

Town of Eaton
September 14,2021
Regular Meeting

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

President Daniel Blankenship called the meeting to order.

Roger Wells made a motion to approve the minutes for the August 10,2021 Regular Meeting minutes. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Brandon Qualls with the Muncie Police Department talked about the need to increase the PSLIT Tax by 0.005% for 2022. Due to salary shortage First Responders are taking higher paying jobs other places. Discussion followed.

Mike Loveless with Gallagher Risk Management Service, Inc. talked to the Council about the Towns property and equipment insurance. He would like a chance to get quotes for the Town. Discussion followed. Council agreed to let him get quotes.

Police Chief Turner presented the Council with a quote from Kiesler's Firearms for ammo in the amount of \$645.00. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the purchase from Keisler's Firearms for \$645.00. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Chief Turner presented the Council with a quote from Axon Taser for six taser cartridges for \$216.30. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the purchase from Axon Taser for \$216.30. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Chief Turner presented the Council with two quotes from Hubbler Ford for a 2022 Ford Explorer. One for \$35,535.00 and \$32,456.00. Discussion followed. Council asked about trading in the 2016 Durango that we have been having so many problems with. All the equipment from the Durango would be transferable to the Explorer. Daniel Blankenship made a motion to table the quotes until he has a trade in price for the 2016 Durango. He is to call the board members outside the meeting as soon as he has a price. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Joe Ratliff presented the Council with the Wellhead Protection Plan 2 Letter that will go out to some residents and to IDEM. Daniel Blankenship made a motion to approve the letter to send to some residents and IDEM. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Ratliff stated that the Water Plant still has some alarms regularly going off. They usually must be reset manually at the wells.

Ratliff stated that all standardized testing has been done for this month and sent to HML.

Ratliff stated he has been studying for his water operating test. He would also like to repaint the filters and some pipes in the plant. He will get prices to the Council when he is ready. He also stated that Matt Kingrey with Midwest Meters came in and they went over the meters that we are having radio issues with. Discussion followed.

Travis Hunt stated that the blower digester at the plant is almost done. He had an IDEM Inspection on 9/13 and the plant is running good.

Hunt stated that he is done with the five tests for Westrock and they have been sent to IDEM. He also stated that they will be attaching a 1 ½ meter to the main line going to the remodeled bathrooms at Westrock.

Derek Mitchell and Teresa Welsh are going to see about getting quotes for a different cleaning service for the Community Center.

Jeff Fish with Commonwealth stated that Travis Hunts probationary certification for water will end in October. Hunt is going to talk about getting it extended. Discussion followed.

Rachel Runge with Commonwealth introduced Thomas Bailey to the Council. She went over the items remaining on the punch list for Atlas. She presented the Council with PPA #24 for \$225,600.00. She also presented a change order for the sidewalk on Bosman Ave. USDA is ok with moving the money to the Water Project and completing it with that project. Roger Wells made a motion to approve PPA #24 for \$225,600.00 and release some of the retainage. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the change order for the sidewalk on Bosman Avenue. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried. She also stated that the control meeting for the Water Project went well.

Rachel Runge stated that the notary is ready to go out in the evenings with Ratliff or Hunt to get the easements for the Water Project. Roger Wells stated that the easements need to be a top priority for Ratliff and Hunt. Rachel Runge would like to go ahead and submit the project to USDA even though they won't let us go out to bid without the easements. Roger Wells made a motion to submit the plans to USDA to keep the project on track. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Rachel Runge told the Council that the SWIF Grant was not awarded to the Town on round one. Round two will run thru July 2022 and it will be submitted again for that round. Discussion followed.

Council went over the contract from Peterson Consulting Service for assets. The contract is for \$5,900.00 not including out-of-pocket expenses directly related to this engagement. After the initial start there is an annual revision service fee of \$2,750.00. Roger Wells made a motion to engage with Peterson

Consulting services, Inc. for \$5,900.00 and after that annually \$2,750.00. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Newby, Clay McDaniel and Roger Wells presented the Council with paperwork for a new fire truck. Union Township trustee can pledge \$25,000.00 towards the new truck. Discussion followed. They think we can trade Truck 21 in for \$50,000.00. Daniel Blankenship made a motion to purchase the truck for \$641,000.00 and get a twenty-year loan. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried. Clerk is to apply thru Indiana Bond Bank HELP Program to solicit loan bids.

