

June 9, 2020
REGULAR MEETING

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

President Daniel Blankenship called the meeting to order.

T. Welsh made a motion to approve minutes for the May 12, 2020 and June 4, 2020 meetings. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Police Chief Turner told the Council that the Reserve Officers have donated money to fix vehicle 94-5.

Chief Turner is also working on a contract with the Mayor of Muncie for an emergency dog catcher.

Chief Turner said that Delaware County Commissioners is donating a 2010 Charger to the Town. He would like to off set the insurance cost by only ensuring the Hummer for as little as possible. He would also like to take closed bids for a Ford Explorer that is no longer in service. Discussion followed.

D. Blankenship made a motion to accept sealed bids for the Ford Explorer. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried. Sealed bids are to be turned in to the Town Office by the next Council meeting or brought to that meeting July 14, 2020 at 6pm.

Chief Turner also informed the Council that Officer Jaime Burris was sworn in. She is a graduate from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy and has several years of police experience. He has another female Officer Megan Decker that will be sworn in soon she just finished and passed the pre basic course that is required through the Indiana Law Enforcement Training Board. T. Welsh made a motion to approve Officer Decker to the Eaton Reserve Officers. R. Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried. The Council Welcomes both Officers!

E. Smith Street Superintendent talked to the Council about purchasing barricades and cones. He is to work on getting some quotes.

Smith told the Council that the Total Patcher is working and being used.

T. Hunt Wastewater Superintendent presented the Council with a quote from Robinsons for \$6,464.00 with a powder coat or \$7,071.00 with white paint for a new truck bed. Hunt can't reach the toolboxes. He thinks we could put his bed on the flatbed truck. Discussion followed. T. Welsh made a motion to table the quotes. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Hunt said they need a different mower to keep the new patch along the interceptor mowed He thinks we need to purchase new bush hog. Discussion followed. He is to get quotes.

Hunt said he has sent out 4 GEO Bags and installed 2 more. He needs to purchase a few more they are \$500 each. Discussion followed.

Hunt stated that the tree on Race Street is on Town right away. Newsome quoted \$550.00 to take it down. T. Welsh made a motion to approve the quote from Newsomes Tree and Stump Removal for \$550.00. R. Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Joe Ratliff Water Superintendent Trainee told the Council that the other two guys have started cross training at the Water Plant.

Ratliff stated that he got the tire on the Scag Mower fixed and talked to R. Wells about a maintenance schedule. He purchased set of blades and oil and air filters for the mower.

Ratliff told the Council that he had a communication error between the water tower and the water plant. Discussion followed. He called in Peerless to figure out the issue. There was a loose ground wire with the antenna.

R. Wells asked if the Town had yard trimmers. The Park needs to be trimmed every time it is mowed.

The very large holes in Norseman Park were brought to the Councils attention. Discussion followed. T. Welsh made a motion to fill in the holes until they can figure out how to fix them correctly. R. Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried. T. Hunt is to get quotes to fix them.

D. Reese said there are some holes on South Street that need fixed. The guys are to get them taken care of.

J. Ratliff stated that Cummins came in and inspected the generator. It has a low voltage alarm going off. It won't stay running. Cummins is getting a voltage regulator to keep it running. It should be ready in a week or two.

Jeff Fish Water Plant Operator went over his monthly water operations report. He said the plant only has one spot to dose the chlorine. The newly repaired Well won't fit into the system without having dosage problems. Ratliff and Fish talked to Living Water about additional chlorine equipment. Discussion followed. Could be reimbursed through the Water Utility Improvement Project if procurement is followed.

Fire Chief Newby needs to purchase new books for \$827.24. They can only be ordered online. C. McDaniel made a motion to purchase Fire Fighter Books for \$827.24. D. Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Chief Newby stated that someone set up a payment plan through the billing company. They have not made any payments. The billing company wants to know if the Town wants to proceed with collections or not? Discussion followed. No official decision was reached.

Chief Newby has signed up for inspector classes. Randy Blair has agreed to teach classes at our Fire Station. But he is banned from the station. D. Reese made a motion to resend ordinance and allow R. Blair to teach at the Fire Station. R. Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Chief Newby got a nail in the Chief's truck tire. He got it fixed at Belle Tire for \$175.50. C. McDaniel approved paying for it. D. Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Eaton Baseball Softball Association presented the Council with a bill from IMI from 2018. They thought the Town was going to pay half of this bill. It was for the gravel for the new building at Danny Howard Park. In 2018 Council agreed to use \$20,000.00 to help with building expenses. The balance left from that is \$1,184.16. T. Welsh made a motion to pay \$1,184.16 on this bill. R. Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Rachel with Commonwealth discussed where we are at with all four projects. She presented the Council with the bid from Culy for the Water Line Relocation Project for \$399,973.00 base, \$114,007.00 alternative 1, \$28,176.00 alternative 2, \$41,765.00 alternative 3 for a total of \$584,021.00. Rachel is recommending doing base bid with alternates 1 and 2. Totaling \$542,156.00. Culy was the only bid that was submitted. T. Welsh made a motion to accept the bid from Culy for \$542,156.00. R. Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Rob Bellucci talked to the Council about this month's Sewage/Stormwater Project pay dockets. Discussion followed. Rob went over the procedure for completion since Atlas is substantially complete with the Sewage/Stormwater Project. The one-year warranty has started.

