

Town of Eaton
April 11, 2023
Regular Meeting

The Eaton Town Council met in a regular meeting. In attendance are Daniel Blankenship, Roger Wells, Dustin Reese and Meghan Deckman. Teresa Welsh was absent.

President Daniel Blankenship called the meeting to order.

Dustin Reese made a motion to approve the minutes for the March 14, 2023 Regular Meeting. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 4 /0. Motion carried.

Police Chief Turner would like one of the two speed limit signs that are side by side on Indiana Ave before the liquor store to be moved up by the Wastewater Plant. Discussion followed. Daniel made a motion to create an ordinance to move the sign. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Chief Tuner presented the Council with an invoice from Workwear Express for \$208.96. He purchased uniforms for two new reserves. Roger Wells made a motion to pay the invoice from Workwear of \$208.96. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Chief Turner presented the Council with an estimate to repair his car that was damaged. Wright Way Collision Repair Inc. for \$1062.97. Discussion followed. Roger Wells made a motion to have the work done by Wright Way Collision Repair Inc. for \$1062.97. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Newby asked the Council to be reimbursed for \$179.70 for gravel he purchased from Tractor Supply to go around the Fire Station. Discussion followed. Roger Wells made a motion to reimburse Chief Newby for \$179.70. Meghan Deckman seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Eric Smith Presented the Council with a quote from Lowe's for a Craftsman Gas Pressure washer in the amount of \$299.00. Discussion followed. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the purchase of a gas pressure washer for \$299.00. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Jason Crabtree asked about being able to haul gravel for residents again. Discussion followed. The Council agreed if he is willing and has the time, he can haul gravel for residents at the previous fee (\$35.00/load).

Travis Hunt asked the Council for permission to attend a microscopes and Operations Class for \$125.00. Discussion followed. Roger Wells made a motion for Travis Hunt and Bruce DeWees III to attend the class. Meghan Deckman seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Travis Hunt stated that the new digester blower should be here next week.

The Council was presented with an email from Smith Services. They believe the Clerk-Treasurer and the Utility Clerk's Bonds need to be increased to meet the state requirements. Roger Wells made a motion to increase the Clerk-Treasurer Bond to \$108,000.00 and the Utility-Clerk to \$57,000.00. Meghan Deckman seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Smith Service also asked about increasing the umbrella Policy in the email. Discussion followed. Roger Wells made a motion approving the increasing for Umbrella Policy to \$5,000,000.00. Meghan Deckman seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Derek Mitchell with EBSA stated that they will pay for the repair cost to the Bobcat that was damaged while they were using.

Jason Young with Commonwealth Engineers stated the estimated project start dates, Division B May, and Division C August. Phase 1 of the project has been submitted to SRF. Roger Wells made a motion to approve Keith Schlegel as the Resident Project Representative (RPR) and to sign the letter of approval for USDA. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried. The Council also discussed possible staging areas for Division C.

Roger Wells stated that John Woolum is going to do a quick claims deed to add Trenton Woolum to the deed. Once done both names can be on the contract.

Meghan Deckman presented the Council with a definition for vicious animal. Discussion followed. Dustin Reese made a motion to add the definition for vicious animal to the Animal Control Ordinance. Meghan Deckman seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

The Council was presented with an email for Baker Tilly Municipal advisors stating at BAN closing the Town may need to pay \$5,904.63. Discussion followed. Roger Wells made a motion to allow the payment of \$5,904.63 if needed to BOK. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2023-3-2 Feral Cats was read by title only for the second reading. Dustin Reese made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-3-2. Mr. Caudill (resident) stated that the property at 515 E Church Street is unsafe, and needs cleaned up and they also block the alley. He presented the Council with pictures of the property. Discussion followed. Officer Liggett is to check into this. Meghan Deckman seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Noel Taylor presented the Council with a \$700.00 bid for the flat bed. Discussion followed. Dustin Reese made a motion to sell the flat bed to Noel Taylor for \$700.00. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Morgan Wells presented the Council with a mowing contract for 2023 to mow and do maintenance on the parks. Discussion followed. Mr. Caudill would like permission to paint the playground equipment at Danny Howard Park. He will buy the paint. Dustin Reese made a motion to allow Mr. Caudill to paint the playground equipment at Danny Howard Park that he purchases. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Mr. Caudill asked the Council if it is possible to move the 10mph and children at play sign in the alley by 311 S. Meridian Street and place it closer to Meridian Street. It can be placed in the right of way on his property. Roger Wells made a motion to approve getting an Ordinance to move both signs. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Dustin Reese made a motion to decline Morgan Wells Contract. Stating that we now have enough employees that they should be able to mow and do maintenance on the park grounds. Meghan Deckman seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

The Council was presented with a Voting Site Rental agreement from Delaware County for 2023 Election Days. Dustin Reese made a motion to approve the contract for \$100.00 per time. Meghan Deckman seconded the motion. Vote 4/0. Motion carried.

Roger Wells made a motion to approve the claim dockets. Meghan Deckman seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Chief Newby asked about starting the trap and release program for the feral cats. The Council ok'd April 12 as the start date.

Dustin Reese asked when the yard at Indiana/West Street is going to be fixed from the Town water leak. Discussion followed.


Dustin Reese would like the trees at South/Center Street. He thinks they may need to be torn down. Discussion followed.

There being no further business to be brought before the Council at this time Dustin Reese made a motion to adjourn. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.



Daniel Blankenship, Council President
5/09/2023

Attest:



Bridgett S. DeWees, Clerk-Treasurer
5/09/2023