

OCTOBER 13, 2020
REGULAR MEETING

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

President Daniel Blankenship called the meeting to order.

R. Wells made a motion to approve minutes for the September 8, 2020 regular meeting, September 8, 2020 Budget hearing and September 18, 2020 special meeting. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Police Chief Turner stated that Reserve Officers Kyler Welsh, Scott Brand and Skyler Brand have stepped aside from their positions on the department. They have left in good standings with the department.

Chief Turner stated that all training has been completed and certified by the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy.

Chief Turner said the all newly purchased radios have been programmed and are working.

Chief Turner said the meeting with the Mayor went well. He stated the department will start writing tickets for city court. R. Wells stated he isn't sure how the Town got stuck with the bill for removing animals and having them spade and neutered. Discussion followed.

Chief Turner stated that they interviewed Chandler Brocki and Jason Roberts. Both are Delaware County Sheriff Court Officers. They are fully certified have updated pre-basics. C. McDaniel made a motion to add Officers Brocki and Roberts to the Reserves. T. Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried. This leaves the Reserves with two openings.

Chief Turner stated that K-9 training went well.

Chief Turner said that some of the Officers are participating in the OPO Grant. Clerk asked if he could submit weekly copies for the Town records. He said he would. They are to be submitted monthly for reimbursement.

Chief Turner stated the Officer Storie and himself need new lapel mics. Discussion followed. Fire Chief Newby thinks he has a couple lapel mics that no one is using. He is going to check and let them know.

Fire Chief Newby presented the Council with an application for Travis Dobbs. T. Welsh made a motion to approve T. Dobbs for the Fire Department R. Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Newby talked to the Council about joining the County on an equipment grant. He would like to purchase new radios. Discussion followed.

Fire Chief Newby stated that all trucks have been pump tested and have passed.

Travis Hunt Wastewater Operator stated that his effluent readings are wrong. Discussion followed. He presented two quotes Gripp-Weir one for \$2,305.00 for the weir and \$5,217.00 for all wiring and hook ups to the new system for a total of \$7,522.00. Discussion followed. T. Welsh made a motion approve the Gripp-Weir quote for \$7,522.00. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

T. Hunt stated that he is having problems with two blowers at the plant. One is throwing a belt every other week. He said Cornerstone is going to get him a quote for next month's meeting.

D. Blankenship acknowledge that the town has received the provisional Water Certifications for Hunt dated October 1, 2020.

Joseph Ratliff Water Operator Trainee has received the water line locator from Lewis Municipal Sales for \$10,395.74. Original approved outside of a Council meeting. Blankenship made a motion to approve the purchase for Lewis Municipal Sales for \$10,395.74 for a water line locator. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

J. Ratliff stated that they have fixed two leaks at the meters on the Towns side. Discussion followed.

J. Ratliff stated that the new chlorine system is working well. Also, the Generator is fixed and working thanks to the tech from Cummins Fort Wayne Region. Discussion followed. R. Wells wants them to use Cummins from the Fort Wayne Region and not from Indy Region from now on.

J. Ratliff stated that the Asbestos Test results came back good. Newby and himself went over fire hydrant locations and better future placement locations for the Town.

J. Ratliff stated that Culy is currently working at the intersection of Meridian and South Street for the Waterline Relocation Project (2nd OCRA Grant).

Eric Smith Street Superintendent presented the Council with a quote from R & Metals \$1,675.00 to fix bucket backhoe edge and \$2,117.00 to fix the backhoe bucket completely. R. Wells would like another bid. Discussion followed R. Wells made a motion to table the quote. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried. Smith is to get quotes to fix the skid steer bucket as well.

D. Newby called Waste Management about the emulsion stored at the street barn. They are having problems getting anyone to take it, Discussion followed. They are going to try County Heritage Environmental.

