

August 10, 2021
REGULAR MEETING

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

President Daniel Blankenship called the meeting to order.

Roger Wells made a motion to approve the minutes for July 13, 2021 Public Hearing. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 3/0. Motion carried.

Roger Wells made a motion to approve the minutes for the July 13, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 3/0. Motion carried.

Eric Smith, Street Superintendent stated that he got the new speed limit signs and has started installing them.

Eric Smith also presented the Council with a quote from Newsome's Tree and Stump Removal for \$2,100.00. To remove two trees and stumps in the Shidler area. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the invoice from Newsome's Tree and Stump removal for \$2,100.00. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 3/0. Motion carried.

Travis Hunt, Wastewater Operator stated that the new blower controls will be here in about two weeks. The old blower is barely going. Discussion followed.

Travis Hunt stated that two out of three raw pumps are faulting out. He needs to call someone in to look at them. He will get prices before the next meeting. Discussion followed.

Travis Hunt also stated that the basement at the plant flooded. He needs to purchase a new sump-pump. He thinks they are around \$1,000.00. Discussion followed.

Travis Hunt talked about the violation letter that the Town received from IDEM for not submitting the June tests. After talking with Joe Ratliff, he found out they had not been done. The tests have now been done. Once the results are back Joe Ratliff will get the letters to the residents mailed. A plan has been put in place to make sure this doesn't happen in the future. Travis Hunt presented the Clerk with the signed letter to be mailed out. Daniel Blankenship asked where we are on the easements for the Water Project. We will discuss an option later in the meeting.

Jeff Fish, Commonwealth Engineers went over how much he has stressed not to wait to do the test. Discussion followed. Travis Hunt is going to talk to IDEM about extending his provisional certification if he fails the test again. Discussion followed.

Jeff Fish stated that Joe Ratliff still needs to grab a few more samples by the end of the month.

Fire Chief Newby presented the Council with an application for Landon Hines. Clay McDaniel made a motion to approve the application for Landon Hines. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 3/0. Motion carried.

Chief Newby stated that Truck #22 has a recall for a fuel leak. He is not sure how long it will take to fix.

Chief Newby stated that Morgan Wells received the Ball Brothers Grant for the Fire Department in the amount of \$4,500.00. This is to be used to purchase two new radios. Ms. Wells is working on other grants as well.

Chief Newby stated that the lights in Danny Howard Park are done. IMP will start changing the streetlights six at a time starting downtown. Discussion followed. There is also a hanging electric line at Danny Howard Park that needs to be buried. He is going to purchase 3" conduit and bends to fix this.

Police Chief Jay turner stated that Kyler Welsh has resigned in good standings with the department.

Chief Turner will be at firearms training 9/6-9/9/2021. He also stated that he has 9 Officers that have volunteered for the 5k Run.

Travis Hunt, Wastewater Operator, stated that Westrock is in the process of being allowed to discharge to the plant and not the river. They have some more testing that needs to be done before this happens to adjust their permit. Discussion followed.

Rachel Runge, Commonwealth Engineers, Went over the remaining punch list for Atlas for the Wastewater/Stormwater Project. Roger Wells asked about the paving and a tree stump at a property on Elm Street. Rachel is going to get contact information from Roger Wells to speak with the owner. Discussion followed. All paving that was to be completed in the Wastewater Project will be held off and ran after the Water project is complete. The sidewalk on Bosman Avenue will be pushed to the Water Project.

Council was presented with the closeout paperwork for the 2nd OCRA Project. Roger Wells made a motion to sign the documents. Clay McDaniel second the motion. Vote was 3/0. Motion carried.

Roger Wells made a motion to approve the pay outs for the water Project totaling \$23,246.90 and the Wastewater Project totaling \$3,820.39. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 3/0. Motion carried.

