

Town of Eaton
October 11, 2022
Regular Meeting

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

President Daniel Blankenship called the meeting to order.

Teresa Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes for the September 13 Executive meeting, and September 11 Regular meeting. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was ~~5~~₄/0. Motion carried.

Travis Hunt presented a quote from Culy Contracting for \$13,464.00 to repair the issue around 312 N. Elm Street. Discussion followed. Teresa Welsh made a motion to approve the Culy Contracting for \$13,464.00. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was ~~5~~₄/0. Motion carried.

Travis Hunt would like to take the Eaton Wastewater Apprentice to Gaston on Tuesdays and the Gaston Wastewater Apprentice would come to Eaton on Fridays. This will allow each Apprentice to get training on the different size plants. Mr. Hunt is to look into setting up tours of different size plants. Discussion followed.

Travis Hunt was asked about the ZEP quote. He stated that the quote was rather high, and they are looking into other companies.

Travis Hunt explained to the Council that a basketball was removed from the drainage pipe by the Water Plant. So far, the resident has said it is working wonderfully.

Travis Hunt stated to the Council that the work at Elm/Harris Street by Culy Contracting was under the pre-approved \$15,000.00.

Travis Hunt would like to try and take a day off a week to use his vacation time up. Discussion followed.

Daniel Blankenship stated that Mr. Hunt's one hundred twenty days (120) are up and he has not passed the second water test to be a Certified Water Operator. Discussion followed. Mr. Hunt was given until October 17 to pass the test.

David White stated that high service pump #4 has been pulled and inspected by Peerless. They replaced the starter. Quote is \$3,500.00 for electrical work and pulling the pump.

Jason Crabtree stated to the Council since he has been hired, he has laid out twenty-three (23) tons of cold mix on the Town's Streets. Council thanked him for his hard work.

Fire Chief Newby presented the Council with a contract from Fire House Grant for \$4,500.00 to apply for an AFG Grant for new hoses. If not approved the first year, they would resubmit every year until approved with no additional fee pending the actual approval. Then it would be an additional \$1,000.00. Discussion followed. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the Contract with Fire House Grants. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was $\frac{5}{4}$ /0. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Newby presented the Council with the City of Muncie Feral Cat Ordinance. Discussion followed. He would like the Council to go over the ordinance and bring ideas and changes to the next meeting.

Fire Chief Newby would like to rent a lift from A-1 Rental after Halloween to hang up the Christmas Lights and decorate the Library Tree for Home for Christmas. It costs \$220.00 a day. Discussion followed. Mike Murray said he would help fix any electrical problems at the poles as needed. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the rental of a lift. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was $\frac{5}{4}$ /0. Motion carried.

Police Chief Turner stated to the Council that Officer Liggett, Officer Storie and himself captured the armed robbery suspect from 69/Petro Station robbery.

Police Chief Turner presented the Council with an invoice from Midwest Radar & Equipment for \$287.00 for yearly recertification of radar guns.

Police Chief Turner presented the Council with a quote from Belle Tire for \$1,203.03 to replace rotors, struts and saw bar on the 2014 Charger. Teresa Welsh made a motion to approve the Belle Tire invoice for \$1,203.03. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was $\frac{5}{4}$ /0. Motion carried.

Rachel Runge with Commonwealth Engineers Inc. asked where we are with the remaining easements. Discussion followed. If not signed the remaining easements will be treated as prospective.

Rachel Runge stated that IDEM will not approve the Wellhead Protection Plan until they have the test results in hand. Mrs. Runge is going to get with IDEM to see if they have received them and when they will be releasing the Wellhead Protection Plan. Discussion followed. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the Commonwealth Engineers Inc. invoice for \$2,343.33. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was $\frac{5}{4}$ /0. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Newby and Clerk DeWees went over the upcoming The Great Pumpkin Bash. It will be October 30. Starting with a parade down Harris Street from Center to East Union. Parade will start at 4pm. Followed by the float and costume judging contests. Food and vendors will be 4pm-8pm. Music will be 5pm-8pm. Trunk or Treat will be 5pm-8pm. Roger Wells made a motion to close Harris Street from Center to East Union from 3pm-5pm for the parade. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was $\frac{5}{4}$ /0. Motion carried. Daniel Blankenship made a motion to allow the use of the Community Center for the Festival on October 30 for free. Roger seconded the motion. Vote was $\frac{5}{4}$ /0. Motion carried. Council was asked if they would be available to judge the floats and costumes. Discussion followed.

