

December 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.

R. Wells made a motion to approve the minutes for October 13, 31 and November 10, 2020. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Police Chief Turner stated that the 2013 Dodge Charger needed work done. Althouse did it for \$565.16. He didn't realize it would be that much. R. Wells made a motion to pay the invoice from Althouse for \$565.16. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Chief Turner presented the Council with a quote from Nelson & Co. for \$3,704.00 for 4 bullet proof vests. Discussion followed. R. Wells made a motion to approve the quote and if possible, take it out of the 2020 budget. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Chief Turner stated that one of the Police Reserves has Covid-19 and is in quarantine.

Fire Chief Newby presented the Council with an application from Bruce DeWees III. D. Blankenship made a motion to approve DeWees's application. R. Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Chief Newby presented the Council with a quote from 5Alarm to service 3 hydro cascade cylinders for \$525.00. Discussion followed. Cylinders will need to be dropped off by Chicago to be serviced. C. McDaniel wants Chief Newby to call Korsens and double check that they don't service these. C. McDaniel made a motion to approve the 5Alarm quote or a quote from Korsens if it is the same or lower. R. Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Chief Newby presented the quote from Heritage to remove the emulsion from the street barn. Discussion followed. T. Welsh made a motion to do the credit application for Heritage. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Police Chief Turner asked for vacations:

Snodgrass Dec 27-31

Turner Dec. 21-25

Liggett Dec. 28-30

D. Reese made a motion to allow Chief Turner to approve vacations for full time Police positions. The Chiefs vacation will need to still be approved by the Town Council. Chief will need to let the Clerk-Treasurer know when the Police Officers will be on vacation. The Utility-Clerk's vacation will be

approved by the Clerk-Treasurer. Utility employees will still need to be approved by the Council. R. Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

R. Wells made a motion to approve Chief Turners vacation Dec. 21-25, 2020. D. Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Travis Hunt stated that the Weir Flow meter recently installed has cut the error reading by half. He is still working with the company to get it even lower.

T. Hunt stated that the Water Plant is having electrical issues. Titan Electric is going to come in and look at it. R. Wells made a motion to approve Titan Electric coming in and looking. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Jeff Fish with Commonwealth Engineers Inc. stated that they will be doing field work for the Water Utility Improvement Project. He will also be letting the office know very Monday what area of Town they will be in.

Rusty Love owner of Parkside Apartments asked for an adjustment on a tenant's water bill for the second month. Clerk is going to investigate changing the ordinance to allow two months not just one. D. Reese made a motion to allow two consecutive adjustments for the same leak. R. Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Rachel Runge with Commonwealth Engineers Inc. wants to set up a meeting to go over the punch list for the Wastewater/Stormwater Project. Council would like R. Wells and T. Hunt to attend.

Rachel stated the OCRA Urgent Need Project is complete.

Rachel stated that Culy would like a thirty (30) day extension for the 2nd OCRA Project. This will but them thru December 30, 2020. R. Wells made a motion to approve the extension. T. Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Rachel presented the Council with two Culy pay applications. #2 \$148,496.40 and #3 \$117,924.45. R. Wells made a motion to approve the pay applications for Culy. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried. They will be doing some exploratory work at 808 E. Harris Street.

Rachel stated that we will need a permit from the County for closing Romy Street. Discussion followed. Hunt to get prices on cement barricades. She also presented a detour plan for closing Romy Street. C. McDaniel made a motion to approve the detour plan for Romy Street. R. Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Commonwealth needs to work with the Town's attorney on easements. R. Wells made a motion to allow Commonwealth to contact and work with the Town Attorney. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Clerk presented an invoice from Kleinpeter Consulting Group, LLC for Final Grant Administration for \$22,200.00. R. Wells made a motion to approve the invoice from Kleinpeter Consulting Group, LLC for \$22,200.00. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0.0 Motion carried.

D. Reese brought up the response from INDOT about Indiana Ave and SR3 crossing. Discussion followed. INDOT has done several studies and they suggest putting in a roundabout. Nothing is currently set or on any schedule to be done.

D. Reese made a motion to table North Street repair. Still waiting on agreement with Atlas Construction. R. Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

D. Reese made a motion to accept \$800.00 from Hansel for 102 E. Harris Street. Minimum would have been \$906.93 if Town would have been allowed in to turn water off. Discussion followed. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried. R. Wells is going to get in contact with Mr. Hansel about the board's decision.

C. McDaniel stated he thinks someone is living in the new shed on the property at 510 S. East Union Street. Discussion followed. Police to check out and get with Delaware Co. Health Department.

T. Hunt has a vacation scheduled for Dec. 21-23 & 28-29. T. Welsh made a motion to pay out 1 week of remaining vacation time for T. Hunt. R. Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

T. Welsh also made a motion to pay out 200 compensation time hours for T. Hunt. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

D. Reese made a motion to pay out one (1) week vacation for J. Snodgrass. T. Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

C. McDaniel made a motion to sign the claim docket. R. Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0.0 Motion carried.

T. Hunt informed the Council that the Town wasn't picked in the first round for the Wastewater Apprentice Program. The Town will remain on the list for the July selection.

Bridgett DeWees informed the Council that we will be receiving \$56,257.00 from the IFA CARES ACT Grant for Police and Fire Payroll reimbursement.

R. Wells stated that the new flooring for the office should be going in this week. Discussion followed.

Chief Turner stated that the Police Department will be helping with a Small Town Christmas. Also, on December 23 they will be delivering gifts to families in the area if any of the Council would like to help.

Chief Newby stated that they are getting ready for the Candy Cane Brigade and wants to know if civilians will be allowed in the trucks for this event. T. Welsh made a motion to allow civilians in the trucks for this event. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

R. Wells read his conflict of interest to the Council pertaining to Thornburgh & Sons and Secure Shred.


End of the year meeting will be December 29, 2020 at 4:30pm in the regular meeting palace.

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



Daniel Blankenship, Council President

Attest:


Bridgett DeWees, Clerk-Treasurer