

Town of Eaton
September 13, 2022
Regular Meeting

The Eaton Town Council met in a regular meeting. In attendance are Daniel Blankenship, Roger Wells, and Dustin Reese. Teresa Welsh and Clay McDaniel are absent. Teresa Welsh was by phone due to Covid.

President Daniel Blankenship called the meeting to order.

Roger Wells made a motion to approve the minutes for the August 9 Budget Public Hearing, August 9 Regular meeting, August 26 Executive meeting, and September 2 Special meeting. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 3/0. Motion carried.

Travis Hunt presented the Council with a quote from IDEXX for Sealer Care Equipment for the EColi Tests. \$4,044.49 with trade in of old unit. Warranty is for four years. Discussion followed. Roger Wells made a motion to not purchase at this time. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 3/0. Motion carried.

Travis hunt presented the Council with quotes from HI Way 3 Hardware to purchase a pole saw, chain saw, chop saw, chop saw cart and blades for \$2756.12. Daniel Blankenship made a motion to purchase the equipment from Hi-Way 3 Hardware for \$2756.12 to be paid from water, sewage and MVH. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 3/0. Motion carried. Travis hunt also mentioned getting a yard tank to haul water. Discussion followed. He is to get more information.

Police Chief Turner presented the Council with an invoice from Fuqua for \$448.06. Officer Liggett's vehicle needed the front pads and rotors replaced. Dustin Reese made a motion to pay the invoice from Fuqua for \$448.06. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 3/0. Motion carried.

Chief Turner stated that Cody Schnurr and Chris Fitzsimmons have both resigned from the reserves. He would also like to get approval for Michel Pyles and Nicholas Woodruff to join the Reserves. Dustin Reese made a motion to approve Michael Pyles and Nicholas Woodruff for the Reserves. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 3/0. Motion carried.

Eric Smith stated the valves for the filters at the Water Plant are having issues. He will get quotes and get with the Council.

Eric Smith introduced Jason Crabtree to the audience. He is the new Street/Utility Helper.

Fire Chief Newby presented the Council with a quote from MacQueen Equipment for \$8063.00 for hoses. Discussion followed. Roger made a motion to purchase up to \$3873.12 in hoses. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 3/0. Motion carried.

Council discussed Travis Hunt getting Bruce DeWees III hours verified to Alliance for the grant. He is to have the previous weeks done by end of the day Tuesday.

Chief Newby and Clerk DeWees went over the price options for the possible Splash Pad in Town. Discussion followed. Travis Hunt is to get with IDEM about sending the used water thru the storm drains and not to the sewer plant. Possible locations were discussed. Roger Wells made a motion to go forward and to make it a reality using Grants and Fundraisers. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 3/0. Motion carried.

Travis Hunt presented the Council with a previous quote from Culy contracting for \$13,533.00 for the storm drain at Elm/Indiana Ave. Discussion followed. He also has a quote from Culy Contracting to fix the stormwater issue on South Street for \$62,814.00. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the \$13,533.00 quote. Discussion followed. Roger Wells rescinded his motion. Roger Wells made a motion to approve up to \$15,000.00 for the stormwater work at the intersection of Elm/Indiana Ave. Travis Hunt is to get new bid. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 3/0. Motion carried. Dustin Reese made a motion for Travis Hunt to get an updated quote for the storm work for South Street to College Avenue. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 3/0. Motion carried.

Rachel Runge with Commonwealth Engineers went over the progress for the Water Project. We are still waiting on a few easements. She would like to get permission to sign the RD 442-21 form and the Right of Way Map when ready. Roger Wells made a motion to have Daniel Blankenship sign the RD442-21 Form and the Right of Way Map once the lawyer has signed. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 3/0. Motion carried.

Rachel Runge informed the Council that the Well Head Protection Plans are still being held by the State pending the TTHM and DDS test results.

Roger Wells made a motion to pay the Commonwealth invoice for \$954.82. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 3/0. Motion carried.

