

Town of Eaton
March 8, 2022
Regular Meeting

The Eaton Town Council met in a regular meeting. In attendance are Daniel Blankenship, Roger Wells, Teresa Welsh, and Dustin Reese. Clay McDaniel is not present.

President Daniel Blankenship called the meeting to order.

Teresa Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes for the January 11, regular meeting, February 8. Regular meeting and February 24. 2022 special meeting. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Police Chief Turner stated that they have received the Drug Terminator and the five pepper ball guns they had ordered.

Police Chief Turner also stated that he issued a notice of no trespassing on 104 e. Harris Street and the Delaware County Health Department tagged it as inhabitable.

The Police Department also made four arrests on the drive by shooting.

Fire Chief Newby said they need new hoses. He received a Ball Park quote for eight sections of hoses for \$11,540.00. Roger Wells made a motion to allow up to \$15,000.00 to purchase eight new hoses. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Newby stated that almost all the streetlights have been replaced in Town.

Eric Smith would like permission to get quotes for a compactor to help with putting down cold patch. Council said he doesn't have to ask to be allowed to just get quotes. So, he is getting them. Eric Smith was reminded to wear his safety vest when working in the roads.

Brad Parks and Eric Smith both started school for Water today.

Brad Parks also let the board know that the water leaks at Center/South and Romy/Bosman have been fixed.

Eric Smith was to get info to get the Vac Trailer fixed.

Jeff Fish with Commonwealth Engineers went over his monthly report.

Mr. Fish stated that the 2020 and 2021 Significant Water Withdrawal Reports are both done.

Brad Parks is to get quotes to replace the motor at Well #2.

Brad Parks also let the Council know that he has received some of the parts he has ordered for repairs. Quite a bit of it is on back order.

Fire Chief Newby needs to schedule six fire fighters for EMR Classes. They are \$50.00 a person.

Derek Mitchell stated that EBSA would like to have their Opening Day Parade down Harris Street on April 23rd. Daniel Blankenship made a motion to approve the parade on April 23rd. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Brad Bookout, Director of Municipal & Economic Affairs Delaware County, Indiana ECI Regional Planning District, and Phil and Janet Reber owners of Merit Tool & MFG, Inc. have presented the Council with a tax abatement forms. Discussion followed. The Council would like the public Hearing to be set for April 12 at 6pm. Dustin Reese made a motion to approve the public hearing for April 12. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Jeff Fish with Commonwealth stated that wastewater Project Division B- Atlas Excavating is complete

Mr. Fish stated that the water Project is still waiting on easements, and they are answering questions from USDA about Peerless Midwest being the sole source for several things in that project. Discussion followed.

Council discussed the Animal ordinance from the Town Lawyer. Teresa Welsh would like to have a limited number of poultry in a Residential Zones. Discussion followed. Council would like to add the definition of domestic and livestock animals and to limit the number of poultry to sixteen on a residential lot. They would also like no split hooved animals on residential lots and add the definition of exotic animals to the ordinance. Dustin Reese made a motion to table the Animal Control Ordinance.

Council discussed the complaint they received about the very large number of ducks at 518 N. Center Street. Discussion followed. It is believed that they are selling the ducks in a residential zone. Daniel Blankenship made a motion to have the Police inform 518 N. Center Street that all but sixteen ducks need to be removed from the property within thirty days. If not removed there will be a \$500.00 fine for each day after the thirty days that the ducks are still there. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Daniel Blankenship Council President made the following appointments for 2022.

Fire Department Teresa Welsh
Water Department Roger Wells
Sewage Department Daniel Blankenship
Police Department Roger Wells
Street Department Clay McDaniel

Council was presented with a quote for a 2019 F550 Dump Truck for \$72,099.00. Dustin Reese made a motion to purchase the vehicle. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Eric Smith would like to take his vacation March 21-25. Daniel Blankenship made a motion to approve Smiths vacation. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Council discussed what they would like to do with 104 E Harris Street. Roger Wells made a motion to start bidding process with a minimum bid of \$850.00. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried. Bids are due by May Council Meeting. Council would like Fire Chief Newby and Eric Smith to get the building secure.

Council discussed 106 E Harris Street. Roger Wells made a motion to accept 106 E Harris Street when it becomes available from the County. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer DeWees stated that the toilets are running at the office. She can't use the shut of on the toilets to turn water off. Daniel Blankenship made a motion to get new toilet shut offs installed and toilet guts replaced. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

The response for the Water Plant Inspection was discussed. Travis Hunt was messaged to get it done ASAP.

Daniel Blankenship made a motion that the Clerk is no longer allowed to change timecards for the employees. Teresa Welsh discussed special circumstances that would need to be corrected by the Clerk. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Dustin Reese made a motion to not allow employees to work from home. Daniel Blankenship seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Moton carried.

Daniel Blankenship made a motion that all Street, Sewer, and Water Employees start time is 7:30 AM Monday thru Friday. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Roger Wells wants the Town to have access to cameras at the Water and Sewage Department not just the two employees. Roger Wells made a motion to get the Town an account for access as well. Daniel Blankenship seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Moton carried.

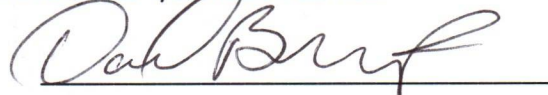
Teresa Welsh made a motion to sign the claim docket. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Newby asked about hiring another employee. Discussion followed. Council stated not at this time. Eric Smith informed the Council about a maintenance log that he has for the vehicles. If the Council is going to hire another employee, the current employees would like them to be a mechanic. Discussion followed.

Daniel Blankenship discussed getting a Certified Water Operator. Michelle St. John is not available to take on another plant. He had a meeting with Jimmie Marcum. He is going to let us know if he is available and his cost.

Council and Employees discussed maintenance on Town vehicles and equipment.

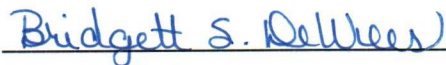
There being no further business to be brought before the Council at this time Teresa Welsh made a motion to adjourn. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.



Daniel Blankenship, Council President

4/12/2022

Attest:



Bridgett S. DeWees

4/12/2022