

Town of Eaton
January 11,2022
Regular Meeting

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

President Daniel Blankenship called the meeting to order.

Roger Wells made a motion to approve the minutes for the December 31 ,2021 Year end meeting. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Police Chief Turner stated that Trevor Heath has resigned from the department for personal reasons. He has left on good standing. He has also received several applications for the reserve department. The reserve department is five officers short. Discussion followed.

Chief Turner brought up House Bill 159 that if passed as is would significantly cut the number of reserve officers a department is allowed to have. Discussion followed.

Teresa Welsh asked about a Council Member sitting on the review board when interviewing new Reserve Officers. Discussion followed. Council wants at least one member on the review board from now on.

Fire Chief Newby stated that it is time to do the yearly test on hoses and ladders. He said the price should be around \$4,500.00. Discussion followed. Daniel Blankenship made a motion to allow up to \$4,500.00 for the yearly testing on hoses and ladders. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Council was reminded that we have two vehicles not running and only one vehicle able to salt roads. Discussion followed. Daniel Blankenship made a motion to have the Town employees remove the bed on the 1999 and scrap the vehicle. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried. Daniel Blankenship made a motion for the Town employees to remove the bed on the 2004 and scrap the vehicle. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried. Daniel Blankenship would like Chief Newby and Eric Smith to get quotes for a small new dump truck. Discussion followed. Roger Wells would like a vehicle and equipment maintenance calendar.

Council asked if the Vac Trailer has been called about yet. Council wants Bruce DeWees III to call the company and get a date set to get it looked at. Also, a Town employee is to take the Boss Plow sitting at the Water Plant to Wright Way and see what it needs to get it fixed.

It is believed that the small red dump truck needs a new carburetor. Discussion followed. Daniel Blankenship stated that Chief Newby and himself could replace it. Daniel Blankenship made a motion to

approve up to \$500.00 for a carburetor. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Brad Parks went over his monthly report for the Water Department. Lowe's Heating and Cooling can fix the furnace in the water garage for up to \$800.00. Roger Wells made a motion to approve Lowe's Heating and Cooling up to \$800.00. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Jeff Fish went over his monthly report for the Council. Mr. Fish mentioned to the Council about getting water training books for an upcoming class that Brad Parks and Eric Smith will be taking. Also, there are several good classes that Sacramento offers for \$50.00 per class. He thinks Brad and Eric would learn a lot from them. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the purchase of the water books and to pay \$50.00 per class for Brad Parks and Eric Smith. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Mr. Fish said only two Lead and Copper results have been mailed out. He would like Travis Hunt to ask IDEM about doing it once a year instead of three times a year. Council gave the permission to have Travis Hunt ask IDEM.

Travis Hunt asked if we could purchase Microsoft Office for the apprentice laptop. Teresa Welsh made a motion to purchase pending talk with the IT Department. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Mr. Hunt stated that everything is going well with Westrock releasing to the Sewage Plant.

Mr. Hunt stated that the SO2 System is being installed now.

Mr. Hunt said that Bruce DeWees III received permission from the apprenticeship to do weekend duty. DeWees is allowed to drive the sewage truck home. They want to make sure he can lock all the doors on the vehicle.

Derek Mitchell asked if Eaton Baseball Softball Association can have use of the Diamond 1 at Danny Howard Park for 2022 Season. He also wanted to know about removing the brush line by the batting cage. Discussion followed. Daniel Blankenship made a motion to allow them to remove the brush line on Town property by the batting cage at Danny Howard Park. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried. Daniel Blankenship made a motion to approve the use of Diamond 1 at Danny Howard Park for the 2022 Season. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Jeff Fish asked the Council about the 2022 Operators Assistance Contract. It is going from \$1,000.00 for 2021 to \$1,600.00 for 2022. Discussion followed. Daniel Blankenship made a motion to approve the contract for Commonwealth Operator Assistance for 2022. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Jeff Fish asked where we are on the easements for the water project. Clerk presented a list of the easements not done. Council will divide them up after the meeting to help.

Council looked over the Animal Ordinance that the lawyer drew up. Teresa Welsh had some questions about chickens. Discussion followed. Teresa Welsh made a motion to table the Animal Ordinance. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Clerk presented the Council with the year end department transfers. Dustin Reese made a motion to approve the 2021-year end department transfers. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Dustin Reese thinks that the Town should not have the same lawyer as the County. Discussion followed. Roger Wells is to contact the Town Attorney about 104 E. Harris Street eviction notice. Discussion followed.

Teresa Welsh made a motion to nominate Daniel Blankenship as Council President. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Clay McDaniel nominated Roger Wells as Council Vice-President. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

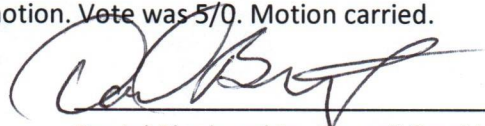
Clay McDaniel made a motion to approve the claim docket. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Newby asked about bettering the Towns Employee Retirement. Discussion followed. Roger Wells is going to investigate it for them.

Roger Wells made a motion to approve the additional claims not on the claim docket. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Teresa Welsh asked if we are all done with approving the Solar Park Ordinance. Discussion followed. Yes, it was completed last month.

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



Daniel Blankenship, Council President

3/08/2022

Attest:

Bridgett S. DeWees

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