

November 12, 2019

Regular Meeting

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

President Blankenship calls the meeting to order.

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

Chief Snodgrass stated that Officers Liggett and Storie have been raising money almost \$12,000.00. He would like to purchase a k-9 for Officer Storie. Discussion followed. Welsh made a motion to approve the purchase of a K-9. DeWees seconded the motion. Motion carried. The K-9 will be dual purpose.

Chief Snodgrass stated that Officer Liggett's car is old and has been in and out of the shop a lot. He would like to look at getting a Durango to replace it. Welsh made a motion to get quotes. Reese seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chief Snodgrass stated the police have taken 3200 calls this year. He would like to move Officer Turner from part time to full time. He said it would only be \$10,000.00 more a year. Reese made motion to hire Turner full time as of Dec. 1, 2019. Welsh seconded the motion. Motion carried. Discussion about salary followed. Welsh made a motion to pay Officer Turner the same as Officer Storie (\$33,000.00). Reese seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Newby presented an application for Braxston McCain to join the Fire Department. Three members approved this application outside of a meeting so he could start training. We just wanted it in the minutes now. Blankenship made a motion to approve McCain's application. Reese seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Newby wanted to let the Council know he didn't get the lights from Speedtech but from Emergency Mobile Tech. Inc. for the same price.

Fire Chief Newby presented the Council with a quote from ASC Graphics to do the lettering on the new Chief's Truck for \$1,154.80. Welsh made a motion to approve the quote for ASC Graphics for \$1,154.80. Reese seconded the motion. DeWees voted No. Blankenship voted Yes. Motion carried.

Cull presented a quote from Robinsons to get the new dump truck ready to use with total patcher for \$715.00. DeWees made a motion to approve the quote from Robinsons for \$715.00. Reese seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Hunt stated WestRock wants to discharge into our sewage system. It would be 5,000 to 6,000/day. Discussion followed. No one on the Council sees an issue as long as Hunt has no problems.

Hunt presented a quote from ADT for his new building. It will be \$115.43/month with a startup cost of \$1,773.85. DeWees made a motion to approve the quote from ADT for 115.43/month and startup of \$1,773.85. Reese seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dustin presented the Council with a list to start gas Days Committee again. Welsh made a motion to allow them to do Gas Days. DeWees seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Rachel with Commonwealth stated that Division B is still doing pipe and manhole testing. She presented the Council with change order B-6 to add a guard rail to the new lift station on Indiana Avenue for \$6,090.00. Reese made a motion to approve change order B-6 for \$6,090.00. DeWees seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Rachel also presented the Council with Payout #12 for Sewage/Storm separation project. Welsh made a motion to approve pay out #12. DeWees seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Al Strong from Commonwealth described the Water Utility Improvement Project. Discussion followed. He talked about the paving schedule for the weeks to follow. Goal is to get base down before winter starts. Discussion followed. The Town submitted the Project to USDA for \$17 Million. USDA is offered to do a grant for \$12.5 Million and the difference will be a loan through USDA at 1.7%.

Jessica from Baker Tilly presented the Council with the rate study. Discussion followed. She presented an increase of \$16.71 to be spread out over the next four years (\$3.28, \$3.82, \$4.44 & \$5.17). Discussion followed. Ron Liggett of 416 E Church Street wanted to know how to get bills down. Discussion followed. One way is to have more resident participation. We need them to fill out a survey that we will be posting to help with points on an OCRA Grant we are trying to get. Discussion followed. Reese made a motion to approve as presented. DeWees seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Reese made a motion to approve contract with Bakertilly. Welsh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Reese made a motion to allow Commonwealth to proceed with the Water Utility Improvement Project. DeWees seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DeWees made a motion to sign the contract with USDA for the Water Utility Improvements Project. Reese seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mike Kleinpeter presented the Council with Resolution 2019-11-11 Authorizing application submission and local match commitment for Water Utility Improvements Grant. Welsh made a motion to pass Resolution 2019-11-11. DeWees seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Welsh made a motion to allow Bridgett DeWees to sign the EDIT Obligation letter. DeWees seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Reed Financial attend the meeting at the request of the Fire Chief to discuss fire districts vs fire territories. District is run through the County. Territory has a providing unit. Discussion followed. To do the whole process it would be a do not exceed \$15,000.00 for the project. If the preliminary study is done and the Council and Trustee do not want to continue they will only bill for work done. Discussion followed. Fire Chief Newby is to get with Reed to get some quotes.

Marcum wants to take a vacation the weeks of Dec. 9 and Dec. 16, 2019. DeWees made a motion to approve Marcum's vacation. Welsh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Hunt wants to take a vacation from Nov. 18 thru December 2, 2019. Welsh made a motion to approve Hunts vacation. DeWees seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Reese made a motion to accept CCMG for 800 N in the amount of \$132,693.00. Welsh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council opened the paving bids for 800 N.

Milestone Contractors, L.P. for \$168,675.00

Brooks 1st Construction Company for \$173,745.00

E & B Paving, Inc. for \$171,959.00

Discussion followed. Welsh made a motion to approve quote with Milestone Contractors, L.P for 800 N in the amount of \$168,675.00. Reese seconded the motion. Motion carried.


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

Randy Blair of 210 E. Jefferson Street said the curb is gone at Davis and Center Street. Discussion followed. Cull is to go check it out.

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


Daniel Blankenship, Council President


Bridgett S. DeWees, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer