City Council Meeting
September 8, 2025

A regular Eaton Rapids City Council meeting was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on September 8, 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:

Pastor Jenny Rouble, from First Cogregational Church of Eaton Rapids, provided the invocation.

Approval of the Agenda:

Steele moved, and Nicholas seconded, approving September 8, 2025, Council meeting agenda, with additional item 10e, to approve Resolution 2025-85 to authorize submission of the Michigan CDBG Application and Local Unit grant Match Commitment. **Motion carried.**

Approval of the August 25, 2025, City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes:

Steele moved, and Malewski seconded, approving the August 25, 2025, City Council Work Session meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

Approval of the August 25, 2025, City Council Closed Session, under 8e of the Open Meetings Act (MCL 15.268) Meeting Minutes for August 25, 2025:

Steele moved, and Loftus seconded, approving the August 25, 2025, City Council Closed Session meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

Approval of August 25, 2025, City Council Meeting Minutes:

Steele moved, and Nicholas seconded, approving the August 25, 2025, City Council meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried**.

Approval of Expenditures totaling $359,077.45

Steele moved, and Malewski seconded, approving expenditures of the City of Eaton Rapids, totaling $359,077.45. **Motion carried.**

Public Comment:

Commissioner Barber- He gave an update on the budget process for the county and important dates coming up in the next week for getting the 2025-2026 Budget approved. Rebecca Condant was hire for the Health Director, as of October 1, 2025. Recycling is moving away from regular batteries and moving toward lithium-ion batteries. In the Parks department, Crandall Lake is preparing for a new entry on Flanders Road and has installed personal counters to get a more accurate number of visitors to the park. The county has started working on appointments due to vacancies on various positions on the Boards.

Unfinished and Special Business: None

Public Hearing opened at 715 p.m. for public comment on the Michigan Community Block Grant (MCBG) Funding for the 2025 Homeowner Rehabilitation and the Housing Infrastructure Grant, with comments from:

City Manager Ridge- She is submitting a grant to get assistance to residents needing home repairs up to $40,000 maximum per household. Income qualification will apply. Also, a grant of $1,100,000 to add infrastructure to develop utilities on Plains Road for housing projects.

Patrick McNutt, 751 Island Court, commented on the development of Plains Road property behind the High School.

All in attendance for the Public Hearing were Mayor Colestock, Mayor Pro Tem Steele, Councilmembers: Loftus, Malewski, Nicholas, City Manager Ridge, Chief Weeks, Chief McNutt, Park, Recreation and Events Director Cagle, City Clerk Webb.

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

New Business:

a. First Reading of Ordinance 2025-12 an Ordinance to amend Section 5-1, Chapter 5, Cruelty to Animals, of the Codified Ordinances of City of Eaton Rapids, Eaton County, Michigan.

No Action needed

b. First Reading Ordinance 2025-13 an Ordinance to amend appendix A, Article XVIII, Section 18.13, Land Division, of the Codified Ordinances of City of Eaton Rapids, Eaton County, Michigan.

No Action needed

c. Adopt Resolution 2025-84 to authorize execution of an agreement with the Michigan Public Power Agency (MPPA) to administer the Energy Waste Reduction (EWR) Program.

Steele moved, Nicholas seconded to approve Resolution 2025-84, to authorize execution of an agreement with the Michigan Public Power Agency (MPPA) to administer the Energy Reduction (EWR) Program.

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

d. Approve Special Event Permit Application for the Eaton Rapids Area Chamber for Autumn on the Island on October 4, 2025, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Steele moved, and Loftus seconded, to approve Special Event Permit Application for the Eaton Rapids Area Chamber for Autumn on the Island on October 4, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

e. Adopt Resolution 2025-85 to authorize submission of Michigan CDBG Application and Local Unit Grant Match Commitment.

Steele moved, Malewski seconded to approve Resolution 2025-85, to authorize submission of Michigan CDBG Application and Local Unit Grant Match Commitment.

Roll call vote:

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

Public Comments: None

Reports:

Police Chief- No Report

Fire Chief- No Report

City Manager – No Report

Council Members:

Malewski – Councilmember Malewski reported she attended a Women's Club- Greater Federation of Women's Club, a five-women organization that does a lot of things for the community and is volunteering for the Urban Air Event.

Steele – No Report

Nicholas – No Report

Loftus – Councilmember Lotus reported several events taking place in the coming week: Autism Communication Board unveiling, September 10, 5 pm, GAR Museum's 12th Anniversary, September 13th, 10 am – 4 pm, September 16th, 7 pm, City Councilmember Malewski speaking on the History of Eaton Rapids at the GAR Museum.

Mayor Colestock – Mayor Colestock reported that the Earth to Table Dedication will be on September 10th, the Autism Communication Board on September 10th, and that the Urban Air Event is coming soon. Final plans are coming together, looking forward to this event.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Pamela Colestock, Mayor

Robin Webb, City Clerk