Rachel Runge discussed what needs to be done with the easements since they are not done. She suggests that the Town lawyer send out letters to each of the residents we need easements for. Stating there will be a meeting to answer any questions and to sign if ready. Discussion followed. Travis Hunt

and Joe Ratliff are to get with the notary and go door to door after the meeting and speak with residence about the easements. They are also to change their hours for that day, so they do not get overtime. They may need to go in the evening to meet with residents.

Rachel Runge stated to the Council that the SWIF Grant will be announced August 27, 2021.

Roger Wells and Travis Hunt Talked to the Council about bids from Hubbler Ford and Stoops. Council was presented a bid from Hubbler Ford for \$42,500 for 2022 F350 4x4 SDR/CSR. Roger Wells quoted the bid from Stoops to be \$42,962.80. Discussion followed. Roger Wells made a motion to purchase the truck from Stoops for \$42,962.80. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 3/0. Motion carried.

Chief Newby stated that all the prices he has presented for the Fire Trucks have stayed the same. Discussion followed. He also stated that Truck #21 is starting to have maybe injector issues. Discussion followed. Daniel Blankenship made a motion to table the quotes. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 3/0. Motion carried.

Travis Hunt stated that he will go down to WestRock and see what all is connected to the Town's sewer.

Clerk presented the Council with the 2022 proposed Fire Contracts for Union and Niles Townships. There was no increase to the contracts. Daniel Blankenship read them aloud. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the contract for Union Township. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 3/0. Motion carried. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the contract for Niles Township. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 3/0. Motion carried.

Roger Wells made a motion to approve the Fire Equipment contract for Union Township. Clay McDaniel Seconded the motion. Vote was 3/0. Motion carried. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the Fire Equipment contract for Niles Township. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 3/0. Motion carried.

Roger Wells presented the Council with the recommendation from the Zoning Board about the rezoning of 14717 N. CR 175 E Eaton, IN 47338. All members were present, and they recommend approving the rezoning. Discussion followed. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the Rezoning pending Mr. Bailey presents the Clerk with the new legal description for the property, new parcel number, and the missing signature cards for the adjacent property owners. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 3/0. Motion carried.

Council was presented with a resignation letter from John Liggett for the Zoning Board. Daniel Blankenship accepted his resignation and thanked him for serving on the board. Daniel Blankenship appointed Derek Mitchel to the Zoning Board.

Clerk presented a quote to the Council from Peterson Consulting Services, Inc. to access the Towns assets and help yearly from here out. Clerk asked Council to table the quote so she can meet with one

more company. Roger Wells made a motion to table the quote until next meeting. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 3/0. Motion carried.

Council was presented with building permits from Jaime Foster at 12715 N Chestnut Street for a new barn and carport. Jerry Evans at 1900 E. CR 800 N for a shed. Austin Patterson 112 N Long Street for a shed. Daniel Blankenship made a motion to approve all the building permits. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 3/0. Motion carried.

Dustin Reese had presented paperwork before the meeting to the Council about changing the Public Works and Safety position of \$32,000.00 to Fire Chief and Park Safety Superintendent of \$40,000.00. He also thinks we should hire another full-time employee as Wastewater and Street Helper for \$31,000.00. Discussion followed. Once the Town is approved for the Wastewater Apprenticeship the Wastewater and Street Helper will move to that position and be paid from that program. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the changes effective September 1, 2021. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 3/0. Motion carried.

John Liggett asked about the construction material at Hartford and Jefferson Street. Discussion followed. Company isn't done here yet.

Roger Wells made a motion to accept applications for the Wastewater and Street Helper position. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 3/0. Motion carried.

Clerk stated to the Council that she still has not received a receipt from Travis Hunt when he used the credit card. Discussion followed. Hunt is to get the receipt to the clerk.

Clay McDaniel made a motion to sign the claim docket. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 3/0. Motion carried.

There being no further business to be brought before the Council at time Clay McDaniel made a motion to adjourn. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 3/0. Motion carried.



Daniel Blankenship, Council President

Attest:



Bridgett DeWees, Clerk-Treasurer