City Council Meeting
November 10, 2025

A regular Eaton Rapids City Council meeting was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on November 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, Councilmembers Malewski, and Nicholas were present. Councilmember Loftus was absent and excused.

Invocation:

Mayor Colestock provided the invocation.

Approval of the Agenda:

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

Approval of October 27, 2025, City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes:

Steele moved, and Nicholas seconded, approving the October 27, 2025, City Council Work Session meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

Approval of October 27, 2025, City Council Meeting Minutes:

Steele moved, and Malewski seconded, approving the October 27, 2025, City Council meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried**.

Approval of Expenditures totaling $437,514.95

Steele moved, and Nicholas seconded, approving expenditures of the City of Eaton Rapids, totaling $437,514.95. **Motion carried.**

Public Comment: None

Unfinished and Special Business:

Greater Lansing Food Bank Urban Air Donation

Mayor Colestock presented Cathy Taylor, representative of the Lansing Area Food Bank, site Coordinator of the Eaton Rapids Area Distribution, with a $3,001 check from the Urban Air Donations collected.

New Business:
Adopt Resolution 2025-99 to approve Planning Commission Recommendation to approve the Preliminary Plan for Inverness Home Phase 2.

Steele moved, Nicholas seconded to approve Resolution 2025-99, to approve Planning Commission Recommendation to approve the Preliminary Plan for Inverness Home Phase 2.

Roll call vote:
Yeas: 4 – Steele, Malewski, Nicholas, and Mayor Colestock
Nays: 0
Absent: 1 - Loftus

a. Adopt Resolution 2025-100 to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Eaton County and the City of Eaton Rapids for the Designated Assessor for the period January 1, 2026-

Steele moved, Malewski seconded to approve Resolution 2025-100, to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Eaton County and the City of Eaton Rapids for the Designated Assessor for the period January 1, 2026- December 31, 2030.

Roll call vote:
Yeas: 4 – Malewski, Nicholas, Steele, and Mayor Colestock
Nays: 0
Absent: 1 - Loftus

b. Adopt Resolution 2025-101 to authorize the Downtown Development Authority to apply for a Special Liquor License for the Island City Sip and Sleigh Wine Event at 200 S. Main Street on December 6, 2025

Steele moved, Nicholas seconded to authorize the Downtown Development Authority to apply for a Special Liquor License for the Island City Sip and Sleigh Wine Event at 200 S. Main Street on December 6, 2025.

Roll call vote:
Yeas: 4 – Nicholas, Steele, Malewski, and Mayor Colestock
Nays: 0
Absent: 1 – Loftus

c. Steele moved, and Nicholas seconded to remove item 10d from the agenda because the previous item was approved. This was an alternative plan to item 10c. **Motion Carried.**

d. Adopt Resolution 2025-103 to accept Transfer of Parcel 00-033-200-276-00 from the Eaton County Treasurer under Public Act 123 of 1999

e. Steele moved, Malewski seconded to accept Transfer of Parcel 00-033-200-276-00 from the Eaton County Treasurer under Public Act 123 of 1999.

Roll call vote:
Yeas: 4 – Steele, Malewski, Nicholas, and Mayor Colestock
Nays: 0
Absent: 1 - Loftus

f. Approve reappointment of Lee Carmody to the Arts Council for a term expiring 12/31/2028.

Steele moved, Nicholas seconded to reappoint Lee Carmody to the Arts Council for a term expiring 12/31/2028. **Motion Carried.**

Public Comments:

Commissioner Barber gave an update on County business. Stated that he presented a motion to fund Planning and Zoning until December 31, 2025, to allow townships more time to decide and implement a plan for Zoning in their districts. We seek approval from Ways and Means Committee on Friday. The citizens' application for boards has been reopened due to positions still available. Appointment deadline is November 30, 2025. EATRAN in desperate need for funding since the delta millage did not pass.

Reports:

Police Chief- Police Chief Week realized if EATRAN closed down how would the Meals on Wheels be delivered? He announced that the emergency expenditure was not necessary, the transmission mechanic changed a small part, and the car was repaired.

Fire Chief- Chief McNutt and Dave Hendon will be participating in training tomorrow. The fire department is adequately staffed at this time.

City Manager – City Manager remarked that many things are going on in the city right now: Master Plan creation. The City had a difficult time finding a contractor to help with the plan, as did Eaton Rapids Township. We are working together to help with the cost of this project. Also, EATRAN is currently going to try for a .25 Mil renewal, which will not sustain this service. It will only provide a minimal service, such as dial-a-ride. This service is crucial to our residents. Hoping that the board can come up with alternate ways to raise funds for this service. City Manager Ridge, Parks & Recs Director Cagle, along with the new Eaton County Parks Director, Ethan Jacobs, toured the Oakridge Park. Ethan is looking forward to working with the city. Other items, during our recycling day, the recycling promotional bags were handed out, and we received great feedback, as well as started the work with MPPA for the Energy Smart program, with Franklin. This program should be underway soon. Lastly, City Manager Ridge recognized that all of her department heads were at the Work Session meeting. She is grateful for the dedication and teamwork of her staff.

Council Members:

Malewski – Councilmember Malewski agrees with City Manager Ridge when it comes to the great staff. Reminded residents about having their leaves out for collection, Art Council's cookie decorating night on December 9th at 6 pm, and the Memorial presentation at the Blue Star Memorial tomorrow at 11 am.

Steele – Mayor Pro Tem Steele expressed the reliability, adequacy, and willingness of staff to communicate with Council. He congratulated Lee Carmody on his reappointment to the Art Council and expressed his appreciation that Commissioner Barber reports to the city and council on important issues in Eaton County.

Nicholas –no report

Loftus – Read by Mayor Colestock in his absence - Councilmember Loftus reported that Oakridge Park has been taking care of items as winter gets closer. Oakridge Park is looking to implement the MacArthur River Park toilet enclosure for the toilet at Oakridge.
The trick-or-treat events were a big success. He enjoyed Mayor Colestock's presentation at the Jean Bradford Kline Senior Center. He agreed to forward park-related information to the Center. Congratulations to Robin Webb and volunteers for another successful election. Congratulations to all involved in facilitating the Land Bank acquisition of the Horner Mill property. Lastly, there will be an Armistice Day/ Veterans Day ceremony at the City Blue Star Memorial Park at 11 am.

Mayor Colestock – Mayor Colestock reported that the Horner Mill property changed hands on October 31, 2025. She has had 2 meetings with Land Bank Chair Dairus Reynnet and received 2 different resources regarding the demo of the property, plus 1 who would potentially like to partner with the Land Bank on development. This is the most encouraging information in 10

years regarding this property. She presented at the Senior Center and thanked councilmember Loftus for attending.
A special meeting was held for DDA on Wednesday, October 29, with all 3 bar establishments present. There was great discussion and questions from all in attendance about the Social District proposal. Information and steps were presented to the bars. The DDA was hoping this could potentially bring more business to the city. The next step for the bars is to submit a letter of intent to the city by December 3rd. The city has received one already. City Manager Ridge will update the council as this progresses.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Pamela Colestock, Mayor

Robin Webb, City Clerk