

Town of Eaton  
May 9, 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 arrived later.

President Daniel Blankenship called the meeting to order.

Roger Wells made a motion to approve the minutes for the April 11, 2023 Regular Meeting and April 12 Special Meeting and Public Hearing. Meghan Deckman seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Police Chief Turner stated that the recall on the 2010 Dodge Charger we are selling has two dealerships that can fix it. Teresa Welsh arrives. Discussion followed. The new owner is to be given the paperwork when they pay for the vehicle.

David White presented the Council with a three-year maintenance agreement from Cummins for the generator at the Water Plant in the amount of \$5,160.26. Discussion followed. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the three year Planned Maintenance Agreement with Cummins for \$5,160.26. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Mr. White also stated that the work on the water tower is estimated to start the 1<sup>st</sup> week of June. They had a delay at another job and can start earlier here.

Mr. White also went over the Lead and Copper Questionnaire. That needs to be mailed out to the residents. Discussion followed. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the questionnaire. Meghan Deckman seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Travis Hunt stated that everything is going good at the Wastewater Plant. The blower still is not ready, but it is close.

Clerk-Treasurer DeWees explained to the Council that the new water rates will not go into effect until July 15 not July 1. Our programming doesn't allow for a split read/bill like that. So, that would be the September bill, the first bill with the increase.

Daniel Blankenship Jr. would like to hold a Softball Tournament on May 15 at Danny Howard Park. He stated EBSA said that date was available. Teresa Welsh made a motion to approve the use of the diamond at Danny Howard on May 15, 2023. Meghan Deckman seconded the motion. Daniel Blankenship abstained. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Zach Neukam with Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. went over the updates for the water project. The pre-construction meeting went well. Both Contractors were in attendance along with USDA, Commonwealth, and the Town.

There is a meeting scheduled for May 11 with Division C to go over details. Roger Wells, overseeing water, would like to be informed when the meetings are scheduled.

With the delay to another project. Division B will be able to start earlier. At one point in time the water tower will be out of service for forty-five days. Precautions will need to be taken for this.

Commonwealth is waiting on the project schedule and material submittal for Division C. They are still trying to find land for the mobilization site. Discussion followed.

Roger Wells stated that the contract with the Woolum's is still in process. Roger Wells made a motion to table the contract. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

The amended Animal Control Ordinance is still in the process. Roger Wells made a motion to table. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Daniel Blankenship read a letter from Brenda Brumley asking to repeal the zoning variance on her property at 207 East Franklin Street. Discussion followed. Roger Wells made a motion to repeal the zoning variance from 207 East Franklin Street. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Daniel abstained. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

The Council looked over the easement request from BSM Groups LLC for Comcast. Discussion followed. Dustin Reese made a motion to sign the document for easements access. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

The Council looked over the easement request from TrueNet Communications for Comcast. Discussion followed. Daniel Blankenship made a motion to allow TrueNet Communications to have access to the poles in the work area. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Kevin Barten of 314 South Mar-Fran Court asked about closing the alley behind his home. Discussion followed. Nothing is to change currently.

Fire Chief Newby stated that the family of Jacob Bell would like to install at no cost to the Town, a memorial bench in one of the parks. Roger Wells would like them to get with Eric Smith and Jason Crabtree and discuss a location. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the Jacob Bell Memorial Bench at no cost to the Town. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Meghan Deckman would like to start a Economic Development Board. Daniel Blankenship made a motion to approve the board and appointed Meghan Deckman as the head. Meghan seconded the



motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried. Discussion followed. Roger Wells made a motion to have up to twelve members. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

The Council was presented with the sealed bids for cleaning the Community Center and the Town Office.

M. Spinola \$50.00/event Community Center

W. Blankenship \$55.00/event Community Center

A. Lambert \$50.00/event Community Center

Dream Clean Company \$200.00/month Community Center and Office.

Discussion followed. The Council would like information on part-time help for the office. Dustin Reese made a motion to take the bids under advisement. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried. Discussion followed. Dustin Reese made a motion to have Derek Mitchell call the submitted parties and have them resubmit with what we need done and very clearly worded. The Community Center and Town Office are one bid not two. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

The Council was presented with the sealed bids for the 2010 Dodge Charger for sale.

J. Wilkerson \$1,000.00

E. Bailey \$2,650.00

T. Trusty \$2,500.00

C. Liggett \$720.00

Roger Wells made a motion to approve the bid from Ethan Bailey in the amount of \$2,650.00. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried. Mr. Bailey was present, so he was reminded then about the recall.

The Council was presented with a building permit for 2020 E CR 1000 N Tom Irving. Discussion followed. Teresa Welsh made a motion to approve the building permit for Tom Irving at 2020 E CR 1000 N. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Teresa Welsh made a motion to sign the claim dockets. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Newby asked the Council if they have an issue with the guys helping install a dry hydrant on 1000 N. Discussion followed. The Council approved the Town Employees helping install the dry hydrant.

Derek Mitchell with EBSA asked the Council if the Town guys could haul lime if EBSA pays for it. Discussion followed. Roger Wells made a motion to haul the lime for free. Daniel Blankenship seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Dustin Reese wanted to know why the employees are not wearing their uniforms. Discussion followed. Clerk is to get the contract with Wildman to Roger Wells.

The Council mentioned several potholes that need taken care of.

There being no further business to be brought before the Council at this time Roger Wells made a motion to adjourn. Meghan Deckman seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.



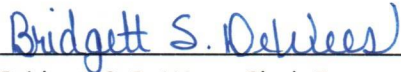
~~Daniel Blankenship, Council President~~

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Roger O. Wells

Council Vice President

Attest:



Bridgett S. DeWees, Clerk-Treasurer

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