

Town of Eaton  
February 13, 2024  
Regular Meeting

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

President Daniel Blankenship called the meeting to order.

Roger Wells made a motion to approve the minutes for the January 9, 2024 Regular Meeting. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Newby presented a bid from Lyson County Fire District #5 for the 2000 Freightliner \$40,000.00. Discussion followed. Roger Wells made a motion to accept the \$40,000.00. With the understanding that \$36,000.00 will go to the Town and \$4,000.00 will go to the agency that helped sell it. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

David White stated that Well 6 is still down. Discussion followed.

Travis Hunt stated that they are finding laterals from the sewage project that are not capped off. Brackney stated that they would install caps at no cost if the Town purchased the caps. He would like to purchase one hundred (100) caps to start. Discussion followed. Roger Wells made a motion to purchase one hundred (100) caps. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Travis Hunt stated he has to do a Mercury Test twice a year now per IDEM changes. Indy is the closest lab that can run the test. It is \$350.00 per test. He will run it in February and August.

Travis Hunt stated that the work on the clarifiers will begin next week.

Travi Hunt presented the Council with a quote from B L Anderson to replace three (3) Flygt AC Pumps for \$101,222.00. Discussion followed. Teresa Welsh made a motion to approve the quote from BL Anderson for \$101,222.00 for the purchase of three (3) Flygt AC Pumps. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Travis Hunt informed the Council that he will be gone March 12-14 for the Alliance of Indiana Rural Water Spring Conference in French Lick.

Travis Hunt was asked about the Noncompliance Letter DMR-QA 43 Lab Proficiency Study. He said he has it submitted now and everything is fine.

The Clerk-Treasurer asked Police Chief Storie about the quote she has from Leap IT for \$207.68 to move the server from the evidence room to another area. Discussion followed. He is going to pass on moving it for that much.

The Clerk-Treasurer asked for permission to pay the membership dues for ILMCT in the amount of \$107.00. Roger Wells made a motion to approve paying the membership fee for \$107.00 to ILMCT. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

The Clerk-Treasurer asked to get permission to pay an invoice from Ferguson for \$240.91. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the invoice from Ferguson in the amount of \$240.91. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Eaton Baseball Softball Association would like use of the ballpark facilities and approval for the April 27 Opening Day Parade. It will be down Harris from Center Street to East Union Street. Teresa Welsh made a motion to approve the use of Baseball Facilities to Eaton Baseball Softball Association and approve the parade route for April 27. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Meghan Deckman abstained. Motion carried.

Zach Neukam with Commonwealth Engineers went over the Water Project Process. Brackney has asked for a time extension. Commonwealth Engineers will go over the request and make a suggestion to the Council at a later time. Discussion followed.

Ordinance 2024-01-04 Golf Carts and Off-Road Vehicles was read by title only for the seconded reading. Dustin Reese made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-01-04 Golf Cart and Off-Road Vehicle. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2024-01-01 Employee Handbook Update changes were read out loud for the seconded reading. Discussion followed. Dustin Reese made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-01-01 Employee Handbook Update. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2024-01-03 Establishing a Redevelopment Commission was read out loud by title for the seconded reading. Roger Wells made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-01-03 Establishing Redevelopment Commission. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried. Daniel Blankenship made a motion to approve Roger Wells, Meghan Deckman, Eric Laughner, Monty Lechien and Tony Lambert as the first-year members of the Redevelopment Commission. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Angela Smith and Taylor LeFever presented with the quotes for property and liability insurance. Travelers is \$81,411.00 and Argonaut is \$80,712.00. Discussion followed. Smith Insurance will also work on getting the bonds for the Redevelopment Commission. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the Travelers quote. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried. Dustin Reese made a motion to approve the Fire Insurance. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote is 5/0. Motion carried.



Roger Wells made a motion to approve up to \$6,300.00 for workers compensation. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Kris Lechien would like something done in the alley that runs East and West North of 310 S. Elm Street. There are too many people speeding down this alley. Discussion followed. Roger Wells would like Jason Crabtree to install a speed bump in the alley.

The Clerk-Treasurer presented the Council with a quote from QSI for \$9,712.19 to fix the drive through drawer that no longer operates correctly. Discussion followed. The Clerk informed the Council that she was waiting on another quote to just brick in most of the hole and install a regular window. She just didn't have that one yet. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the quote and work from QSI for \$9,712.19. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

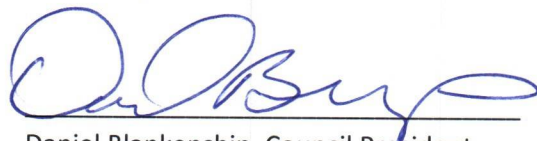
There are no bids for the 2013 Ford Explorer. Discussion followed. Roger Wells made a motion to accept bids again and lowering the starting bid to \$1,500.00. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

The Council was presented with Ordinance 2024-02-05 Salary Ordinance Amendment for Wastewater Operations Helper. Teresa Welsh made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-02-05 Salary Ordinance Amendment. Meghan Deckman seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

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

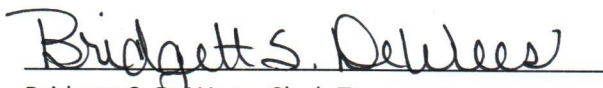
Roger Wells made a motion to purchase Robinsons Property for \$150,000.00. Discussion followed. We will need to get an appraisal. Daniel Blankenship made a motion to work on obtaining the property. Teresa Seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

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 5/0. Motion carried.



Daniel Blankenship, Council President  
3/12/2024

Attest:



Bridgett S. DeWees, Clerk-Treasurer  
3/12/2024