

Town of Eaton  
December 13,2022  
Regular Meeting

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

President Daniel Blankenship called the meeting to order.

Roger Wells made a motion to approve the minutes for the November 7,2022 Public Hearing, November 7,2022 Public Hearing, November 7,2022 Regular Meeting, and November 28,2022 Special Meeting. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Teresa Welsh arrived.

Police Chief Turner stated that he has Deputy Liggett signed up for a Chiefs Training Class on April 21-22, 2023. The cost will be free because Chief Turner will be teaching a class.

Chief Turner presented the Council with an invoice from Battery Masters for \$239.97 for three new batteries for the portable radios. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the invoice from Battery Masters for \$239.97. Meghan Deckman seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carries.

Chief Turner presented the Council with a quote for the maintenance and training for Police Standard Operating Procedures from Lexipol for \$17,520.40. Discussion followed. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the invoice from Lexipol for \$17,520.40. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Newby stated that the Fire Truck is scheduled to be delivered by Christmas.

Chief Newby asked about lowering the price from \$70,000.00 to \$64,900.00 for the 2001 Freightliner FL80 we have listed for sale. Dustin Reese made a motion to approve the price change from \$70,000.00 to \$64,900.00. Roger Wells Seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Chief Newby presented the Council with a quote for a 2023 F350 4X4 Crew Cab Truck for \$51,855.25. Discussion followed. Dustin Reese made a motion approving the purchase of the 2023 f350 4x4 for \$51,855.25. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried. Chief Newby is to get prices for lights and accessories.

Chief Newby also presented the Council with a quote from Titan Electric for \$253.00 each to install new outlets on the street light poles for the decorations. Discussion followed. Teresa Welsh made a motion to approve that ten be done now at \$253.00 each. Meghan Deckman Seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

The council would like to place no truck route signs on the North and South sides 900 N. Make sure they are not placed in the states right of way.

David White stated that the high Service pumps and Wells are all working and in service.

Travis Hunt stated the Sewage Plant is going good.

Travis Hunt brought up that Ricky Davis is upset that he is going to be charged \$100.00 for getting in the meter pit at his ex-mother in law's home. He has done a lot for this Town and thinks he shouldn't be charged. He would like the Council to wave the fine. Discussion followed. Roger Wells made a motion to wave the \$100.00 meter tampering fee for Ricky Davis. Meghan Deckman seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried. Dustin Reese wants it noted this is a one-time waver.

The Council was presented with a quote from Leap Managed IT for \$1,295.76 for the purchase of a new Utility Office Computer. Meghan Deckman made a motion to approve the quote from Leap Managed IT for \$1,295.76. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

The Clerk asked who will be attending the Pre-Budget meeting and the Bid Opening Meeting. Discussion followed. Dustin Reese will be able to attend both.

Daniel Blankenship made a motion to table the Feral Cat Ordinance from the lawyer so they could look it over. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Roger Wells Discussed his conversation with John Woolum about his contract. The Council suggests \$5,000.00 the first half and \$5,000.00 the second half adding Trenton Woolum to the contract and no mowing fee. They would also be open to a meeting every five years to look over the contract. Roger Wells made a motion to present this to Mr. Woolum. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Aaron Walter presented the Council with his recommendation for Employee Insurance Plan.

Angela Smith presented the Council with her recommendation for Employee Insurance Plan.

Teresa Welsh made a motion to approve the Indiana Chamber Plan with Aaron Walters. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 3/2. Roger Wells and Meghan Deckman Opposed. Motion Carried.

Tamara Littlejohn addressed the Council about the dogs running loose in her neighborhood. She can't even let her dog out in her own yard without being chased back inside. She wants to know what will be done about the loose dogs. Discussion followed. The Council asked her to call dispatch when the issue occurs again, and the Town Employees will work on catching the loose dogs.

Teresa Welsh wants the employees to enter or write on their time cards why they have gotten over time.



The Council was presented with the Police Reserve Accident & Sickness Renewal Policy, Fire Department Workers Compensation Renewal and the IPEP Insurance Audit results. Rogers Wells made a motion to renew all three. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

The Council was presented with Resolution 2022-12-16. Authorization for execution of INDOT agreements. Daniel Blankenship read Resolution 2022-12-16 out loud. Discussion followed. Dustin Reese made a motion to pass Resolution 2022-12-16. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

The Council was presented with the 2023 Fire Contract with the Eaton Volunteer Fire Department for \$22,000.00. Discussion followed. Daniel Blankenship made a motion to approve the 2023 Eaton Volunteer Fire Department Contract. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

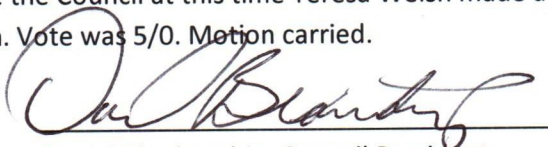
The Council was presented with vet bills from Donna Drake. Her dogs were attacked by wild animals living at 507 E. Lincoln Street. She would like something done with the abandoned home. Discussion followed. Chief Turner has the Delaware County Health Department coming out tomorrow to go over 507 E Harris Street and a home on West street. The Council would like a copy of the Building Ordinance that was presented several years ago to look at it.

The Council was presented with a 2023 Contract from Brooke & Struble, PC. Roger Wells made a motion to sign the 2023 Brooke & Struble, PC contract. Meghan Deckman seconded the motion. Vote was 4/1. Dustin Reese opposed. Motion Carried.


Daniel Blankenship made a motion to approve paying out the last of Chief Newby's compensation time of 18 hours. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

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

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

  
Daniel Blankenship, Council President  
1/20/2023

Attest:

  
Bridgett S. DeWees  
1/20/2023