt Resolution 2026-44 to adopt a Final Project Planning document for Water System Improvements and Designating an Authorized Project Representative

Steele moved, and Nicholas seconded, to approve Resolution 2026-44 to adopt a Final Project Planning document for Water System Improvements and Designating an Authorized Project Representative.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: 0
Absent: 0

Adopt Resolution 2026-45 to approve Amendment #2 to the Professional Services Agreement with C2AE for East Knight Street and South Center Street Category B Design and Construction Services

Steele moved, and Malewski seconded, to approve Resolution 2026-45 to approve Amendment

#2 to the Professional Services Agreement with C2AE for East Knight Street and South Center Street Category B Design and Construction Services.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Public Comments: None

Reports:

Council Member;

Steele – Mayor Pro Tem Steele commented Ditto on many of the reported pieces of information from other council members. He was interested in the Economic Impact on the businesses in town from the Urban Air Event. Events attract family and friends outside, bringing them to the city. He also gave kudos to Corey Cagle, who put in so much work for the Urban Air Event. DPW, Treasurer Allen and staff.

Malewski – Councilmember Malewski reported Urban Air was another successful event. Thanked Director Cagle for all his hard work. She did a walking history tour downtown on Friday, the 8th, with approximately 70-80 attendees. She also did a Cemetery Tour as well. There will be a presentation at the GAR Museum on May 12th at 7pm. She has noticed many new businesses around town. She recognized the 140th Anniversary of Pettit's Hardware. Also, there will be a group that puts flags out at the cemetery on May 23 at 9 am.

Nicholas – No Report

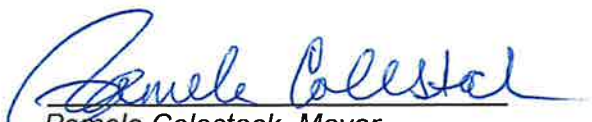
Loftus – Councilmember Loftus reported he attended the Pettit's 140th Anniversary and a Wrestling tournament. To his surprise, 1000's of people attended. When he used to go to them as a young man in New York, they were not well attended. He gave honors to the proclamation recipients. He thanked the Police Department for an outstanding team.

Mayor Colestock – Mayor Colestock reported she met Tom Barrett at the Horner Mill property to go over the plans for the demo of the property with the \$1 million dollars that was awarded to the County Land Bank to start this project. Reminded people that placing flags on the graves of veterans would take place on May 23rd at 9 am. She reported there would be a route change for the Memorial Parade. This is a more somber tribute to the veterans who served and died. Lastly, she gave a shout-out to Corey Cagle, Genny Allen, Rob Pierce, all staff, Police Department, Deb Malewski, and Rick Loftus for all their efforts for Urban Air. Next meeting is on Wednesday, May 27th, due to the holiday.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.


Pamela Colestock, Mayor


Robin Webb, City Clerk