D. Newby would like to purchase a transfer tank for the off-road diesel that is stored at the sewage plant. It takes for every to drive the backhoe or bob cat there to get gas. Ratliff has one for sell for \$2,000.00. Discussion followed. T. Welsh made a motion to purchase transfer tank and pump from J. Ratliff for \$2,000.00. R. Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

E. Smith presented a quote from Newsome's for \$500.00 to remove a tree and stump from Indiana avenue and Hartford Street. Discussion followed. Water Project will be on the opposite side of the road. T. Welsh made a motion to approve the quote from Newsome's Tree and Stump Removal for \$500.00. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

E. Smith asked the Council if the Utility employees are allowed \$200.00 for winter clothing allowance again this year? T. Welsh made the motion to approve up to \$200.00 for winter clothing allowance. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

E. Smith stated to the Council that he took his truck to Coopers to see what is wrong with it and to see how much it would cost to fix it. Cooper's said it isn't worth being fixed. He wants to know what the Council wants him to do. Discussion followed. Council want's him to get quotes for a useable truck. Suggestions were made about switching the Wastewater truck to MVH and purchasing a new truck for Wastewater Department.

Derek Mitchell Eaton Baseball Softball Association- Stated that the infield lip on the Diamond 1 is dangerous and they want to remove the infield grass and would like to take down the old concessions building. They are wanting to know if the Town could help with the cost of these. Dirt for Diamond 1 is \$21.00 per ton and \$30.00 for deliver. They think it may take about 40 ton. Discussion followed. Wells made a motion to pay up to \$1,062.00 for dirt from the EDIT Funds. He also wants estimates to tear down and put up a shelter on the old concessions cement. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Kristy Burns A Small Town Christmas- Asked about the use of the Community Center and Fire Station for the event. She wanted to know what she would be allowed to use because of the pandemic. Discussion followed. T. Welsh made a motion to allow use of the Community Center for A Small Town Christmas. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Kelly Gardner with Alliance of Indiana Rural Water discussed the Registered Apprentice Program for Water and Wastewater Operators. She went over what allowed the Town to qualify and additional grants that are out there to help with books, supplies and training. Apprentices are accepted in January and July. The Town picks the employee. Discussion followed. R. Wells made a motion to sign letter of intent and submit it to Alliance for Joseph Ratliff for Water Certification. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Council was presented with Union Township fire contracts. The first one for Fire Protection is for \$33,237.00 the second one is for purchasing Fire Equipment up to \$10,000.00 for the year 2021.

Discussion followed. R. Wells made a motion to accept the Union Township Contracts. T. Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Blankenship read Salary Ordinance Amendment #2020-10-16 for Wastewater Operator and Certified Water Operator. C. McDaniel made a motion to approve the Salary Ordinance Amendment #2020-10-16. T. Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried. T. Welsh made a motion to back date raise to October 1, 2020. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Council was presented with Police Chief Turner's recommendation for Trick or Treat hours. Discussion followed. T. Welsh made a motion to have a Trick or Treating on Halloween Night from 6-8pm. Residents are asked to follow the suggested guidelines from Delaware County Health Department. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

T. Welsh presented the Council with her salary suggestions for 2021. R. Wells made a motion to approve her suggestions. The Clerk pointed out that she doesn't have a raise on there. She talked to Council about all she has done for this Town and what she does daily. Discussion followed. R. Wells made a motion to approve the refigured salaries for 2021. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

T. Welsh made a motion to approve the Vacations for Eric Smith October 19-23, 2020 and Travis Hunt November 23-December 1, 2020 and December 21-January 1, 2021. R. Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Rachel with Commonwealth gave updates on the Utility Projects. She would like to set up a Water utility Improvement Project meeting to go over plans. Council decided that Blankenship and Wells will attend the meeting.

Water Line Improvement Project, Culy has completed 3 intersections so far.

Wastewater Utility Improvements Project Atlas is working on the punch list still it is almost done. They should be at substantial completion for November meeting. Commonwealth presented the Council with a map of all the new sewage lines. It is set up to be drawn on for any future changes or notes that need to be made. We will receive one of the stormwater lines as well.

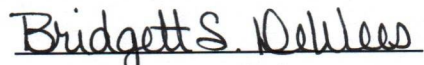
R. Wells made a motion to pay the pay claim for the projects. T. Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried. Council asked about North Street being on the punch list. Commonwealth and Atlas are still arguing over it. Discussion followed.

Clerk reminded the Council that in the motion to approve the vac truck last month was that employees were to make a list for the Council of uses for it. Clerk hasn't received any yet.

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