

Town of Eaton  
February 8, 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 Blankenship called the meeting to order.

Travis Hunt Water and Wastewater Operator. Stated that Westrock has stopped sending sewage to the Wastewater Plant. The plant had no major issues.

Mr. Hunt let the Council know there was a Water Plant Inspection done. There was some missing paperwork that Hunt and Parks will get and send it to the Inspector.

Brad Parks the Water Operator in training stated that Peerless Midwest did the inspections on the wells. They are worried about Wells #5's Pump. It is used all the time and showing signs of wear.

Roger Wells asked about the vacuum trailer. Mr. Hunt stated that he called and set a date and time to meet the company. The company didn't show up.

Mr. Hunt presented the Council with a quote from Gripp Incorporated for the Flow meter and rain gauge in the amount of \$15,212.00. This is to update the system. The current system can't get parts to fix it anymore. The \$15,212.00 quote doesn't include cellular connection or one year data hosting service. That total is \$17,562.00. Discussion followed. Teresa Welsh made a motion to approve the Gripp Incorporated quote for \$17,562.00. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Mr. Hunt presented a quote from Culy Contracting for \$97,564.00. This is to install a stormwater line from Franklin Street to almost Babb Road. There was also an additional quote from Culy Contracting for \$101,598.00 to install or repair stormwater lines. Discussion followed. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the Proposal #1,2,4 and 5 totaling \$41,550.00. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried. Dustin Reese made a motion to table the Culy Contractor quote for \$97,564.00 for the stormwater line running from Franklin Street to almost Babb Road.

Brad Parks the Water Operator Trainee stated that the heater at the water department and the street department have been fixed. He has also received his water training books.

Jeff Fish with Commonwealth Engineers stated that he sent the Clerk the information to enter for the Significant Water Withdrawal Report to DNR for 2021. It is due by March 1. Mr. Fish discussed what is needed for the Water Sanitary Report.

Mr. Parks presented the Council with a receipt for a monitor he bought. He would like the Council to reimburse him for the monitor since one is needed at the Water Plant. Daniel Blankenship made a

motion to reimburse Brad Parks \$99.99 for the monitor for the Water Plant. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Dustin Reese stated that the water leak at Harris and Hartford Steet (old Video Store) is fixed.

Police Chief Turner stated that Officers Liggett and Storie passed the K-9 Court Training. He hired five new reserve officers.

Chief Turner stated that the Police Department was awarded a \$5,000.00 Grant from Subaru for eight new reserve vests.

Chief Turner would like to purchase five Byrna non-lethal pepper ball guns for \$299.00 each. Discussion followed. Teresa Welsh made a motion to approve the purchase of five Byrna non-lethal pepper ball guns for \$299.00 each totaling \$1,495.00. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Chief Turner also received a grant from the Ball Brothers Foundation for \$5,000.00 to purchase a Drug Terminator for \$5,440.00. Discussion followed. Roger Wells made a motion to purchase the Drug Terminator for \$5,440.00 using the Ball Brothers Grant and the Town paying the difference of \$440.00. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Chief Turner asked the Council to purchase \$3,448.00 worth of ammo from C4SEM Enterprises. Roger Wells made the motion to purchase \$3,448.00 of ammo from C4SEM Enterprises. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Indiana Michigan Power sent a contract to the Town allowing them to upgrade the Town street lights to LED. Dustin Reese made a motion to sign the contract. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Chief Newby presented some quotes to the Council for an additional street truck to use for salting, plowing, and dumping. Discussion followed. Chief Newby to keep looking and get with the Council ASAP when he finds something.

Derek Mitchell asked if the Council could have all the employees mark the completed Ziptility work orders complete. They are doing some and not recording the appropriate readings at the time that others must do more work to get it. We also can't tell if meters have been turned on or off like they should be because they are not completing the work orders.

Clerk wanted the Council to know that Brad Parks has 107.02 hours of compensation time.

Clerk asked about changing the Sewage Apprentices hours back to the 7:30am to 4pm. Discussion followed. Teresa Welsh made a motion to leave the hours 9am to 5pm. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried. Clerk brought up safety concerns of new employees working at



the wastewater plant alone. Discussion followed. Mr. Hunt is to investigate getting safety harness for the wastewater plant.

Council was presented with a pay voucher for Atlas Excavating in the amount of \$11,425.00. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the pay application for Atlas Excavating in the amount of \$11,425.00. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Roger Wells made a motion to approve the December Water Operator Assistance invoice for \$1,000.00. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Council was presented with a complaint about all the ducks located on Plum Street. Discussion followed. Roger Wells made a motion to table animal control. Council needs to investigate zoning. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

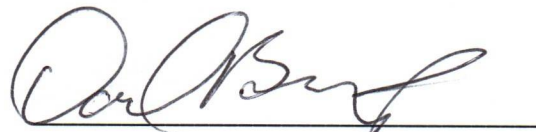
Clerk presented a quote from Leap Managed IT for a refurbished computer tower for the office drive thru in the amount of \$587.49. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Mike Foster with Eaton EMTs presented the Council with two invoices from Stryker Sales, LLC for a Lucas (automated chest compressor) with a three year prevent onsite maintenance agreement for \$18,876.70. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the two invoices for Stryker Sales, LLC in the amount of \$18,876.70 from the ARP Funds. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Clerk asked about maybe purchasing some Covid-19 tests so the Town wouldn't keep bothering the Eaton EMTs. This should save some money on employee testing. Discussion followed. Roger Wells made a motion to purchase up to \$500.00 worth of Covid-19 tests. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

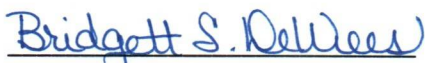
Clay McDaniel made a motion to sign the claim docket. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

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



Daniel Blankenship, Council President  
3/08/2022

Attest:



Bridgett S. DeWees, Clerk-Treasurer  
3/08/2022