

Town of Eaton
July 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 Daniel Blankenship called the meeting to order.

Dustin Reese made a motion to approve the minutes for the June 14, Public Hearing USDA CF Grant, June 14, 2022 Public Hearing for additional Appropriations, and June 14, 2022 Regular Meeting. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Police Deputy Chief Liggett presented the Council with a quote for the Department website for \$324.00 through Wix. Discussion followed. Council discussed using our current site that we already pay for. Deputy Chief Liggett is to speak with Chief Turner.

Deputy Chief Liggett talked about the circus coming Monday August 8, 2022. The proceeds will go to the K9 Fund.

Deputy Chief Liggett asked about using an online fundraiser that will make, ship, and collect the money for the shirts and sweatshirts for the K9 Department. It will be a lot easier for them. Teresa Welsh made a motion to approve using the online fundraiser. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Deputy Chief Liggett presented the Council with a bill from Fuqua CDJR for \$200.00. the 2014 Charger needed the radiator replaced and ball joints. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the invoice. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Deputy Chief Liggett talked to the Council about the Grant he received from SIA Foundation to purchase vests. The amount for five vests is \$4,171.00. Teresa Welsh made a motion to approve the purchase of vests for \$4,717.00. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Daniel Blankenship asked about the reserves that need to be approved by the Council. Daniel Blankenship made a motion to approve Braxton McCain and Cody Schnurr as Reserve Officers. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Bruce DeWees III asked if he could take July 22nd off. Teresa Welsh made a motion to approve the day off. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Eric Smith let the Council know that all the signs have been ordered. He also stated that Peerless will be here 7/15 to do a pump test on Well 6.

Eric Smith also presented a contract from Morgan Wells to fix the paperwork filing issue at the water plant for \$12.00 per hour. Discussion followed. Teresa Welch made a motion to approve the contract with Morgan Wells for \$12.00. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Newby told the Council that Fire Truck #24 is only running on four cylinders. The parts needed to fix this have been ordered.

Chief Newby told the Council about the meeting Roger Wells, Bridgett DeWees and himself had with Scott Alexander. Mr. Alexander is going speak with the other County Council members and see if they can come up with any ideas for the shortage of Volunteer Fire Fighters in Eaton and the County.

Chief Newby talked about the shortage the Town has for volunteers. He presented them with a list of names and how many calls they make verses how many calls we have. Discussion followed.

Council was presented with a quote from Alliance Masonry & Restoration to fix the back door and windows at 108 E Harris Street for \$5,985.00. Discussion followed. Dustin Reese made a motion approve the quote from Alliance Masonry & Restoration for \$5,985.00. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried. Daniel Blankenship made a motion to pay Alliance Masonry & Restoration from EDIT Funds including the last approved quote for \$17,299.00. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Council was presented with a quote from Five Star Commercial Roofing for 108 E. Harris Street for \$14,500.00. Discussion followed. Clerk-Treasurer to find when Five Star did the roof last time. Eric Smith is to get with Culy Contracting to see about opening the drain in the floor also. Daniel Blankenship made a motion to table the quote. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Rachel Runge with Commonwealth Engineers ask the Council what they have decided on the easement for Coopers on 1000 N. Daniel Blankenship stated he is the only customer on that line and doesn't want to sign an easement to upgrade the water line in the road and install a fire hydrant across the road unless he is compensated. Daniel Blankenship made a motion to not replace that line and just hook the old line to the new one at Romy Street. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Rachel Runge went over the Water Loss Audit that is due to the State August 1. Discussion followed.

Delinda Martin stated that the residence at the Southwest corner of North Street and Meridian Street has a very bad cat problem. They are going into her yard and the neighbors. They are tearing it up and using the restroom. The bush line at the same residence is making it hard to see when turning onto Meridian Street from North Street. There is also a vehicle there that hasn't moved in years. Discussion followed. She is to get Chief Newby contact info for a Foundation that will spay and neuter cats and take any kittens. Newby will contact them. Deputy Chief Liggett will get an Ordinance from Muncie about Wild Cat Colonies.

Daniel Blankenship read Ordinance 2022-07-08 Amend Animal Control ordinance 2022-04-03 fees out loud. Discussion followed.

Council was presented with the Indiana Counties tax Refund Exchange and Compliance System (TRECS). This will allow the Town to hold Indiana tax refunds to past residents that owe utility bill. Dustin Reese made a motion to sign the memorandum. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Charter Communications has presented the Council with paperwork for an easement across from 215 Bosman to install a power supply cabinet for existing strand and cable. Discussion followed. Daniel Blankenship made a motion to approve the Right of way. Roger wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Council was presented with a IDEM Non-Compliance Letter for Wastewater not submitting two months' worth of reports. Council discussed when the reply letter is due. Daniel Blankenship is to get with Travis Hunt and Have the letter done before Monday.

Council discussed the Fire Contracts for 2023 for Union and Niles Townships. Roger Wells made a motion to not raise the contract amount from 2022. Discussion followed. Motion was rescinded. Roger Wells made a motion to increase the contracts by 3% for 2023. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Teresa Welsh made a motion to approve the building permit for Current at 305 S. Elm Street for a garage. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Roger Wells made a motion to us Doxo as a way for residents to use their checking account for free to pay their utility bills. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Council was presented with a contract renewal with Peterson Consulting for the Towns Assets. Renewal cost is \$2,750.00. Discussion followed. Dustin Reese made a motion to renew the Contract with Peterson Consulting for 2022 in the amount of \$2,750.00. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer asked about getting in contact with someone to fix the counter outlets in the Community center. Teresa Welsh made a motion to go ahead. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Waylon Wormer asked for a two-week extension on his utility bill for 314 N. Long Street. Clay McDaniel made a motion to approve the two-week extension on the utility bill for 314 N. Long Street. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Roger wells made a motion to sign the claim docket. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Council discussed hiring a new Certified Water Trainee. Dustin Reese made a motion to hire a Water Superintendent Trainee starting at \$40,000.00. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Council discussed hiring a Street Department/Utility Helper starting at \$35,000.00. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Dustin Reese made a motion to increase the Fire Chief/general Labor Salary from \$41,000.00 to \$45,000.00. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Dustin Reese made a motion to make a Work Supervisor position at \$5,000.00. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Clay McDaniel made a motion to appoint Eric Smith as the Work Supervisor. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

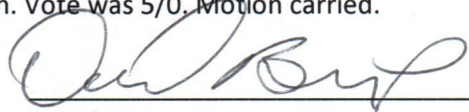
Roger Wells made a motion that the Work Supervisor position starts immediately. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Dustin Reese made a motion that all salary changes go into effect 7/11/22. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.


Clay McDaniel made a motion to adjourn. Motion was rescinded.

Daniel Blankenship asked Mrs. Garringer if she has any questions or concerns. She asked about the Economic Development Board. Roger Wells is going to stay in contact with her.

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


Daniel Blankenship, Council President
8/9/2022

Attest:


Bridgett S. DeWees
8/9/2022