City Council Meeting
July 13, 2026

A regular Eaton Rapids City Council meeting was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on July 13, 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 Loftus seconded, approving July 13, 2026, Council meeting agenda as presented. **Motion carried.**

Approval of the June 8, 2026 Closed Session Minutes under the MCL 15.268(e) of the Open Meetings Act

Steele moved, and Nicholas seconded, approving June 8, 2026, Closed Session meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

Approval of June 22, 2026, City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes:

Steele moved, and Malewski seconded, approving June 22, 2026, City Council Work Session meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

Approval of June 22, 2026, City Council Meeting Minutes:

Steele moved, and Loftus seconded, approving June 22, 2026, City Council meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried**.

Approval of Expenditures totaling $1,376,197.34

Steele moved, and Nicholas seconded, approving expenditures of the City of Eaton Rapids, totaling $1,376,197.34. **Motion carried.**

Public Comment:

Malachi King, Eaton Rapids Resident, wanted to introduce his new book "Mineral Water Book" and give the city a copy. It is about the History of Eaton Rapids. Also presented a poster that is related to the books content. Books are available on Amazon.

Commissioner Barber, Spoke about Veterans fundraiser, free to veterans, 1 guest on Sunday July 19. Speakers will be Keith Barber, Representative Barrett, and a concert by Kevin Wolf. The Road Erosion program is currently in the hands of the Drain Commissioners and is stalled out. He is trying to move this program to the Construction Code Committee in order to get this evaluated to move forward with solutions. There has been a joint PC Committee to handle zoning and planning for the townships, which is made up of members of the townships. In excess of 11 mil of property tax (500,000) funds from Treasury has gone to the unfunded liability for MERS. He also enjoys his community involvement at the Farmer's Market.

Unfinished and Special Business:

New Business:

Approve Special Event Application for the Urban Air Event for April 29 through May 2, 2027

Steele moved, Malewski seconded to approve the Special Event Application for the Urban Air Event for April 29 through May 2, 2027. **Motion Carried.**

Adopt Resolution 2026-57 to approve the purchase of GETAC BC-04 Body -Worn Cameras. Docking Stations. And Video Redaction Software from Brite in the amount of $16,704

Steele moved, and Nicholas seconded, to approve the purchase of GETAC BC-04 Body -Worn Cameras. Docking Stations. And Video Redaction Software from Brite in the amount of $16,704.
Roll call vote:
Yeas: 5 – Loftus, Steele, Malewski, Nicholas, and Mayor Colestock
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

Adopt Resolution 2026-58 to approve the Lease Agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management for a 2027 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicle and Upfit.

Steele moved, and Malewski seconded, to approve Resolution 2026-58 to approve the Lease Agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management for a 2027 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicle and Upfit.
Roll call vote:
Yeas: 5 – Steele, Malewski, Nicholas, Loftus, and Mayor Colestock
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

Adopt Resolution 2026-59 to approve the Lease Agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management for a 2026 Silverado 2500 HD WR 4x4 Crew Cab 8ft box and Upfit.

Steele moved, and Loftus seconded, to approve Resolution 2026-58 to approve the Lease Agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management for a 2026 Silverado 2500 HD WR 4x4 Crew Cab 8ft box and Upfit.
Roll call vote:
Yeas: 5 – Malewski, Nicholas, Loftus, Steele, and Mayor Colestock
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

Adopt Resolution 2026-60 to approve Rezoning of Property Located at 1409 Hall Street from Single-Family Residential (RD-1) to General Business District (GBD).

Steele moved, and Nicholas seconded, to approve Resolution 2026-60 to approve Rezoning of Property Located at 1409 Hall Street from Single-Family Residential (RD-1) to General Business District (GBD).
Roll call vote:
Yeas: 4 – Malewski, Nicholas, Loftus, Steele. Mayor Colestock abstained
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

Adopt Resolution 2026-61 to approve a Conditional Use Permit for 1410 Hall Street.

Steele moved, and Malewski seconded, to approve Resolution 2026-61 to approve a Conditional Use Permit for 1410 Hall Street.

Roll call vote:

Yeas: 4 – Malewski, Nicholas, Loftus, Steele. Mayor Colestock abstained.
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

Public Comments:

Ray Miller, 405 State St, he thanked the city for having a celebration and parade for the 4th of July. We don't realize how fortunate we are to celebrate our freedom. He has lived overseas for many years and could fly his flag to honor his country. He is thrilled to be back in the United States to take part in the celebration.

Patrick McNutt, 751 Island Ct, thanked DPW for getting power back on so quickly.

Reports:

Council Member;

Steele – Mayor Pro Tem Steele congratulated Eaton Rapids Medical Center for being recognized as 1 of 3 top Hospitals/Medical Centers for the 2026 Community Choice Awards. Well-deserved award. He also recognized those who serve our great city, talking about the wives, husbands, and significant others who fill gaps left by our primary personnel when they are on call (Cayla Cagle, Sara Weeks, Linda McNutt, Robyn Lease, Slye Brooks, Tammy Craven, and Wayne Ridge), also those I may not know but who provide crucial support in the absence of their loved ones. He thanked the public service crews, DPW, Electric Department, Water Department, Firemen, and Police. Thank you for all you do to keep our city running smoothly, mostly behind the scenes.

Malewski – Councilmember Malewski reminded of the presentation at the GAR Museum on July 14th, commented on Malachi's book, very well written and great topic, and stated the parade was great, and she enjoyed being in the parade.

Nicholas – Councilmember Nicholas thanked the DPW for restoring the power so quickly and for the wonderful job done on the 4th of July celebration.

Mayor Colestock – Mayor Colestock thanked everyone who worked on the 4th of July event, DDA running the Beer tent, and DPW for working all weekend, keeping everything running safely and smoothly. DDA met last Friday, but no business was done due to no quorum.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Pamela Colestock, Mayor

Robin Webb, City Clerk