

Town of Eaton
April 12, 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.

Roger Wells made a motion to approve the march 8, 2022 Regular Meeting. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Council was presented with the loan bids for the new 2022 Rosenbauer Pumper Truck.

Key Bank – 7 years 3.42% Rate

First Internet Bank – 10 years 3.13%

US Bank – 12 years 3.49%

Republic First National – 15 years 3.57%

Discussion followed. Teresa Welsh made a motion to approve the loan thru Republic First National for 15 years and to us an additional \$50,000.00 from the ARP Funds for additional down payment. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Newby stated to the Council that Volunteer Fire Fighters Rooster is down. Please get the word out that they are taking applications again.

Chief Newby informed the Council That Morgan Wells applied to the Ball Brothers Foundation Grant Program again and received 5,000.00.

Travis Hunt stated that the clarifier motor is going to be \$533.00 from BBC. Discussion followed. He and Bruce DeWees III can install it. Teresa Welsh made a motion to purchase the motor from BBC for \$533.00. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Travis Hunt stated he has the Geo Bags in and running.

Travis stated that WestRock has been discharging and it has messed with the plant a little bit. He plans to do some research before WestRock discharges again.

Roger Wells asked Travis Hunt how low the Water Tower got when we had issues with the pump at the well five. Travis Hunt said 15 feet. They have a new motor installed and it is now running. The fuses that were ordered are ready for pick up.

Travis Hunt also stated that Peerless has installed the loaner motor. That makes three Wells up and running.

Brad Parks said the Vac Truck is up and running. The company is going to come back to do some training on it.

Brad Parks also stated that the torches have been returned to the Town.

Brad Parks stated that Matt Kingrey with Midwest Meters is going to make a visit and show him how to reset the tampers on the water meters.

Brad Parks also stated that he needs to get some paint and new bolts for the Water Plant pipes. Discussion followed.

Travis Hunt mentioned sand blasting the pipes in the Water Plant. Discussion followed. He was told to get quotes.

Roger Wells asked the employees if we are missing anymore tools. They said not that they know of. Daniel Blankenship wants a sign out sheet for tools and wants a cage installed in the street barn to keep the tools until signed out at the street barn.

Jeff Fish with Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. went over his month update for the Water Department. He stated that the Towns water demand is very high compared to past usage. Discussion followed. Alliance came out and did a leak detection thru Town and couldn't find any significant leaks.

Jeff Fish mentioned the CCR Report is coming due. Discussion followed. Mr. Fish brought up the additional testing IDEM wants done for Lead and Copper. He thinks Travis Hunt should call IDEM and talk to IDEM to see about getting that decision reversed. Daniel Blankenship wants Travis Hunt to do so.

Travis Hunt brought up WestRock installing a line under the road for when they drain to the ponds. Discussion followed. The road will be closed April 20-24.

Council was presented a quote from Leap Managed IT for a new computer and monitor for the Water Plant for \$1,627.40. Daniel Blankenship made a motion to approve the quote from Leap Managed IT for \$1,627.40. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Travis Hunt did not clock out for the day on April 11. He would like permission for the Clerk to change his time to 4:30pm. Daniel Blankenship made a motion to allow the change to Travis Hunts timecard. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Derek Mitchell presented quotes from EBSA to remove the old concession stand.

JAShroyer \$3,500.00

Kesler Excavating, LLC \$3,900.00

Burns Construction \$10,000.00

Daniel Blankenship made a motion to approve the quote from \$3,500.00 to be paid from the ARP Funds. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried. Derek Mitchell was asked to get a quote from JAShroyer to remove the old bathrooms as well, while they are there.

Jeff Fish said the Water Project is still waiting on the easements. Commonwealth has answered questions from DNR and are waiting on an answer from USDA about the remaining easements. Discussion followed.

Daniel Blankenship introduced Ordinance 2022-04-03 Animal Control. It was read by title only.

Alan Holdren with Blood N Fire wanted to talk to the Council about helping with the Food Pantries. If we interested, we needed to get ahold of Bob Ball. Daniel Blankenship wants Clay McDaniel and Bridgett DeWees to work on this.

Daniel Blankenship made a motion to introduce Ordinance 2022-4-2 Police Donation Fund. Roger Wells made a motion to introduce Ordinance 2022-04-02 Police Donation Fund. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Westrock building permit. Daniel Blankenship made a motion to table until we have the drawing for the next meeting. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Brenda Brumley wasn't present for the meeting. Clerk explained to Council what the lawyer has the procedure for vacating an alley. Discussion followed. Daniel Blankenship will let her know.

Council was presented with quotes for repairs to 108 E. Harris Street. Project is to demo and relay masonry on the Northeast corner of the building.

Alliance Masonry & Restoration Inc. \$17,870.00

S.A. Boyce Corp. \$42,650.00

Toombs Masonry LLP \$13,000.00

Discussion followed. Teresa Welsh made a motion to approve the quote from Alliance Masonry & Restoration Inc. for \$17,870.00 with no payment upfront and proof of insurance provided. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Dustin Reese opposed. Vote was 4/1. Motion carried.

Roger Wells made a motion to introduce Ordinance 2022-04-04 ARP Funds. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried. Daniel Blankenship read Ordinance 2022-04-04 by title only.

Clerk Bridgett DeWees gave her recommendations for Utility Assistance through the ARP Fund.

Council wants Chief Newby to get more quotes for additional work that is needed on 108 E. Harris Street.

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

Derek Mitchell as a resident asked the Council if they are still going to reimburse him for the faucets he had to replace. Due to ongoing water issues at his resident. Discussion followed. Daniel Blankenship

made a motion to table until the next meeting. He wants to make see if the filter Mr. Mitchell installed for his house is working. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Derek Mitchell asked the Council for Alliance Softball to have permission to use Diamond 1 for a Softball Tournament. Teresa Welsh made a motion to approve the tournament. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Dustin Reese presented the Council with a quote from Anthony Harding for vehicle decals for \$240.00. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the quote from Anthony Harding for \$240.00. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Dustin Reese abstained. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Dustin Reese presented the Council with quotes for vehicle GPS Tracking and maintenance assistance.

Verizon 6 vehicles \$114.00/month.

Clearpath GPS 6 vehicles \$150.00/month.

Discussion followed. Dustin Reese made a motion to approve the Verizon Wireless quote. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Daniel Blankenship asked about Brad Parks wages. He thought he should be making \$36,000.00. Clerk DeWees is to investigate and let Daniel Blankenship know.

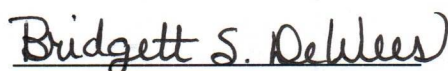
Roger Wells asked about all the locates that are still open. Discussion followed. Roger Wells wants the open ticket report presented at each Council meeting.

Bruce DeWees III would like to take a vacation October 4-13. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the vacation. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Teresa Welsh wants to know why we haven't gotten the employees their own gas cards. Discussion followed. Travis Hunt is to get quotes to switch the off-road diesel tank to on road. Also, get a quote for regular gas and diesel tanks.

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

Attest:



Bridgett S. DeWees, Clerk-Treasurer
5/10/2022



Daniel Blankenship, Council President
5/10/2022