Mr. Caudill with Caudill's Mixed Martial Arts Academy would like to put a business sign up on the sign at the hi-way on Town property. Discussion followed. Mr. Caudill will make the sign and pay to have it installed. Mr. Caudill would also like to place a sign on an existing road sign at the intersection of Meridian/Indiana. Roger Wells made a motion to allow Mr. Caudill to place his business sign in the sign at the Wastewater Plant and attached a sign at the intersection of Meridian/Indiana. Teresa seconded the motion. Vote was $\frac{4}{5}/0$. Motion carried.

Mr. and Mrs. Sneed attended the meeting to ask why Town Employee Travis Hunt is talking about them and why he was at their home during a medical emergency. Discussion followed. The Council informed Mr. and Mrs. Sneed that Mr. Hunts vehicle GPS does not show him in the area. Our Wastewater Apprentice was there in the Town truck because he is a Volunteer Fire Fighter/First Responder. Discussion followed. Mr. and Mrs. Sneed heard these comments from a third party not directly from Mr. Hunt. The three involved and a Council member plan to meet after this meeting to discuss the details.

Council was presented with a contract from Delaware County for Voting Site Rental for the Community Center. Daniel Blankenship made a motion to approve the contract. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was $\frac{4}{5}/0$. Motion carried.

Council was presented with a contract from Barnes and Thornburgh Bond Counsel for the Water Project. Discussion followed. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the Barnes and Thornburgh Bond Counsel. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was $\frac{4}{5}/0$. Motion carried.

Council was presented with the Union Township Fire Contract for 2023 in the amount of \$34,234.00. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the contract. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was $\frac{4}{5}/0$. Motion carried.

Council was also presented with the Niles Township Fire Contract for 2023 in the amount of \$7,214.00 and an equipment contract for \$2,000.00. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the Niles Township Fire Contract and Equipment Contract. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was $\frac{4}{5}/0$. Motion carried.

Roger Wells introduced and read Ordinance 2022-10-13 All Way Stop at Harris/West Union Street.

Daniel Blankenship made a motion to move the November Regular Meeting from November 8 to November 9 at the regular time and place. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was $\frac{4}{5}/0$. Motion carried. After the meeting Daniel Blankenship, Teresa Welsh, and Meghan Deckman informed Clerk individually to move the meeting to November 7 at the regular time and place. There will also be a Public Hearing on November 7 at 5:30 pm for Ordinance 2022-10-13.

Nick Beckham asked about the rules for a fence at 400 N Center Street. The setbacks for fences/intersections were explained. Roger Wells made a motion to allow the exception for the set back at thirty-eight feet not fifty feet with the approval from the Judy Hines. Teresa Welsh seconded the

motion. Vote was ⁴5/0. Motion carried. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the portable barn permit for 400 N. Center Street. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was ⁴5/0. Motion carried.

Roger Wells made a motion to approve the Pre-fabricated Garage permit at 2000 E CR 700 N. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was ⁴5/0. Motion carried.

Larry Wells discussed his building permit and fence issue with the Council. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the Utility Barn permit and a twenty-foot exemption for a fence in the back corner. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was ⁴5/0. Motion carried.

Clerk brought up the Council needs to figure out how they are going to use the OPIOID Settlement money. Clerk suggested due to the nature of the allowed uses. That a committee be formed with the Police, Fire, Eaton EMT's and a Council Member. The committee will come up with ideas and present to the Council for discussion. Roger Wells suggested that the Council member be Meghan Deckman.

Daniel Blankenship introduced Meghan Deckman as the new Council Member.

Council discussed the 2023 Salaries. Discussion followed.

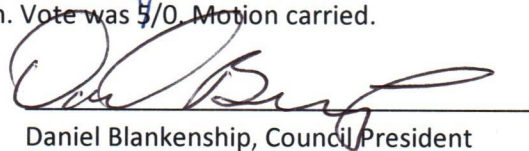
Street Utility Helper \$35,000.00, Water Helper \$40,000.00, Street Supt/Utility Helper \$38,000.00, Work Superintendent \$5,000.00, Wastewater Operator \$50,300.00 pending test results, Clerk-Treasurer \$50,000.00, Utility-Clerk \$41,000.00, Police Chief \$48,500.00, 1st Deputy \$44,500.00, 2nd Deputy \$42,500.00, 3rd Deputy \$40,000.00, and Fire Chief/General Labor \$45,000.00.

Uniforms If the employees want the shirts and pants, they will be required to wear them.

⁴Teresa Welsh made a motion to approve the claim docket. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was ⁴5/0. Motion carried.

Derek Mitchell is still having water issues. Discussion followed. Travis Hunt is to unhook the Towns side and run it thru filters to see what it catches.

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 ⁴5/0. Motion carried.



Daniel Blankenship, Council President

11/7/2022

Attest:



Bridgett S. DeWees

11/7/2022