City Council Meeting
July 27, 2026

A regular Eaton Rapids City Council meeting was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on July 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 Pro Tem provided the invocation.

Approval of the Agenda:

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

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

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

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

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

Approval of Expenditures totaling $893,254.95

Steele moved, and Loftus seconded, approving expenditures of the City of Eaton Rapids, totaling $893,254.95. **Motion carried.**

Public Comment:

Chief Weeks gave an update on Vehicle Maintenance as Car 22 is not going to be repaired due to extensive cost. Approximately $11,000.

Unfinished and Special Business:

a. **Police Accreditation Presentation – Chief Weeks**

Chief Weeks was presented the Certificate of Accreditation by Director Ron Miles of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police. Miles gave a brief background of the Accreditation process, stating only 18 percent accomplish Accreditation. Program Director Matt Sivlverthrone, explained the standards on which they base their decisions. Trained Assessor visit the location for 2 days. Deputy Executive Director Brian Irgain praised the Eaton Rapids Police Department and thanked staff and the community for all of their support. He commended Chief Weeks for his hard work. Brian White presented the Certificate of Accreditation. Chief Weeks thanked the Director for this honor and accepted the Certificate of Accreditation, thanked his staff and honored Lieutenant Creger. All of Council expressed their appreciation of the Chief and Staff.

b. **Service Agreement Annual Report – Eaton Rapids Area Historical Society**

President Mike Baker of the Eaton Rapids Historical Society presented their annual report to Council. He gave details of the events that take place at the Miller Farm. He

stated they have hosted school visits, soccer programs, many free family events, and much more.

c. **Service Agreement Annual Report – Rocking Chair Deserters Inc. dba Eaton Rapids Senior Center**

Director, Rita Honeysett, presented the Annual Report for the Rocking Chair Deserters Inc, dba Eaton Rapids Senior Center. They have 150 members and activities such as Euchre, lunches, a foot clinic, regular visits from the Secretary of State to register voters, dance classes, bingo and hearing clinics, just to name a few.

d. **Service Agreement Annual Report – Eaton Rapids Community Alliance, Teen Space**

Program Director Grace Fannin and Sara Parker present the Annual Report for the Teen Space. They have served 353 unique kids. The offer activities as cooking class, mentoring, free meals, academic support, enrichment activities and building meaningful relationships. They also maintain a garden space and are teaching the skill of growing and maintaining a garden and food preparation. The average day has approximately 30 students.

New Business:

Adopt Resolution 2026-62 to approve Service Agreement with the Eaton Rapids Area Historical Society for July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027

Steele moved, and Malewski seconded, to approve Resolution 2026-62 to approve Service Agreement with the Eaton Rapids Area Historical Society for July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.
Roll call vote:
Yeas: 5 – Loftus, Steele, Malewski, Nicholas, and Mayor Colestock
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

Adopt Resolution 2026-63 to approve Service Agreement with Rocking Chair Deserters Inc. dba Teen Space for July 1, 2026 to June 30 2027

Steele moved, and Loftus seconded, to approve Resolution 2026-63 to approve Service Agreement with Rocking Chair Deserters Inc. dba Eaton Rapids Senior Center for July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.
Roll call vote:
Yeas: 5 – Steele, Malewski, Nicholas, Loftus, and Mayor Colestock
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

Adopt Resolution 2026-64 to approve Service Agreement with Eaton Rapids Community Alliance, Teen Space for July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027

Steele moved, and Nicholas seconded, to approve Resolution 2026-64 to approve Service Agreement with Eaton Rapids Community Alliance, Teen Space for July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027.
Roll call vote:
Yeas: 5 – Malewski, Nicholas, Loftus, Steele, and Mayor Colestock
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

Adopt Resolution 2026-65 to approve Amendment #2 to Proposal for Professional Services for the Plains Road Sewer Extension with C2AE

Steele moved, and Nicholas seconded, to approve Resolution 2026-65 to approve Amendment #2 to Proposal for Professional Services for the Plains Road Sewer Extension with C2AE.
Roll call vote:
Yeas: 5 – Malewski, Nicholas, Loftus, Steele, and Mayor Colestock
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

Adopt Resolution 2026-66 to approve Change Order #1 to Contract for Plains Road Sewer Extension with Iron Horse Excavating

Steele moved, and Malewski seconded, to approve Resolution 2026-66 to approve Contract for Plains Road Sewer Extension with Iron Horse Excavating.
Roll call vote:
Yeas: 5 – Nicholas, Loftus, Steele, Malewski, and Mayor Colestock
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