Rob went over the 2020-01 change order. This is necessary to allocate more funds for RPR due to over on time limit for the project. T. Welsh made a motion to approve change order 2020-01. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Rob T. Welsh made a motion to approve the pay claims for Sewage/Stormwater Project. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0, Motion carried.

Rob presented a letter for D. Blankenship to sign to update IDEM on the Sewage/Stormwater Project. T. Welsh made a motion for D. Blankenship to sign the letter. D. Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Rachel went over the pay claims for the three water projects. T. Welsh made a motion to approve the Water Project's pay claims. R. Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

T. Welsh made a motion to approve the following building permits:

Del Ray at 411 E. Indiana Ave- storage shed

James Jennings at 799 E. South St.- porch

Barb & Tony Loser at 780 E South St- pool deck

Rodney & Diana Miller at 1797 E CR 800 N- porch

Mike Hardman at 2030 E CR 800 N- house addition

Dave Brumley at 212 E Franklin St- enclosed wood porch

C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Council was presented with Sewer Use Ordinance 2020-6-8. T. Welsh made a motion to approve Sewer Use Ordinance 2020-6-8. D. Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Council was presented with an Industrial Pretreat Enforcement Response Plan. T. Welsh made a motion to approve and use the Industrial Enforcement Response Plan. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Council was asked to wave a return check fee for Ginger Whitehead. The return check is from 2018. Police Chief Turner went to her and got the original check amount, but Clerk forgot to tell him about the return check fee. R. Wells made a motion to wave the return check fee this one time. T. Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Derek Mitchell presented the Council with quotes from Merry Maids M-F \$200-\$300 for base cleaning and \$100-\$120 each time after that. Cooks Cleaners M-Sun \$75 base and \$62.50 each additional time after that. Rhonda Caldwell \$20.0/hr minimum of two hours each time. Discussion followed. D. Reese made a motion to hire Cooks Cleaners and to raise rental fee to \$100.00 and \$130.00 with \$50.00 deposit and resume rental of the building. Discussion followed. T. Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried. D. Blankenship made a motion that board members pay \$62.50 to cover the cleaning after they rent it. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Sandy Cowgill planted grass around her new porch and is asking the Council for an adjustment on her sewage bill. C. McDaniel made a motion to allow her an adjustment on sewage for watering her new grass. T. Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

R. Wells made a motion to pay the invoice from Brooke-Stevens PC that wasn't on the claim docket. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

800 N has been paved from SR 3 to 200 E. T. Welsh made a motion to pay Milestone up to \$170,000.00. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Council was presented with ordinance 2020-6-9 Salary Ordinance Amendment. This ordinance grants the employees 30 minutes of paid time for calls after hours that are less than 30 minutes. So, if they get called out and work 10 minutes, they will get paid for 30 minutes. Discussion followed. D. Blankenship

made a motion to adopt Salary Ordinance 2020-6-9. D. Reese seconded the motion. T. Welsh abstained from voting. Vote was 4/0/1. Motion carried. More discussion followed. Bridgett DeWees is to call the lawyer and discuss possible additional on call compensation for the utility employees.

E. Smith is to get with the County Highway Department and see if they can make us some signs.

B. DeWees presented a receipt from T. Hunt for shipping back loaner equipment for the Sewage Plant in the amount of \$17.90. T. Welsh made a motion to reimburse T. Hunt \$17.90. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

T. Hunt said his SO2 and Chlorine tests are costing more than need to. R. Wells told him to get prices and daily savings to see if it would be worth switch to different test equipment. Discussion followed.

Council was presented with some paperwork from Ag Best the new owners of the gas station at Indiana Ave and SR 3. It should be signed by the Building Inspector but since we don't have one the Council President needs to sign it. D. Blankenship made a motion to sign the packet. R. Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

T. Welsh made a motion to sign the claim docket. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Audience was asked if they had any questions or concerns.

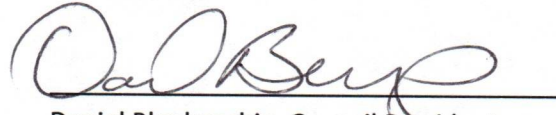
Tamara Little-John Said that due to the new paving the alley and the road no longer line up and are holding water again. Discussion followed. Guys are to investigate getting it fixed. She also stated that her neighbor's backyard and house are filthy. Discussion followed. Chief Turner is to tag the property for weed ordinance violation and get ahold of the Health Department. She also stated that she believes 526 W. Indiana Ave is pumping sewage into their backyard. Discussion followed. Council believes it's just rainwater. Utility employees are to investigate and see what it is.

Roger Spitler with Eaton First Church of God would like to have another 5k Marathon on August 8, 2020. T. Welsh made a motion to close off a few roads and allow the 5k marathon to go through Town. R. Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Michael Blair wanted to make sure the Town was going to smooth out the area at High Street and Washington Street where a water line was installed by the Town. He also wanted to make sure they were aware of a leak at the corner of Washington and Elm. Also, about a sink hole at Center Street and Meridian Street. Discussion followed.

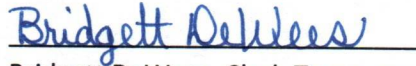
Fire Chief Newby said he has received some paperwork from the New State Fire Marshal that he is reviewing about open burning laws.

There being no further business to be brought before the Council at this time C. McDaniel made a motion to adjourn. T. Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

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Daniel Blankenship, Council President

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bridgett DeWees", written over a horizontal line.

Bridgett DeWees, Clerk-Treasurer