Council wants to sell the flat bed with a minimum starting bid of \$1,500.00. Clerk to get it ready.

Daniel Blankenship opened the only bid for the Knapheide Bed. It is from Joe Simon for \$526.18. Dustin Reese made a motion to accept the bid from Joe Simon for \$526.18 for the Knapheide Bed. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 3/0. Motion carried.

Council was presented with a quote from I-69 Trailer for a 7x20 trailer for \$10,900.00. Discussion followed. Travis Hunt is to get quotes to convert one of the drying beds into a flat bottom garage to store equipment. Dustin Reese made a motion to approve the quote from I-69 Trailer for \$10,900.00. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 3/0. Motion carried.

Chief Newby presented the Council with a quote from Koorsen Fire & Security for the Library. They are asking for help to get up to code. The quote is for \$423.24 this would fix three emergency lights and

provide two fire extinguishers. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the quote for \$423.24 and to pay it from the Good of the Town. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 3/0. Motion carried. Roger Wells made a motion to add the yearly fire extinguisher maintenance to the Towns account. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 3/0. Motion carried.

Roger Wells introduced Ordinance 2022-09-12 Salary Amendment which he read at loud.

Dustin Reese made a motion to suspend the rules. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 3/0. Motion carried.

Dustin Reese made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-09-12 Salary Amendment. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 3/0. Motion carried.

Dustin Reese made a motion to return to regular session rules. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 3/0. Motion carried.

Chief Newby presented an agreement for the Eaton Veterinary Clinic on helping the Town with its stray cat issue. Discussion followed. Roger Wells made a motion to sign a contract with Eaton Veterinary Clinic for the spay and neuter of wild cats. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 3/0. Motion carried.

Donna Drake has a building permit form for a new garage at 812 E. Harris Street. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the permit for 812 E Harris Street. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 3/0. Motion carried.

Eric Smith would like to take a vacation the week of October 11-17 2022. Dustin Reese made a motion to approve his vacation. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 3/0. Motion carried.

Dustin Reese made a motion to allow Eric Smith to approve the vacations for the utility employees. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 3/0. Motion carried.

Chief Turner asked the Council why the Fire Chief received a raise last month. He also asked about getting raises this year for the Police Department. Discussion followed. Roger Wells is going to make a list of employees and their wages for the next meeting.

Debbie Black would like to do a Halloween Festival. Including a parade, costume contest and a band. Discussion followed. Council discussed Halloween Trick or treat hours. Dustin Reese made a motion to approve Trick or Treat hours for October 30 from 5-8pm. Mrs. Black is to come back with more information.

Council was presented with a email from the lawyer talking about his discussion with John Woolum for the easements on the Wells. He would like \$5,000.00 per year with the utility bill paid and keep the same mowing contract. Discussion followed. Council offered \$6,000.00 per year and he pays the utility bill, and it includes the mowing. Travis Hunt stated that there are trees back there that need to come

down before they damage equipment. Travis Hunt to is to get with Mr. Woolum about the trees. Roger Wells is to contact Mr. Woolum with the Towns counteroffer.

Daniel Blankenship read Council Member Clay McDaniels resignation out loud. It was effective September 4, 2022. Clerk is to get with the County on what needs done next.

Clerk informed the Council that the Town was awarded the USDA Community Facilities Grant in the amount of \$24,400.00 towards the John Deere 50G Compact Excavator.

Council was presented with a letter from the Eaton Elementary PTO asking for donations for the Fall Carnival. Discussion followed. Dustin Reese made a motion to approve up to \$500.00 with an itemized receipt from the good of the Town line item. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 3/0. Motion carried.

There being no further business to be brought before the Council at this time Dustin Reese made a motion to adjourn. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 3/0. Motion carried.



Daniel Blankenship, Council President
10/11/2022

Attest:



Bridgett S. DeWees
10/11/2022