

SEPTEMBER 8, 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 August 11, 2020 regular meeting, August 21 and 30, 2020 special meeting. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Police Chief Turner informed the Council that all Eaton Officers mandatory training through the State of Indiana and the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy has been completed for the year as of 9/16/20.

Police Chief Turner stated that we have an issue with raccoons in Town. Several have been dispatched by the department due to aggressiveness and foaming at the mouth. DNR said they won't test any unless they have bitten/attacked a person or a domestic animal.

Police Chief Turner said he has a meeting set for September 16, 2020 at 1pm. It is with the Mayor of Muncie. In reference to the Animal Shelter. Discussion followed. Council would like Council Member to attend this meeting also.

Police Chief Turner introduced Sgt. Michael Nickens of Muncie PD. He went over the Aggressive Driving Grant (Federal) that our full time Police Officers would like to join. They would be able to do DUI Patrols, Seatbelt and Speeding Patrols and School Bus Stop Arm Blitz anywhere in Delaware County. It cannot be done during their regular shift and no gas or wear and tear on vehicles will be paid out. R. Wells made a motion to sign up for the grant. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Clerk DeWees brought up that the Police Department is going to run out of gas money in the budget for this year. T. Welsh made a motion to transfer \$13,000.00 from Police Department Operating Supplies Fund to Communication and Transportation Fund. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

D. Reese asked if the meeting with the Muncie Mayor was over the Animal Shelter or the invoice, they say we owe. Discussion followed. He suggested maybe looking into doing a County Animal Shelter.

Officer Storie asked the Council to return his eight days that were taken from him when he stepped on a nail while on duty. Discussion followed. He stated that the Clerk used them without asking him. He would rather have not gotten paid. Clerk stated she sent him a text and he didn't respond by the time she needed to have payroll done. Discussion followed. Council told Officer Storie if he reimburses the Town, he can get those days back. He said no he didn't think that was fair since he was hurt on duty. Discussion followed.

J. Ratliff Water Operator Trainee showed the Council a valve box adapter. He has been locating valve boxes and he would like to purchase these for the current valves. Discussion followed.

J. Ratliff stated that the high detention alarms were going off. He called Peerless in on 9-1-20 and they said the cause was high service pump #3 was bleeding back.

J. Ratliff stated that the yearly bacteriological tests have been done.

J. Ratliff stated that the chlorine scales are failing, and need replaced. He presented quotes from:

Pollard Water \$2,476.03

Bluebook didn't get him a bid yet.

Discussion followed. D. Blankenship made a motion to purchase materials and supplies from Pollard Water. R. Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

J. Ratliff stated he is still having issues with the generator. Peerless is sending someone from Fort Wayne office to look at it on 9-9-20. Council member Roger Wells is going to attend.

J. Ratliff presented quotes to Council for hour meters for the aerator and high service pumps. He needs four. Bluebook \$33.95. R. Wells made a motion to approve 4-hour meters from USA Bluebook for \$33.95 each for a total of \$145.30. D. Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

J. Ratliff stated that the patcher tank has been cleaned and Eric and himself have used 4 ton of cold patch on the roads.

Eric Smith Street Superintendent stated that he has taken his truck in to get quotes to get several things fixed.

Travis Hunt Wastewater Operator said his ferret system is up and running, Last month he had no CSO overflow. That's the first time since he has worked here.

T. Hunt presented the Council with a quote from Lewis Municipal Sales for \$69,640.00 for a 300-gallon VAC truck. Discussion followed. R. Wells made a motion to purchase from Stormwater Fund with the employees making a list of what they will use it for. C. McDaniel Seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

T. Hunt presented the Council with quotes from My Outside Guys for North Street from West Union street to Stanley Street. The road has deteriorated in several spots. The first bid is for \$17,950.00. The second bid is using flowable fill for \$28,300.00. Discussion followed. He called a couple other companies but the haven't given him a quote yet. Hunt stated that if the Town employees did it the time and materials would be more. Nathan owner of My Outside Guys explained what he thinks should be done. Discussion followed. Hunt is to talk to Atlas Excavating Company about helping fix it. R. Wells to him to

have Atlas Construction Company call him. R. Wells made a motion to table the My Outside Guys quotes. D. Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Nathan owner of My Outside Guys stated that the tile job at South Street is done and the job in Norseman Park is 95% done. It just needs seeded.

Rachel with Commonwealth Engineers said she has been working with Jeff Fish and Joe on plans for the Water Improvements Project. She has reached out for better maps from the gas and phone company.

Rachel presented the Council with a estimated projected schedule update for Culy Construction on the Watermain improvements project.

R. Wells made a motion to pay Atlas Contracting \$29,595.70 OCRA Emergency Grant. D. Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

T. Welsh made motion to pay Commonwealth Engineers invoices. R. Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried. Council brought the punch list for Atlas Construction Company. Asked where they are out on the clean outs being lowered in several yards and if fixing High Street is on that list. Discussion followed.

Jeff Fish presented Commonwealth with a letter from IDEM saying T. Hunt could be made Provisional Certified Water Operator. Discussion followed. He will have one year to take both tests and pass them. R. Wells made a motion to sign the letter to IDEM and paying the \$60.00 fee for both tests. C. McDaniel Seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Jeff Fish asked the Council to look at the last page of his monthly report. Just so everyone is aware and informed about what to expect in the next several months with the current and upcoming Water Projects. Discussion followed.

Council was presented with the counter agreement for the Niles Township Contract. One is for \$7,004.65 for Fire protection and the second one is to spend an additional \$2,000.00 next year on equipment. Discussion followed. D. Reese made a motion to sign both contracts with the understanding they need to figure out how to meet the original proposed contract for 2022. Motion died due to a lack of a second. R. Wells made a motion to sign the contract for \$7,004.65. D. Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried. R. Wells made a motion to sign contract for \$2,000.00 for fire protection equipment. T. Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

D. Blankenship read Salary Ordinance Amendment 2020-9-13 adding the salary for Public works and Safety employee. D. Reese made a motion to approve Salary Ordinance Amendment 2020-9-13. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Clerk presented the Council with a bid from My Outside guys to do work on the new Town Office in the amount \$6,750.00. D. Reese made a motion to table the bid. Motion died due to lack of a second. She also talked to Greene's Construction, but he didn't turn in a bid. Discussion followed. D. Reese made a motion to approve My Outside Guys for the work at the New Town Office in the amount \$6,750.00. R. Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

T. Welsh wanted to discuss about what is going to happen with the old Police Station if they move their office to the old Town Office. Storage area would be a good place for the dog kennel along with room for the office to work on their vehicles when necessary. Discussion followed.

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

Clerk-Treasurer presented the Council with the hold harmless agreement that the Town Lawyers Office drew up. D. Reese made a motion to have property owner sign a hold harmless contract before the meter is installed. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Paul Cruea asked where the dogs are currently being held. Council said at the Street Barn on Indiana Ave.

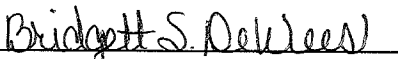
R. Wells made a motion to pay the invoice for Police Department in the amount of \$296.00 from Sirchie and \$312.58 from Modern Marketing. Also the invoices from MVH for \$971.56 from Jay County Highway. T. Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Clerk would like to have the Salary Ordinance for 2021 decided by the November 2020 meeting. SBOA recommends by November 1 of the year before. R. Wells wants a copy of the salary ordinance. Clerk-Treasurer said she will email it to everyone.

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. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.


Daniel Blankenship, Council President

Attest:


Bridgett DeWees, Clerk-Treasurer