

Town of Eaton
June 13, 2023
Regular Meeting

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

Vice-President Roger Wells called the meeting to order.

Teresa Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes for May 9, 2023 regular meeting and May 24, 2023 special meeting. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Travis Hunt would like to get mud flaps for the new sewage truck. He has a quote from Midwest for \$541.00. Discussion followed. The Council wants him to get a few more quotes. He also stated that the truck must go back to the shop to have the cylinder replaced.

Travis Hunt presented the Council with a invoice from Mission Communications for \$347.40 and a invoice from Gripp Incorporated for \$2,125.00. Discussion followed. Teresa Welsh made a motion to approve the invoice from Mission Communication for \$347.40. Meghan Deckman seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried. Teresa Welsh made a motion to approve the invoice from Gripp Incorporated for \$2,125.00. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Travis Hunt stated that he has not received the digester yet. Hopefully it will be here next week.

Clerk DeWees stated that the paving on 900 E and 175 S will start no later than mid-August.

David White informed the Council about the issues with draining the Water Tower. Discussion followed. May have to call in Culys to install new stop valves.

David White informed the Council that replacing the media filter at the water plant is more difficult than expected. Discussion followed.

The Council was presented with an invoice from Alexis Fire Equipment company for mounts for the new truck in the amount of \$3,636.68. Clerk DeWees asked the Council if they want to pay it from the remaining loan funds. There is enough to cover it. Teresa Welsh made a motion to pay the invoice from Alexis Fire Equipment Company for \$3,636.68. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Zach Neukam with Commonwealth Engineers Incorporated updated the Council on the Water Projects.
Division B:

The Council was presented with change order B-1. For work associated with additional costs for the existing roof couplings to be removed and sealed to eliminate a safety hazard. This would be an increase

of \$2,500.00. Discussion followed. Teresa Welsh made a motion to approve the change order B-1 for \$2,500.00. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried. Also, discussed having the power lines to the tank moved.

Division C:

Mr. Neukam informed the Council that the revised schedule has been submitted. They are looking over it.

Teresa Welsh made a motion to table the contract with John and Trenton Woolum for the wells. The Council has not been presented with a contract to sign. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Animal Control Ordinance Amendment 2023-6-6 was read and introduced.

Roger Wells opened the bids for cleaning the Community Center and the Town Office.

Midred Spinola \$50.00 each cleaning.

Ashley Lambert \$55.00 for the Community Center and \$35.00 for the Town Office.

Dream Clean \$150.00 for Community Center and \$75.00 for the Town Office.

Wendy Blankenship \$55.00 For Community Center and \$50.00 for the Town Office.

Discussion followed. Teresa Welsh made a motion to approve Ashley Lambert for \$55.00 for the Community Center and \$35.00 for the Town Office. Meghan Deckman seconded the motion. Dustin Reese abstained. Vote was 3/0. Motion carried. Miss Lambert is to start tomorrow.

Dustin Reese made a motion to table the quote from Greene Construction to do the repairs for the Community Center. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried. The Council would like to get another quote.

Lisa Bunch from the Mississinewa Tavern would like to close Harris Street from Center Street to the alley in front of their business every third Friday from 7pm-10pm for a Street Party. Discussion followed. Dustin Reese made a motion to approve closing Harris Street from Center Street to alley every third Friday from 7pm to 10pm. Meghan Deckman seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Roger Wells read and introduced Ordinance 2023-06-03 Fireworks Festival Fund.

Roger Wells read and introduced Ordinance 2023-06-04 Special Events Fund.

Roger Wells read and introduced Ordinance 2023-6-05 2023 Salary Ordinance Amendment.

Roger Wells made a motion to suspend the rules for the regular meeting. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Roger Wells read Ordinance 2023-6-4 by title only. Dustin Reese made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-6-4 Special Events Fund. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Roger Wells read Ordinance 2023-06-03 Fireworks Festival Fund by title only. Dustin Reese made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-06-04 Fireworks Festival Fund. Teresa Welsh seconded the vote. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Roger Wells read Ordinance 2023-6-6 Animal Control Amendment by title only. Dustin Reese made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-6-6 Animal Control Amendment. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Roger Wells read Ordinance 2023-06-05 Salary Ordinance Amendment by title only. Dustin Reese made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-06-05 Salary Ordinance Amendment. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Teresa Welsh made a motion to return to regular meeting. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Derrick Newby and Clerk DeWees discussed what all is planned for the Fireworks Festival on July 1, 2023. Discussion followed.

Fire Chief Newby and Clerk DeWees discussed the plans for Music in the Park on September 1, 2023. Discussion followed.

Clay McDaniel would like a section of his curb removed for a drive. Discussion followed. Teresa Welsh made a motion to allow the curb cut at 807 E. Harris Street. Meghan Deckman seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Clerk DeWees asked about removing K9 Officer Jerry Lee from the insurance. Discussion followed. Clerk DeWees is to remove him as soon as possible.

Teresa Welsh made a motion to approve spending \$3,000.00 for fireworks. Meghan Deckman seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Newby and Clerk DeWees asked about doing a Fire Hydrant Painting Contest to raise funds for Special Events. Discussion followed. The Council doesn't see any issues with doing this.

Clerk DeWees informed the Council that she will be out of Town for class from June 25 thru 29, 2023 and then on vacation from June 29 thru July 5, 2023.

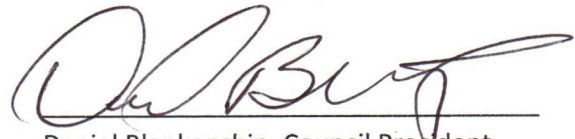
Clerk DeWees also stated that since she will be gone. She will need help on July 3, 2023 for the Second Harvest Food Truck Delivery.

Police Chief Turner went over the applications for the fourth deputy position. Discussion followed. On June 19, 2023 Daniel Blankenship and Teresa Welsh are going to sit in with the interviews. Chief Turner

will contact the applicants for the interviews. The Council will hold a Special Meeting on June 22, 2023 at 4:30pm to hire the fourth deputy. Discussion followed.

Teresa Welsh made a motion to approve all claim dockets. Meghan Deckman seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

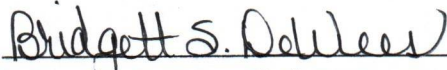
There being no further business to be brought before the Council at this time Teresa Welsh made a motion to adjourn. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.



Daniel Blankenship, Council President

7/11/2023

Attest:



Bridgett S. DeWees, Clerk-Treasurer

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