

Town of Eaton
December 14, 2021
Regular Meeting

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

President Daniel Blankenship called the meeting to order.

Roger Wells made a motion to approve the minutes for the November 9 ,2021 Regular Meeting. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Police Chief Turner explained to the Council why he pulled all his Officers from working as resource officers at Muncie City Schools.

Chief Turner asked for a vacation 12/27-12/31/21. Teresa Welsh made a motion to approve Chief Turners vacation 12/27-12/31/21. Clay seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Chief Turner would like to send officers Liggett and Storie to Canine Dog training. They will not be staying overnight. Clay McDaniel made a motion to approve Officers Liggett and Storie attending the training. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Chief Turner stated that Jaime Burris has resigned from the department effective immediately.

Chief Turner presented the Council with a Quote from Leap Managed IT to replace two computers in their office and purchase a faster DVD/CD burner for \$3,381.19. If possible, he would like it to come out of this year's budget. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the quote from Leap Managed IT for \$3,381.19. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Travis Hunt, Wastewater Operator said that most of the parts for the SO2 have showed up. He is going to get with the contractors to get it installed.

Hunt informed the Council that the IDEM Water Violation Letters to the residents went out today. Discussion followed.

Hunt introduced Bruce DeWees III as the new Wastewater Apprentice.

Hunt would like to purchase boots again with his clothing allowance. He would like to be reimbursed before the next Council meeting. Roger Wells made a motion to approve reimbursing Travis Hunt for boots he has purchased up to \$200.00 with the receipt. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Brad Parks, Water Trainee told the Council he is learning a lot and so far, everything is going well. He presented the Council with quotes to install a heater in the water Department Garage. Conatser Heating & Cooling 100,000BTU \$2,495.00 or 75,000BTU \$2,248.00. Lowe's Heating and Cooling 75,000BtU \$2,329.05 and Mike King Heating and Cooling 75,000BTU \$2,792.00. Discussion followed. Council wants Brad to get prices and install the heater his self.

Parks also asked about getting reimbursed for his wadders in the amount of \$79.99. Roger Wells made a motion to reimburse Parks for \$79.99. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Jeff Fish, Commonwealth Engineers said he sent out an email on November 19 to Travis and the Clerk forwarded it to the Council and he received no response from Travis. Discussion followed. He also went over his month report.

Fire Chief Newby joined by phone. He is in quarantine. Chief Newby presented the Council with a quote from Fire Service, Inc to replace some equipment for \$14,400.00. Roger Wells made a motion to purchase the two pieces of equipment from Fire service, Inc. for \$14,400.00. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Chief Newby would also like to purchase five helmets from 5Alarm for \$329.00 each. Roger Wells made a motion to approve \$1,645.00 to purchase five helmets from 5Alarm. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Chief Newby presented the Council with a quote from 5Alarm for turn out gear, \$2,513.00 for one set. He would like to purchase three sets. He also had a quote from Alexis Fire Equipment co. for one set of gear in the amount of \$2,749.00. He wants to try out the Alexis gear. Roger Wells made a motion to approve purchasing three sets of gear from 5Alarm in the amount of \$7,539.00 and one set of gear from Alexis Fire Equipment in the amount of \$2,749.00. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Chief Newby went over the change order for the new fire truck. Discussion followed. With changes and credits applied the truck now sits at \$641,000.00. Teresa Welsh made a motion to sign the change order. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Hunt presented the Council with a quote for the new sewage truck. Discussion followed. Plows are at least six to eight weeks out. He would like to wait until the truck is broken in. Clay McDaniel made a motion to wait until the summer to get quotes again. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer DeWees asked the Council when Joe Ratliff's last official day was. Discussion followed. We do not have his keys back and Cintas said they are missing clothing. He also still has a time sheet he needs to sign. Council wants Brad to get with Joe and get these things.

Chief Turner thanked Eaton Baseball and Softball for the donation to their toy drive.