Adopt Resolution 2026-67 to approve Amendment #1 to South Side I&I Investigation with C2AE

Steele moved, and Loftus seconded, to approve Resolution 2026-67 to approve Change Order #1 to South Side I&I Investigation with C2AE.
Roll call vote:
Yeas: 5 – Nicholas, Loftus, Steele, Malewski, and Mayor Colestock
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

Adopt Resolution 2026-68 to approve Lead/Galvanized Service Replacement for Category B, East Knight and Center Street project

Steele moved, and Loftus seconded, to approve Resolution 2026-68 to approve Lead/Galvanized Service Replacement for Category B, East Knight and Center Street project.
Roll call vote:
Yeas: 5 – Loftus, Steele, Malewski, Nicholas, and Mayor Colestock
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

Adopt Resolution 2026-69 to approve Professional Engineering Services Proposal with OHM Advisors for Hall Street Rehabilitation, King Street to Grand Street

Steele moved, and Nicholas seconded, to approve Resolution 2026-69 to approve Professional Engineering Services Proposal with OHM Advisors for Hall Street Rehabilitation, King Street to Grand Street.
Roll call vote:
Yeas: 5 – Malewski, Nicholas, Loftus, Steele, and Mayor Colestock
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

Adopt Resolution 2026-70 to set Water Turn-On (Customer Request) and Water Turn-Off (Customer Request) Rates

Steele moved, and Malewski seconded, to approve Resolution 2026-70 to set Water Turn-On (Customer Request) and Water Turn-Off (Customer Request) Rates

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

Adopt Resolution 2026-71 to approve Fee Schedule Update

Steele moved, and Nicholas seconded, to approve Resolution 2026-71 to approve Fee Schedule Update.

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

Adopt Resolution 2026-72 to approve MERS Defined Contribution Adoption Agreement for Plan Number 6123071-03

Steele moved, and Malewski seconded, to approve Resolution 2026-72 to approve MERS Defined Contribution Adoption Agreement for Plan Number 6123071-03.

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

Public Comments:

Carol Oliver, requested that more properties in town be given fines and notices to remove blight from yards. Also, she had questions about the curbs with the new road project.

Bill Kinball, from C2AE Engineering, wanted to introduce himself, as they currently have many projects around the city.

Rita Honeysett, asked about the city plowing their parking lot at the Senior Center and announced that the Mobile Secretary of State has frequent visits to the Senior Center for our residents.

Reports:

City Manager – City Manager Ridge congratulated the Police Department on the Accreditation, thanked all of the participants in presenting their annual reports. She announced that the Community Market will be promoting a Kids/ Youth Market on August 19 from 5-7 pm, Social District will be coming soon, and currently applying for grants for several items in the near future, such as Capital Improvement , Advancing the downtown to get removed from the flood plain, and updating our zoning ordinance. These grants are 100% funded, and do not require a match. She is currently attending the webinars to appropriately report the grant funds receipt for the 1,000,000 from Rep Barretts office.

Council Member;

Steele – Mayor Pro Tem Steele thanked everyone for their attendance, acknowledged the complicated process to become accredited, and even though the construction around town is inconvenient, he assured everyone it will be worth it for 20-50 years to come.

Malewski – Councilmember Malewski gave an update on the Art Council Events. Her Material Management Board met and discussed what to do with stuff at home you can recycle regularly, computers, tires, etc. She also congratulated the Police Department on their accreditation and thanked Rob Pierce and Yvonne Ridge for all they do for the city.

Loftus – Councilmember Loftus report he attended the Parks, Recreation and Events Board, in which they discussed upcoming events, volunteer needs, plant & seed exchange at the Farmers Market. He also thanked Rylie Forquer for taking such good care of our Main Street and bridge flowers. They look amazing. Oakridge Park board discussed park rules, ribbon cutting for pavilion, and signs added to park area. Lastly, he mentioned Paul Malewski's GAR Island 24-hour charity paddle, Saturday, August 8th, and Council of Government meeting trying to research the redundancies that might exist between the three fire departments.

Mayor Colestock – Mayor Colestock reported the 250th celebration at the Miller Farm this Saturday, Community Markets continues through the end of September, and there are board openings on the LDFA- 1, Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate - 1, Recreation Sub Committee Alternates – 2.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Pamela Colestock, Mayor

Robin Webb, City Clerk