

December 10, 2019

Regular Meeting

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

Council President Blankenship called the meeting to order.

DeWees made a motion to approve the minutes for the November 12, 2019 regular meeting. Welsh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Matt Cull said they need a ½ impact wrench. Napa has them for \$150.00 Craftsman. DeWees made a motion to purchase a split it between Water, Sewage and MVH. Welsh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Reed Financial Group presented a quote of “not to exceed \$5,000.00 for preliminary and \$15,000.00 for Fire Territory”. He presented three different options that the Town could go if they wanted to look into setting up a Fire Territory. Discussion followed. Reese made a motion for internal study not to exceed \$5,000.00 Welsh seconded the motion. DeWees, Hicks and Blankenship voted No. Motion failed at this time.

Newby presented the Council with a quote from 5 Alarm for tools \$811.90 and 2 Thermal Cameras for \$7,203.00 each. Discussion followed. Discussion followed. DeWees made a motion to purchase thermal cameras. Welsh seconded the motion. Motion carried. Welsh made a motion to purchase tools for \$811.90. DeWees seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Newby presented papers from All Steel on prices for sheds. Discussion followed. Hicks made a motion to purchase 18X25 steel shed for \$3,177.00. DeWees seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Newby presented an application for Lee Cooper to join the Fire Department. DeWees made a motion to approve Lee Cooper to the Fire Department. Welsh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bridgett DeWees asked the Council about paying out her comp time. Welsh made a motion to pay out her comp time. DeWees seconded the motion. Motion carried. Hicks made a motion for a one time pay out of vacation time for Bridgett DeWees that she hasn't used. Reese seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Hicks made a motion to pay Derek Mitchell mileage for taking the deposit to the bank. Welsh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Al from Commonwealth stated that Divisions A & C are substantially complete. Division B is still in progress. All base has applied to the needed roads. Discussion followed. Welsh made a motion to

approve payouts for Divisions A, B and C. and OCRA Urgent Need pay outs. DeWees seconded the motion. Motion carried. Reese made a motion to pay Commonwealth payouts for Wastewater and Water projects. Welsh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Al presented the Council with change order A-3 New Ethernet connection for \$6,090.00. Welsh made a motion to approve the change order. DeWees seconded the motion. Motion carried. Blankenship asked about finishing the guard rail for lift station on West Street. Hunt said one more line needs installed then it will go up.

Al mentioned that Commonwealth is decreasing their amount they charge by \$30,000.00. Welsh made a motion to approve the reduction in price. DeWees seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Al presented the designs for the Water Utility Improvements Grant. He went over the process for bidding if the grant is awarded. DeWees made a motion to approve the design project. Welsh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bakertilly presented Ordinance 2019-12-12 Bond Ordinance by title. Welsh made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-12-12 Bond Ordinance. Reese seconded the motion. Hicks abstained. Motion carried.

DeWees made a motion to suspend the rules. Reese seconded the motion. Hicks abstained. Vote was not unanimous. Motion died. Discussion followed.

Blankenship made a motion to table Ordinance 2019-12-12. Welsh seconded the motion. Hicks abstained. Motion carried.

Council was presented with a Loan Resolution from USDA. Reese made a motion to approve the Loan Resolution from USDA. DeWees seconded the motion. Hicks abstained. Motion carried.

Snodgrass stated that Officer Stories K-9 will be here Friday.

Snodgrass stated quotes for new vehicles. Durango \$28,000.00, Ford \$37,000.00 and Tahoe \$39,000.00. Discussion followed. Reese made a motion to purchase a Durango and trade in an explorer and Liggett's charger. Welsh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dennis Burns with ORC Utility & Infrastructure Land Services, LLC stated that AEP is rebuilding the transition line at 700N/Railroad tracks. Discussion followed. They would like permission to install a culvert at this location. They will not be cutting the road. DeWees made a motion to allow AEP to install a culvert at 700N/Railroad tracks. Welsh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council was present with a bill from Kim Petty for tree removal. Discussion followed. DeWees made a motion to not reimburse for the remove. Hicks seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DeWees made a motion to approve vacations for Snodgrass and DeWees the week of Dec 23, 2019. Hicks seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Reese brought up speed limit in town. Urban speed limit for not posted is 30 mph. He would like it to be 20 mph. Discussion followed.

Reese brought up Reed Finacial has paperwork for financial advising. It would include help with Financial Plan and Capital Improvement Plan for 3 years. Discussion followed. They can do utilities for 10 years.

Blankenship stated that Eaton Community Food Pantry has a tax id number now. DeWees made a motion to donate \$600.00, \$300 from general and \$300 from Police. Welsh seconded the motion. Motion carried. Council discussed the building in Norseman Park.

Mike Foster talked to the Council about being a Town Manager. He thinks it would be very beneficial to the Town. Discussion followed. Hicks would like him to wait until the first of the year for the new Council. P. Cruea asked if he would be available to the public. He answered yes.

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

Reese made a motion to hold the year end meeting on Dec. 27 at 9am. Welsh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Welsh made a motion to give \$1,000.00 to all employees with the exception of the new officer, the Town Council and Fire Chief. Hicks seconded the motion. Reese voted no. Motion carried.

Welsh made a motion to resend previous motion about \$1,000.00 raise. DeWees seconded the motion. Motion carried.

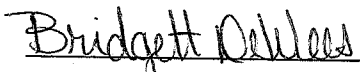
Welsh made a motion to give \$1,000.00 to all full time employees except the Town Council. Hicks seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Welsh made a motion to adjourn. DeWees 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. DeWees seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Attest:

  
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Daniel Blankenship, Council President

  
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Bridgett DeWees, Clerk-Treasurer