Council set up a Executive Meeting to interview for the Wastewater and Street Department Helper on September 18 starting at 9am. Clerk's Office will get ahold of the applicants to set up times.

Daniel Barentine (not present) wants to make an arrangement on the previous amount owed for theft of a utility. He would like to pay \$75-\$100 a week and pay the current by the 15th to keep the service on. Discussion followed. Roger Wells made a motion to accept \$75-\$100 per week and the current bill paid the 15th of each month. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

212 N Hartford Street was not billed for 20,925 gallons of water. Utility Clerk had made several comments about no usage at this property and was told no one lives here. Also, 114 E Bosman Avenue this home is vacant they are remodeling. The Clerk's Office wasn't given the correct information for the meter. They used 13,629 gallons of water. Clerk wants to know what the Council wants done bill them or write it off? Discussion followed. Teresa Welsh made a motion to write off both usages. It is not the customers fault that the meter malfunctioned, and information was missing. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Daniel Blankenship read Salary Ordinance Amendment 2021-9-10. Daniel Blankenship made a motion to approve Salary ordinance Amendment 2021-9-10. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Chief Newby brought up adopting the State Fire Prevention Code. This will allow him to fine businesses that are not compliant. This is not to make money but keep customers and employees safe. Discussion followed. Roger Wells made a motion to have our lawyer work on an ordinance. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Andrew Irving would like two hidden drive signs installed on 1000 N. He is concerned about there being a wreck when he exits his drive. Eric Smith is to get two signs and place them on 1000 N. Travis Hunt is also to get a quote from My Outside Guys to trim back the trees on the North side of 1000 N.

Chief Newby brought up to the Council that we need an Animal Control Ordinance. We currently have two dogs. One is healthy enough to be adopted out the other is not. Discussion followed. Roger Wells and Chief Newby are working on an ordinance. Dustin Reese made a motion to send the ordinance to the lawyer once they have it drawn up. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion

carried. Daniel Blankenship stated that if the sick dog has not been claimed by Friday it will need to go to Eaton Veterinary Clinic and be put down. The other dog needs to be adopted out with a waiver.

Council was presented with a quote from GameTime to fix the slide at Norseman Park. It is for \$1,237.88. Clerk wants to know if they want to turn it into insurance or not file a claim since the deductible is \$1,000.00 and pay for it ourselves? Teresa Welsh made a motion to pay for all of it from Park Funds. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Council was presented with a Noncompliance Letter from IDEM. They have not received July's monthly reports. Discussion followed and Travis Hunt stated it has been corrected. He will have Daniel Blankenship sign the response letter and get it submitted. Clerk stated she will need a copy of the letter.

Council was presented with a quote from IAMGIS. It's a GIS mapping company that can make real time maps for the water, Wastewater and Street Department to use. Discussion followed. Jeff Fish is interested and volunteered to get more quotes for this product. Daniel Blankenship made a motion to table the quote until next meeting. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Council was presented with paperwork from IMP about replacing all streetlights in Town with LEDs. Discussion followed. Chief Newby is to continue working on the streetlights.

Council was presented with a request to accept ACH payments from DOXO for utility customers. Discussion followed. Roger Wells made a motion to accept ACH utility payments from DOXO, Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 4/1. Dustin Reese voted no. Motion carried.

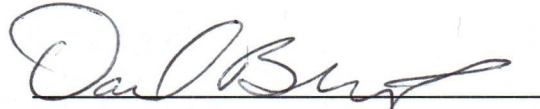
Teresa Welsh made a motion to sign the claim docket. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Clerk stated she still needs an invoice or receipt from Travis Hunt for using the Towns credit card to pay for his Wastewater License. Joe Ratliff still needs to get her the packing slip from USA Bluebook she is missing.

Daniel Blankenship represented the quotes for the Legion Building. Daniel Blankenship made a motion to table until Eric can get new bids these bids are outdated now. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Roger Wells stated he was asked during the August ECI Meeting if the Town is interested in the tax sale properties that didn't sell in town limits. Discussion followed. Roger Wells to get a list of the properties for the Council.

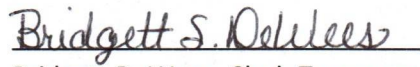
There being no further business to be brought before the Council at this time Roger Wells made a motion to adjourn. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.



Daniel Blankenship, Council President

10/12/2021

Attest:



Bridgett DeWees, Clerk-Treasurer

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