

January 12, 2021  
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 December 29, 2020 year end meeting. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Derrick Newby stated that Truck #22 has finally sold for \$2,250.00. Council stated that it can be removed from insurance now if it hasn't already been done.

Chief Newby stated that the red dump truck should be ready to go. The bracket for the big dump truck has come in and we had salt delivered.

Joe Ratliff presented the Council with a quote from Peerless Midwest for Cellular service between the plant, tower, and the remote wells. The current wiring is cutting in and out and causing problems. Discussion followed. Ratliff is to get price for cellular after the first year. D. Reese said he would get with TNT and have him look at it.

J. Ratliff stated that Schwer Electric came out and worked on electrical problems. It was a bus bar in the electrical panel. He moved it and there has not been any issues since.

J. Ratliff stated that when the Water Projects are done, he is going to look into prices for a chlorine analyzer. Discussion followed.

C. McDaniel made a motion to table the Peerless Midwest quote. D. Reese second the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

D. Blankenship asked Travis Hunt if we had an alarm for the out flow at the sewage Plant. T. Hunt stated that currently we do not, but he will investigate it. Discussion followed.

T. Hunt was asked if he had passed his Water Operator exam. He said no. He would like to take a class to help prepare him for the next test. R. Wells made a motion to pay for Travis Hunts second test. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Police Chief Turner stated he would like to send Deputy Chief Liggett to Reid Training for \$480.00. It's a four-day training course in Delaware County. R. Wells made the motion to send Deputy Chief Liggett to Reid Training for \$480.00. C. McDaniel second the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Chief Turner presented a quote for a Xenon 199 Scanner thru a grant Deputy Chief Liggett received for \$136.00. R. Wells made a motion to allow purchase of the scanner for \$136.00. T. Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. motion carried.

Chief Turner presented a quote for \$49.95 for a lapel speaker mic. R. Wells made a motion to purchase two lapel speaker mics for \$49.95. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Chief Turner stated that the plugs on officer Stories vehicle are burnt. It will cost \$250.00-\$300.00 to replace them thru Gaddis. T. Welsh made a motion to allow Gaddis to work on Officer Stores vehicle to replace the burnt plugs. R. Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Chief Turner stated that Lexipol does SOPs It would cost \$15,000.00-\$18,000.00 for the first year. They build the SOPs from the ground up. He would like to get a meeting set up to talk with Lexipol. When he does set up the meeting Council would like R. Wells to attend.

D. Blankenship read Resolution 2021-1-2 ESTABLISHING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO PROTECT DECORUM AND FOSTER EFFECTIVE ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC MEETING CLAIM DOCKET by title only. R. Wells made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-1-2. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion passed.

Derek Mitchel with EBSA asked for permission to use Diamond 1 again for ball season. T. Welsh made a motion approve usage of Diamond 1 to EBSA for the upcoming season. D. Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Rob Bellucci with Commonwealth Engineers went over the project handout. He presented the Council with a County Permit Application that needed signed. R. Wells made a motion to have Daniel Blankenship sign the County Permit Application. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/. Motion carried.

Rob Bellucci brought up where we currently are on the punch list for the Sewage Project. Discussion followed. R. Wells made a motion to approve the punch list pending the addition of \$274,200.00 the \$5,000.00. D. Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried. D. Blankenship made a motion to approve the invoices from Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. for \$61,183.06. D. Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Rob Bellucci also presented the Council with the Water Utility Operations Assistance contract thru December 2021 for \$1,000.00 per month. D. Reese made a motion to sign the Contract with Commonwealth Engineering, Inc. for Water utility Operations Assistance for \$1,000.00 per month. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.



Ordinance 2021-1-1 Town of Eaton Handbook. Discussed changes that need to be made to the handbook. D. Blankenship made a motion to table the Handbook. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Council was presented with an email sent thru the Towns web page. Email is from Edwin Tharp concerning the vacant house at the South East corner of Stanly and North Street. It states that the property has been vacant for over 20 years and it is not being maintained. He stated he spoke with an Officer who told him he would present it to the Town Board and has seen nothing in the minutes. R. wells discussed talking to Blackford and Delaware County to see what we need to do to start going after grants to clean up run down vacant properties. Discussion followed. Cops are to get with the owner of the property to get it boarded up and secured.

Joe Ratliff would like a vacation week of February 15-19, 2021. R. Wells made a motion to approve Ratliff's vacation February 15-19, 2021. T. Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

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

R. Wells said he talked to Mr. Hansel about the bill for 102 E. Harris Street. Mr. Hansel said no to the Towns counteroffer. Council wants normal collection procedures to start.

Council was presented with Resolution 2021-1-3 for end of the year transfers. D. Reese made a motion to approve the transfers. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

The Town Attorney's Office would like to know if the Town is interested in getting 104 E. Harris street. Discussion followed. D. Reese made a motion to look into getting. Motion died due to lack of a second. Discussion followed. D. Blankenship and R. Wells would like to see the inside of the building first.

Council discussed the plan for employees out for contact with Covid-19. D. Blankenship made a motion to pay out up to 2 weeks (10 days) for Covid-19 Relief. Discussion followed. T. Welsch seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

D. Reese and D. Blankenship discussed getting five streetlights installed in Shidler/Eaton area. Chief Newby said he would look into it.

Council President Daniel Blankenship made the following appointments.

Roger Wells- Water Department

Dustin Reese- Wastewater Department

Clay McDaniel- Fire Department

Daniel Blankenship- Police Department

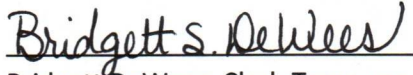
Teresa Welsh- Street Department

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



Daniel Blankenship, Council President

Attest:



Bridgett DeWees, Clerk-Treasurer