

Town of Eaton
May 10,2022
Regular Meeting

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

President Blankenship called the meeting to order.

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

President Blankenship called the Public Hearing to order.

Brad Bookout, Director of Municipal & Economic Affairs for Delaware County, Indiana ECI Regional Planning District went over the abatement presented for Merit Tool & Mfg., Inc. They are wanting to purchase a new piece of equipment for \$99,995.00. They will employ two new employees for this piece of equipment. They are asking for a five (5) year tax abatement.

Audience was asked if they have any questions. There was none.

Roger Wells made a motion to close the Public Hearing and to return to the regular meeting. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Roger Wells made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-05-05 declaring an area within the Town of Eaton, Indiana as an Economic Revitalization Area and Resolution 2022-05-06 approving deduction of assessed value of personal property in an already declared Economic Revitalization Area. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Roger Wells made a motion to approve the minutes for the April 12,2022 regular meeting. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Jeff Fish with Commonwealth Engineers went over his monthly report. He went over the power and communication issues with Well 5 again. Discussion followed. He also wants Travis Hunt to reach out to IDEM and see if they can wave the additional testing for Lead and Copper. As far as he can tell this has not been done yet. He also went over water production vs water billed. He has talked to a couple companies about pricing for leak detection. Discussion followed. He also reminded the Council the Travis Hunt only has three weeks left to pass the water certification tests. Discussion followed. He also reminded the Council that 2021 CCR's are due out by July 1.

Police Chief Turner read a letter from a resident thanking Officer Storie for his compassion towards her and her addiction. She is now clean and working with Police to help addicts. Officer Storie will be receiving the Red, White and Blue Award. Officer Storie was applauded by those in attendance.

Chief Turner presented a bill from Adam's Auto Repair for 2014 Charger for an oil change \$81.93.

Chief Turner presented two invoices from Street Cop Training for two Officers attending Indiana case law training. It is \$175.00 each. Teresa Welsh made a motion to send the two Officers. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

2010 Charger needs repairs done. Fuqua Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram quoted \$879.00 to replace the WIN Module. Clay McDaniel made a motion to do the repairs. Roger Wells Seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

2016 Durango needs repairs in the amount of \$1,238.00. The one ordered at the end of last year still doesn't have a delivery date. Andy Mohr Ford Lincoln Inc. has a 2022 Interceptor for \$54,183.75. They would take the 2014 Charger and 2016 Durango in trade for \$14,800.00 for end total of \$38,383.75. Roger Wells made a motion to purchase the 2022 Ford Intercept from Andy Mohr Ford Lincoln Inc. and trade in 2014 Charger and 2016 Durango. Once the additional appropriations are done. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried. Discussion followed. Chief Turner is to let Greg Hubler Ford Hyundai that we are cancelling the vehicle order from December.

Chief Turner also talked to the Council about the increase on the monthly Leap Managed IT bill. They are going to up the security on the devices. Roger Wells made a motion to increase the security. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Newby talked to the Council about getting the exit signs installed at the Town Office. Koorsen Fire was very high, and Murray Electric said they would do all three for \$750.00. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the quote from Murray Electric for \$750.00 to do the three exit signs in the Town Office. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Chief Newby stated he has not gotten the quotes for the additional work needed on 108 E. Harris Street.

Chief Newby stated that fire calls are over 200 for the year so far. He really needs more volunteers. He is asking the Council to help figure out the solution. Discussion followed.

Daniel Blankenship and Bridgett DeWees went over a few changes for the Water Project made by USDA. Roger Wells is going to talk with Tyler Cooper about his easement and the Council wants the Town Lawyer to talk with John Woolum about the easement from him.

Danny Blankenship would like to have a Big Ball Little Ball Tournament at Diamond 1 on June 25th. Teresa Welsh made a motion to allow access at Diamond 1 for the tournament. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Jeff Fish and Bridgett Dewees went over the Water Project and where we are at with the easements. Discussion followed. Council was presented with a zero-cost amendment to move funds from Construction to "Easement Assistance", Amendment #3. Roger Wells made a motion to approve amendment #3. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Daniel Blankenship read Ordinance #2022-04-03 Animal Control by title only. There being no questions from the audience Teresa Welsh made a motion to approve Ordinance #2022-04-03 Animal Control. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Daniel Blankenship read Ordinance #2022-04-02 Police Donation Fund by title only. There being no questions from the audience Clay McDaniel made a motion to approve Ordinance #2022-04-02 Police Donation Fund. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Daniel Blankenship read Ordinance #2022-04-04 ARP Fund by title only. There being no questions from the audience Roger Wells made a motion to approve Ordinance #2022-04-04 ARP Fund. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Westrock , 800 S. Romy Street has presented the Council with a building permit for an additional metal building. Discussion followed. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the permit for Westrock. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Derek Mitchell told the Council that he currently has no shower and faucets are back to barely working again. He went over the timeline for when he believed the issues began. It started after a hole was drilled into the water line by the water Plant. He has spent \$900.00 in faucets and filters to get the issue to stop. Discussion followed. Clay McDaniel made a motion to approve up to \$900.00 for the faucets with receipts. Jeff Fish is to go to Mr. Mitchell's house and check things out. After this happens Mr. Mitchell is to get in contact with a plumber. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Daniel Blankenship opened the only bid presented for the purchase of 104 E. Harris Street. Rebecca Garringer bid \$950.00. Daniel Blankenship made a motion to accept the bid from Mrs. Garringer for \$950.00. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Eric Smith discussed the building permit for David Talbott at 605 N Hartford Street for a shed. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the permit for David Talbott at 605 N. Hartford Street. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Lillie Olivotti asked what could be done with 411 E. South Street. It is an eye sore and a health issue. Discussion followed. Roger Wells is to get with Brad Bookout and talk about getting ownership of the property and some other abandoned properties in Town. Chief Turner is to check State blight laws.

Robert Ireland told the Council he was interested in getting the two vehicles that are not running or able to be used by the Town. Daniel Blankenship stated that the vehicles are worth less than \$250.00 each. Discussion followed. Daniel Blankenship made a motion to allow Mr. Ireland to purchase both vehicles for \$1.00 each if he removed and left both the beds for the Town to keep. Roger Wells Seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Devin Townsend came to discuss the issue of the ducks on his property. He wants to eventually have a hobby farm. He went over his plans with the Council. Discussion followed. When he was served with the

violation notice he only had forty- seven (47) ducks. He currently only has eighteen (18). He is not starting a farm.

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

Mr. Ireland asked about hooking up to the Town Storm System for the drainage issue on his property. Discussion followed. Council directed him to reach out to Travis Hunt.

Teresa Welsh asked what the process is after we cite a property for a nuisance. The Town would spend the money to correct the issue and either file a lien on the property or sue the owner. Discussion followed.

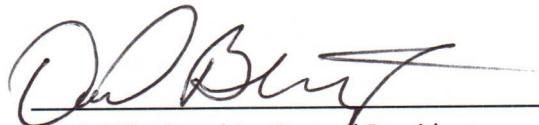
Daniel Blankenship announced that the Town was recently awarded by ACEC Indiana a State Finalist Award for Engineering of the Town of Eaton Emergency Water Line Relocation Project.

There being no further business to be brought before the Council at this time Roger Wells made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Attest:



Derek Mitchell, Utility-Clerk
6/14/2022



Daniel Blankenship, Council President
6/14/2022