

August 13, 2019  
Regular Meeting

The Eaton Town Council met in a regular meeting. Present are Blankenship, Welsh, Hicks and Reese, absent is DeWees.

Council President Blankenship called the meeting to order.

Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes for the July 9 regular meeting, July 15 public hearing, July 18 special meeting, August 1 special meeting and August 6 public hearing. Reese seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Blankenship suspended the rules for a Public Hearing for WestRock Abatement. Hicks asked about the company hiring local employees. Discussion followed. Blankenship closed that public hearing.

Blankenship suspended the rules for a public Hearing for OCRA Urgent Need Grant. Mike Kleinpeter talked about the project and grant application. Al Strong discussed why we need this grant. He was asked if this grant will affect water rates. NO

Blankenship closed the public hearing.

Hicks made a motion to return to regular business meeting. Welsh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Welsh made a motion to approve the WestRock Abatement. Reese seconded the motion. Hicks voted no. Motion carried.

Welsh made a motion to proceed with the OCRA Urgent Need Grant. Reese seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Hunt said IDEM was in Town today. Someone called anonymously about issues with storm drains. They went all over the Town and only had issues with gravel on the roads and no covers on the drains or not on the drains all the way.

Hunt stated that the rebuilt pump has been installed. He will get a price to fix the other one that is now leaking.

Matt Cull stated that water department ordered a new tapping machine. We have had two or three leaks every day. They also need to purchase a new trash pump. They would like to purchase a mini excavator. The backhoe is too large for most of their leaks. Wayne Bailey is to work on getting a grant.

Brent from IMEL would like to have the truck paid for tomorrow.

Hicks made a motion to allow Wayne to explore the Grant option for the mini excavator. Reese seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Cull stated that the big dump we are wanting to trade off has the bed stuck up. He thinks it may be an issue with trading it in. Parts/labor to fix is estimated at \$2,100.00 Welsh made a motion to go ahead and pay to fix the bed. Brent with IMEL needs to be called about it. Reese seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Hunt said he would like the Council to allow comp time and stay off of Marcum about it. Discussion followed. Reese made a motion to allow comp time to build up if needed. Welsh seconded the motion Blankenship said there is a fine line. Motion carried.

Reese brought up getting a part time person. Discussion followed. Hicks stated that Hargis was to get paperwork together. Reese made a motion to accept applications for a part time position for utilities and street help. Hicks seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Newby presented the Council with a quote from 5Alarm for 4 sets of boots \$660.00. Welsh made a motion to approve 5Alarm for \$660.00. Reese seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Newby presented a quote from 5Alarm for hose for \$1,120.00. Welsh made a motion to approve 5Alarm for \$1,120.00. Reese seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Newby presented the Council with a quote from Robinsons to put leaf springs on the rescue truck so the new trailer can be hauled for \$1,095.00. Hicks made a motion to approve Robinsons quote for \$1,095.00. Welsh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Newby presented the Council with quotes from ASC Graphics for the new trailer. Hicks made a motion for option C for \$1,031.10. Welsh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Newby stated that he only has 15 volunteer fire fighters. He would like to be compensated for leaving work and going on fire calls. He can leave work but he won't get paid for it. Discussion followed. He is trying to make a 10 year plan.

He is also trying to get a meeting together to look into the benefits of a fire territory. Discussion followed. Hicks and Reese are to attend the meeting when it is set up.

Discussion about salary continued. Hicks made a motion to amend salary ordinance for a part time Fire Chief for no more than 16 hours a week \$16,000.00 a year. Welsh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Newby presented the Council with quotes for a new chief's truck. Discussion followed. Welsh made a motion to table truck quotes. Reese seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bridgett DeWees presented the Council with final paving costs. Welsh made a motion to pay when money is received from INDOT. Hicks seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Andrew Cull said the Tennis Courts need repaired. Discussion followed. He would like to know how the Council wants them bid out regulation or asphalt. Discussion followed. Cull to get bids for asphalt. Hicks motion to get bids for asphalt. Welsh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Al Strong Commonwealth updated the Council on the projects. Hicks made a motion to pay out Pay #9 to the three contractors for the Sewage/Storm water Project. Welsh seconded the motion. Motion carried. Hicks made a motion to pay the engineering firm. Reese seconded the motion. Motion carried. Discussion followed about service lines. Rachel presented the Council with some change orders. Welsh made a motion to approve change order for Division A for \$22,116.00 and change order for Division B for \$29,849.72. Hicks seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Al discussed moving unused line item money around in Sewage/Storm water Project. Welsh made a motion to approve Commonwealth Contractual Agreement in zero amounts. Reese seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mike Kleinpeter Grant Administrator presented the Council with a contract for 85 and labor. Commonwealth contract is hourly and not to exceed. Welsh made a motion to sign the contract for Kleinpeter. Reese seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Reese made a motion to accept Commonwealths contract. Welsh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Al presented the Council with a contract for Commonwealth for the USDA RD Water Infrastructure Grant. Welsh made a motion to sign. Reese seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Hicks presented a letter signed by residence, that the flooding issue be alleviated. Blankenship made a motion to resend the motion to fix Church/High Street storm issues. Discussion followed. Blankenship thinks wedging the road will fix the problem. Welsh seconded the motion. Hicks voted No. Motion approved. Hicks stated that Blankenship cannot resend a motion he didn't make. Blankenship stated she shouldn't vote on something that affects her property. Blankenship resented his second on the original motion for Church/High Street.

Jon Miller wants to know how to stop the sewer fee on his property on Center Street. Hunt explained the procedure. Discussion followed.

Jim Hendricks talked about the easement he has given the Town. He would like a copy of the signed easement. He also wanted to know if the manhole has to be that tall in his yard. Hunt stated that DNR requires for planning for a 100 year flood. Hicks said Danny Eppard is concerned about the manhole in yard. Discussion followed.

Hunt is to get bids for a large tree in Town easement near Branstrators yard on Indiana Avenue. He also mentioned the tree on Elm in front of Elvis Hood's house.

Angela Blair would like to get a speed limit sign on meridian between Jefferson and Babb Road. Discussion followed. That is a county road and she will need to contact them.

Paul Creau stated that he has lived at his address for about 20 years. He would like the \$100 deposit waived to transfer from his moms name to his. Blankenship made a motion to wave the \$100 water deposit. Reese seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Hicks stated we should start looking into getting water and sewage to Shiedler area. Hicks made a motion to set up a service rate for water/sewage to Shiedler and to get with a rate consultant and lawyer. Jaime Foster stated he believes this should be a choice. Hicks said she is just thinking about the future. Discussion followed. Motion died due to lack of a second.

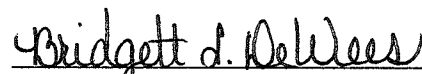
Welsh made a motion to sign the claim docket. Reese seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Welsh made a motion to sign Resolution 2019-8-7 WestRock. Reese seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Welsh made a motion to pass Resolution 2019-8-8 EDIT Funds. Hicks seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business to be brought before the Council at this time Welsh made a motion to adjourn. Reese seconded the motion. Motion carried

  
Daniel Blankenship, Council President

  
Bridgett DeWees, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer