

Town of Eaton  
August 8, 2023  
Regular Meeting

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

President Daniel Blankenship called the meeting to order.

Roger Wells made a motion to approve the minutes for July 11, 2023 regular meeting. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

David White stated that the Water Tower was a week out from being back online.

Travis Hunt stated that the blower is up and running. The digester is coming back around. Discussion followed.

Jason Crabtree stated that the walking paths in the park have all been sprayed for weeds. He would like to purchase a set of forks for the Bobcat from Mike Rinker Farm Equipment for \$880.00. Roger Wells made a motion to purchase the forks from Mike Rinker Farm Equipment for \$880.00. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Jason Crabtree would also like to purchase a cart sprayer for \$249.00 for the parks. Roger Wells made a motion to approve up to \$249.00 for a cart sprayer. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

David White stated that the sidewalks and curbs torn up by Case for CenterPoint Energy will be fixed by them.

Fire Chief Newby presented the Council with quotes for a water softener at the Fire Department. Auga didn't have a system big enough. Culligan Water was \$3,349.00 system cost and \$169.00 installation. Oxley Softwater was \$4,200.00 system cost and \$200.00 installation. Discussion followed. Roger Wells made a motion to lease for twenty-seven months (27) with installation from Oxley Softwater. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Newby also presented the Council with three quotes for a brush cutter for the mini-ex.

Bobcat of Anderson \$9,000.00

1<sup>st</sup> Choice Equipment \$9,500.00

John Deere \$13,000.00 or \$10,200.00

Discussion followed. Dustin Reese made a motion to purchase the 42" brush cutter from Bobcat of Anderson for \$9,000.00 from the ARP Funds. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Zack Neukam with Commonwealth went over the Water Projects.

Division B – The Water Tower should be done by the end of next week pending rain.

Division C- Materials have been coming in and insertion valve installation will begin the week of 8/14/23.

Council opened the quotes for the Community Center work that needs done.

Dennis Cox \$7,575.00

Greene Construction \$4,459.93

Discussion followed. Quotes are not the same. That is why there is a price difference. Teresa Welsh made a motion to approve the quote from Dennis Cox for \$7,575.00 from ARP Funds. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

The Council was presented with the Union Township Fire Contract for 2023 in the amount of \$39,369.00 and \$10,000.00. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the Union Township 2023 Fire Contract for \$39,369.00 and the 2023 Fire Equipment Contract for \$10,000.00. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

The Council was presented with the Niles Township Fire Contract for 2023 in the amount of \$7,430.00 and \$2,000.00. Teresa Welsh made a motion to approve the Niles Township 2023 Fire Contract for \$7,430.00 and the 2023 Fire Equipment Contract for \$2,000.00. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

The Council was presented with the 2023 Eaton Volunteer Fire Contract in the amount of \$22,000.00. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the 2023 Eaton Volunteer Fire Contract for \$22,000.00. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried. All contracts will be sent to their respected board for approval by them.

Council was presented with a contract From Peterson Consulting for the 2023 Asset inventory for \$2,800.00. Discussion followed. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the contract with Peterson Consulting for the 2023 Asset Inventory for \$2,800.00. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

The Council was presented with a one-year maintenance contract with Weber Office Equipment for the Town Office copier. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the new contract for the Town Office Copier with Weber Office Equipment. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Police Chief Turner presented the Council with a receipt for reimbursement in the amount of \$79.97 from Galls for two pairs of pants. Daniel Blankenship made a motion to reimburse Jay Turner for the Two pairs of pants from Galls for \$79.97 from his clothing allowance. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

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

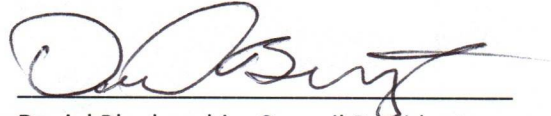


Rhonda Caldwell with Eaton Food Pantry stated that they are having financial issues. She is asking the Town for a donation. Daniel Blankenship made a motion to give the Eaton Community Food Pantry \$500.00, with receipts provided to the Town, from the ARP Funds. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Roger Wells stated that the building at 103 W. Harris Street is losing bricks from the back wall. This could be dangerous. The building has a new owner. Jason Crabtree is to double check that the back wall of the building is unsafe and let Roger Wells know. Roger Wells will contact the new owner.


Jason Crabtree stated that the Legion Building in Norseman Park needs work done to it quickly. Daniel Blankenship will get with Mr. Wolfe about getting it fixed.

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 5/0. Motion carried.



Daniel Blankenship, Council President  
9/12/2023

Attest:



Bridgett S. DeWees, Clerk-Treasurer  
9/12/2023