

January 14, 2020

Regular Meeting

The Eaton Town Council met in a regular meeting. Present are Daniel Blankenship, Teresa Welsh, Dustin Reese, Roger Wells and Clay McDaniel.

Council President D. Blankenship called the meeting to order.

President D. Blankenship introduced the new Board Members Roger Wells and Clay McDaniel.

T. Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes for the Dec 10, 2019 regular meeting and December 30, 2019 year end meeting. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Water Trainee Matt Cull presented a maintenance log for the equipment. Council said it was ok to use them. Cull also stated that he would like to build shelves in the garage at the water plant. Discussion followed. C. McDaniel made a motion to spend \$135.00 for wood shelves. T. Welsh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bridgett DeWees is to make fuel logs for the new gas tanks for when they arrive.

M. Cull would like the Council to consider paying the employees different for weekends.

Waste Water Operator Travis Hunt presented the Council with quotes to replace testing bottles at the plant by suggest of IDEM. NCL \$824.50 and HDSFM \$1,063.72. C. McDaniel made a motion to approve NCL quote for \$824.50. R. Wells seconded the motion. Motion carried.

T. Hunt stated that he is having sludge pump issues at the plant. He had no quotes for the council. He had a quote over the phone to replace PVP Pump only not to install for \$19,665.00. Cornerstone Stewards, Inc. just to install not to exceed \$25,000.00 Discussion followed. D. Reese made a motion to table. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Street Superintendent Eric Smith stated the work truck needs two new tires. He is to get with Belle Tire and get quotes then call the Council.

Town Marshal J. Snodgrass read two letters of praise that he received for Officers Critzman and Storie. He would like these placed in their files. Fire Fighter Robert Ireland was also mentioned in the letters. The Council thanked them for doing a good job.

J. Snodgrass would like to purchase a tonno cover for the new police truck. Wells made a motion to approve \$490.00 for the cover. McDaniel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

J. Snodgrass read his letter of resignation as Town Marshal. He would like to stay on the department as an officer. Welsh thanked him for his service to the Town.

Fire Chief D. Newby presented an application for David White to join the department. D. Reese made a motion to approve David White. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

D. Newby presented the Council with a 5 year contract from Koorsen Fire Security for \$419.00 to do maintenance on fire extinguishers. C. McDaniel made a motion to approve the contract. T. Welsh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

D. Newby presented the renewal quote for Active 911 \$419.00. D. Reese made a motion to pay the renewal for Active 911. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

D. Newby talked to the Council about the Fire Territory again. To do the initial study it would be a not to exceed \$5,000.00. Once this is done and discussed and the Council decided to go ahead with this it would go to not to exceed \$15,000.00. Discussion followed. Union Township Trustee agreed to pay for half the initial study. D. Reese made a motion to sign engagement letter with Reedy Financial Group for initial study. T. Welsh seconded the motion. Motion carried. Study should be complete for the February 2020 meeting.

Zac Blankenship and Justin Brown with EBSA talked to Council about needing a mower. Discussion followed. Z. Blankenship is to get prices for a new motor and look at the mower at wastewater plant that isn't in use. T. Welsh made a motion to give EBSA the mower at the plant if they can use it. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EBSA would like permission to close South Street from Front to Hartford, Front Street from Indiana Avenue to Harris Street, Harris Street from Front Street to East Union Street and East Union Street from Harris Street to College Avenue for the Opening Day Parade on April 25 at 8am. D. Blankenship made the motion to approve road closure for the parade. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Al Stong with Commonwealth Engineering said the Wastewater/Stormwater Project is moving along.

Al Stong stated the Town Received the OCRA Grant for the Water Project.

Council was presented with the payouts for the Wastewater Project for January. T. Welsh made a motion to pay the claim dockets for the project. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Paul Cruea stated that he has some issues with the man hole on his property. He may have a stormwater line that runs under his garage. Project Inspector and T. Hunt will get with him to inspect it.

Kleinpeter Consulting Group presented a contract to the Town for Grant Consulting for the OCRA Grant for \$55,500.00. T. Welsh made a motion to sign the contract with Kleinpeter Consulting Group. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Baker Tilly presented the timetable for the Bond Anticipation. C. McDaniel made a motion to proceed with the final adoption of the Bond Ordinance #2019-12-12 which was introduced on December 10, 2019. R. Wells seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council introduced Ordinance 2020-1-1 Rate and Changes for Water Rates read by title only.

T. Welsh made a motion to pay Jimmie Marcum all of his Remaining vacation time by January 31, 2020. D. Reese seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Brooke-Stevens legal service contract was presented to the Council. D. Reese would like to contact other lawyers. Discussion followed. T. Welsh made a motion to sign the contract with Brook-Stevens. R. Wells seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. R. Welsh yes, T. Wells yes, D. Reese no, C. McDaniel yes. Motion carried.

Rhonda Caldwell thanked the Council for helping out the Food Pantry. She would like permission to allow Damage Doctors to come in and look at the old legion building in Norseman Park. T. Welsh made a motion to allow her to bring in Damage Doctors at her expense. R. Wells seconded the motion. Motion carried.

R. Wells made a motion to schedule an executive session for evaluation of employees and interviews. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting is set for January 25, 2020 at 4pm. R. Welsh made a motion to interview Officer Liggett at 5pm and Officer Turner at 6pm. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

R. Wells made a motion to start an Economic Development Board. T. Welsh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

T. Welsh would like to discuss the employees taking home their Town vehicles. Discussion followed.

D. Reese would like to hire a Town Manager. He suggests the salary be split up four ways between Water, Wastewater, Stormwater and MVH. That position will be talked about at the executive meeting on January 25, 2020. M. Cull stated that the employees aren't happy about a new person coming in and making more than them. Discussion followed.

Welsh made a motion for D. Blankenship to remain Council President. R. Wells seconded the motion. Motion carried.

D. Blankenship assigned board members.

C. McDaniel over Police

T. Welsh over Wastewater

R. Wells over Fire

D. Reese over Streets

D. Blankenship over Water

All other committees remain the same.

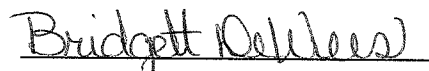
T. Welsh made a motion to sign the claim docket. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business to be brought before the Council at this time C. McDaniel made a motion to adjourn. R. Wells seconded the motion. Motion carried.



Daniel Blankenship, Council President

Attest:



Bridgett DeWees, Clerk-Treasurer