

Town of Eaton
December 12, 2023
Regular Meeting

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

President Daniel Blankenship called the meeting to order.

Teresa Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes for the November 10,23 Regular Meeting. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Mr. Travis Hunt presented the Council with a quote from Leap IT. His desk computer is not working properly, they currently suggest getting a new tower for \$1,478.24 or new ram and SSD for \$88.35. They are not sure the new ram and SSD will fix the issue completely. Discussion followed. Tresa Welsh made a motion to replace the desk top computer for \$1,478.24. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

119 N. Hartford Residents are having basement flooding issues. Miller Pipeline is bowing out. Roger Wells asked Travis Hunt to update everyone on the situation.

Jason Crabtree informed the Council about Robinsons selling their building. He was wondering if we could talk to a grant writer next month about purchasing it. Discussion followed.

Dustin Reese stated that Ron Pence thanked the employees for cleaning the fence line on 1000 N.

Fire Chief Newby presented the Council with a quote from Rocket Enterprise, Inc. for \$3,680.00 for a 5ft base flagpole and \$4,445.00 for \$4,455.00 for a 6ft base flagpole. Discussion followed. Roger Wells made a motion for the employees to purchase a pole for \$2,798.00 and install it themselves. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Police Marshal Storie stated that he has five Patrol Office positions open. He would like to add Matthew Peiffer and Caleb Holmes. Discussion followed. Daniel Blankenship made a motion to approve Patrol Officers Peiffer and Holes. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried. Teresa Welsh doesn't think a Council Member needs to attend the interview process for Patrol Officers. Discussion followed. Daniel Blankenship made a motion to hold the Police Chief accountable. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

The Council was presented with a quote from Leap IT for the fire wall renewal license \$1,820.06. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the Leap IT quote for \$1,820.06. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Zach Neukam with Commonwealth Engineers stated that the Northside of Town should be done by January 22, 2024. We will have a Construction meeting tomorrow, December 13 at 10am if any Council Members would like to attend. Discussion followed. Dustin Reese made a motion to approve the pay application C-4 for Brackney in the amount of \$459,496.90. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the pay application C-5 for Brackney in the amount of \$411,381.43. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried. Dustin Reese made a motion to approve Mr. Braxton Williams as an alternate Resident Project Representative. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Dustin Reese wants to update the Golf Cart Ordinance and add a section for off road vehicles. Discussion followed. The Council would like to have golf carts registered yearly and have a registration sticker. Dustin Reese is to speak with the lawyer about side by side on roadways and no four wheelers.

Officer Guffey has been out tagging vehicles in section 1. The Council would like to add that a tarped vehicle is still visible.

Roger Wells made a motion to approve the building permits for Amy Wheat 403 N. Elm Street-shed and Tim Williams 2500 N CR 800 E- garage. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Roger Wells read a letter from Aaron Walters asking permission to get a quote from EMC, VFIS and IPEP for all lines of insurance. Discussion followed. Dustin Reese made a motion to sign the letter from Aaron Walters. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

The Clerk presented a renewal application from Smith Insurance asking if any of the Council Members would like to handle it. Roger Wells made a motion for the Clerk to fill it out. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried. The Council would also like the insurance renewals no later than January to go over.

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

The Clerk asked about an invoice from Grip for the Wastewater Plant. Mr. Hunt is to call and talk to them.

The Clerk presented an invoice from New Holland for a new muffler for the backhoe in the amount of \$1,040.00. Daniel Blankenship made a motion to approve the invoice from New Holland for \$1,040.00 with a 1/3 to be paid from Water, Sewage and MVH. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

The Clerk presented a quote from Peerless Midwest for \$5,250.00 for Water Treatment Plant. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the invoice from Peerless Midwest for \$5,250.00. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote as 5/0. Motion carried.

The Clerk presented invoices from Brook & Struble for legal services in the amount of \$470.56. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the invoices from Brook & Struble, PC in the amount of \$470.56. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Dustin Reese would like Marshal Storie to call and talk to the Town Lawyer and see where we are on the case for Tiffany Williams.

Daniel Blankenship asked if anyone would like to be on the Zoning Board and Redevelopment Commission. Discussion followed. Dustin Reese is to send out a mass notification. Asking residents to contact him if interested.

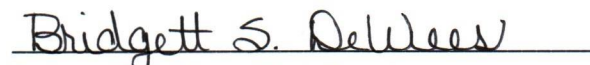
Roger Wells asked the Council if they agree with the Economic Development Committee to proceed with configuring a Town Comprehensive Plan. Discussion followed. The Council is on board to proceed.

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 5/0. Motion carried.

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Daniel Blankenship, Council President
1/09/2024

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Bridgett S. DeWees, Clerk-Treasurer
1/09/2024