Rachel with Commonwealth said they are getting the IDEM Report for the Wastewater project ready. She submitted pay application #27 for Atlas Excavating in the amount of \$11,677.00. Roger Wells made a motion to approve pay application #27 for Atlas excavating in the amount of \$11,677.00. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Rachel gave an update on the Water Project. They have received the comments back from USDA after submitting to them and are going over them. She asked where we are at on easements Bridgett said she believes there are about 20 left and some that the lawyer will need to do. She stated we need to push to get them done.

Daniel Blankenship did the second Solar Ordinance 2021-11-14 reading by title. Teresa Welsh made a motion to adopt the Solar Ordinance 2021-11-14. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Clerk told the Council she has no paperwork that the Lead and Copper IDEM Violation Letter has been taken care of. Hunt is to get a letter from IDEM saying that this has been taken care of. The letters for the TTHM Violation Letter from IDEM were sent out today.

Debbie Webb with Ball State PBS Now entering... Eaton. Presented the Council with a sponsorship packet for the Video. Discussion followed. She stated that as of now the Live airing and pledge show will be February 10, 2022, at 8pm. Discussion followed. Roger Wells made a motion to sponsor for \$1,495.00. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried. Council agreed that it is ok for Clerk to sign the agreement.

Council was presented with a quote for \$18,260.00 from Midwest Meters for updated software and a new reader tablet. Problem is they no longer make the meters we are using, and the new meters do not run or read off the old reader. Discussion followed. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the \$18,260.00 from Midwest Meters Inc.. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Daniel Blankenship read the Ward Redistricting Ordinance 2021-12-16 by title for the first reading. There was not enough change in population to require the Town to redistrict the wards. There are no changes to be made.

Delinda Cooper was not present at the meeting. Derek Mitchell went over what she had said to him on the phone about semis on her road. Discussion followed. Eric Smith is to investigate more visible signs for truck route.

Travis Hunt asked the Council if his one-week vacation can be paid out. He doesn't have the time to take it this year. Teresa Welsh made a motion to pay out one week's vacation to Travis Hunt. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Eric Smith would like to take his vacation from 12/20-12/28/21. Teresa Welsh made a motion to approve Smith's vacation. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Daniel Blankenship read Salary Ordinance Amendment 2021-12-18 and 2021-12-17.

Clay McDaniel made a motion to suspend the rules. Roger Wells Seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motioned carried.

Daniel Blankenship read the Ordinances by title for the seconded reading. Roger Wells made a motion to pass Ordinance 2021-12-17. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Roger Wells made a motion to pass Ordinance 2021-12-18. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Roger Wells made a motion to unsuspend the rules. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Clay McDaniel made a motion to approve the claim docket. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Daniel Blankenship made a motion to approve the invoices from Brooke-Stevens, PC for \$943.00. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Roger Wells made a motion to approve the invoice from Johnson Towing and Recover for \$137.18 for a new battery. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Roger Wells made a motion to approve the invoice from Eaton EMT's for \$400.00 for Covid19 testing on Fire Fighters. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

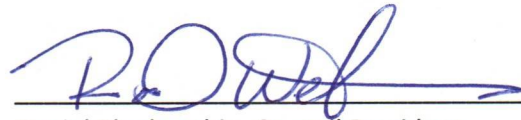
Roger Wells went over the Sewage Truck quote. He said the quote has the wrong bed size it is too small. The increase is \$4,396.00 for the correct bed size. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the change. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Roger Wells made a motion to pay the invoice from Sinclair Recreation, LLC for \$1,237.88 for the exit section of the slide. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Teresa Welsh made a motion to approve Essential Workers pay of \$1,000.00 for 2021. This excludes the two new hires. Roger Wells Seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Hunt was asked if the Vac Truck is working again. He said no he will get with the company to get it fixed.

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 4/0. Motion carried.



~~Daniel Blankenship, Council President~~

12/31/2021

Roger Wells, ~~Blankenship~~ Council Vice-President

Attest:



Bridgett S. DeWees

12/31/2021