

**June 14, 2021**  
**City Council Meeting**

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on June 14, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Malewski called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Present were: Mayor Malewski, Councilwoman Colestock, Councilwoman Politza, Councilman Steele, and Councilman Wichman.

The invocation was given by Pastor Jim Riley of Eaton Rapids Assembly of God.

Colestock moved, Steele seconded, PASSED, to approve the agenda.

Steele moved, Wichman seconded, PASSED, to approve the May 24<sup>th</sup> Worksession Minutes, the May 24<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting Minutes, and the May 25<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting Minutes.

Wichman moved, Steele seconded, PASSED, to approve the disbursements of \$472,674.27.

**Public Comments:**

William Bruce, 515 S. Main St., commented on speeding traffic on Main St.

**Unfinished and Special Business:**

- a. Mayor Malewski opened the Public Hearing for the Proposed 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 budgets at 7:14 p.m. City Manager Desentz commented that the City has a healthy fund balance. Councilman Steele commented that there was a lot of work and involvement in the budgeting process that resulted in a comprehensive budget. The Public Hearing closed at 7:17 p.m.
- b. Colestock moved, Wichman seconded, to adopt Resolution 2021-12 adopting a budget for the fiscal years of 2021-2022 and 2022-2023, to set the millage rates to be levied, and to appropriate funds for said purposes. PASSED by roll call vote:  
Yeas: Wichman, Steele, Colestock, Politza, Malewski  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 0

**New Business:**

- a. Steele moved, Colestock seconded, PASSED, to approve the energy optimization cap waiver request submitted by Sika in the amount of \$9,866.06.
- b. Steele moved, Colestock seconded, PASSED, to appoint Ashley "Lee" Carmody to the Arts Council Sub-Committee of the quality of Life Board.
- c. Steele moved, Colestock seconded, to approve the Hart Solar Energy Services Project Power Purchase Commitment Authorization. PASSED by roll call vote:  
Yeas: Politza, Colestock, Malewski, Steele, Wichman  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 0
- d. Colestock moved, Steele seconded, to approve the Calhoun Solar Energy Services Project Power Purchase Commitment Authorization. PASSED by roll call vote:

Yeas: Steele, Politza, Wichman, Colestock, Malewski,

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

- e. First Read Ordinance 2021-06 an ordinance to add Article II of Chapter 23, and add Sections 23-15 through 23-27 Marihuana Establishments, of the Codified Ordinances of City of Eaton Rapids, Eaton County, Michigan, to allow for the operation of certain adult use marihuana establishments within the City of Eaton Rapids

**Public Comments:**

Tony Pussey, 6649 S. Clinton Trail., commented on the marijuana ordinances.

Susan Kandell, 605 E. Knight, commented on tree trimming in the City.

**Reports:**

Clerk Boomer commented that there were only 18 shutoffs in May. This is very low and she contributed it to consistency and the marketing of assistance programs.

City Manager Desentz reported that the Riverwalk Project is on track for September completion. The only hold up is the delivery of the playground equipment. There is supply chain issues that may delay installation. The Brook Street project will start after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and is estimated to be completed in 8-12 weeks. He reported that the phone system update is coming soon. He has been notified that the wireless downtown costs should be arriving soon. He advised that the status of the CDBG WRI application should be released this week. The sidewalk project is moving forward with a new contractor.

Councilman Steele thanked Lee Carmody for serving on the Arts Council Sub-Committee. He commented on the art projects and flowers in the City. He thanked Treasurer Carr for the updated payables cover sheet. He thanked Clerk Boomer for her assistance with election filing.

Mayor Malewski congratulated the Eaton Rapids High School Softball and Baseball teams on their seasons. He reported that he attended the Pride Picnic and that it was a nice event. He advised that he received a thank you from a resident for the Curb-Side Grant award. He reported that Marty DeBow has retired from the First United Methodist Church. He placed a barrel at Bunker Landing to collect returnables. He collected \$60 and it will be split between Bunker Road Landing and the City Parks and Recreation Department.

Colestock moved, Steele seconded, for Council to enter closed session to consider a periodic personnel evaluation as requested by City Manager Desentz. PASSED by roll call vote:

Yeas: Colestock, Politza, Malewski, Steele, Wichman

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Council went into closed session 7:51 p.m.

Council reconvened at 8:52 p.m.

Colestock moved, Steele seconded, for Council to enter closed session to consider a periodic personnel evaluation as requested by Police Chief Weeks. PASSED by roll call vote:

Yeas: Wichman, Steele, Malewski, Colestock, Politza

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Council went into closed session 8:54 p.m.

Council reconvened at 9:44 p.m.

Wichman moved, Steele seconded, for Council to enter closed session to consider a periodic personnel evaluation as requested by Fire Chief McNutt. PASSED by roll call vote:

Yeas: Steele, Wichman, Politza, Colestock, Malewski

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Council went into closed session 9:45 p.m.

Council reconvened at 9:59 p.m.

Colestock moved, Steele seconded, PASSED, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

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Paul O. Malewski, Mayor

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Laura Boomer, City Clerk