



**EATONVILLE TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF REGULAR  
COUNCIL MEETING**

**TIME:** 7:00 PM

**DATE:** January 24, 2022

**PLACE:** Virtual Zoom Meeting

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Baublits called the meeting of the Eatonville Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Town Clerk Miranda Doll called the roll. The following were:

Present: Councilmembers Emily McFadden, Bill Dunn, Robert Thomas, Kyle Litzenberger and Peter Paul.

Also Present: Mayor David Baublits, Town Clerk Miranda Doll and Public Works Director Seth Boettcher.

**OPENING CEREMONIES**

Mayor Baublits led the assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilmember Dunn moved approval and was seconded by Councilmember Litzenberger.

Councilmember Thomas made a motion to amend the agenda to add a discussion rescinding the emergency declaration and returning to meeting live at the Community Center and was seconded by Councilmember Dunn. All were in favor.

Mayor Baublits called for a vote on the approval of the agenda. All were in favor.

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS – NONE**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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| A. | Minutes from the January 10, 2021 Virtual Council Meeting |                |              |
| B. | Payroll   | 26712 to 26718 | \$ 84,086.79 |
| C. | Claims  | 40539 to 40553 | \$ 45,029.36 |
| D. | Claims  | 40554 to 40577 | \$451,520.17 |

Councilmember McFadden made a motion to approve the consent agenda and was seconded by Councilmember Thomas. All were in favor.

Councilmember Dunn made a motion to take a 10-minute recess until 7:26pm and was seconded by Councilmember McFadden. All were in favor.

#### **DEPARTMENT HEAD/COUNCIL COMMITTEE/BOARD/COMMISSION REPORT**

- A. Public Safety Committee** – Councilmember McFadden stated that the Committee met on the 20<sup>th</sup> and discussed the possibility of hiring a full time police chief rather than continuing the contract with Pierce County, the needs for updating equipment in the Police Department and patrol vehicle replacement cycle. The Committee also discussed the increased court costs.
- B. Public Utilities Committee** – Councilmember McFadden reported that the Committee met on the 20<sup>th</sup> and discussed a rate study to determine where our rates need to be. FCS Group presented at the meeting. The Committee also discussed the Lemay rate increase to the Town.
- C. Mayor’s Report** – Mayor Baublits discussed the possibility of changing public comment process during Council meetings. He also stated that we have 10 applicants for the Planning Commission and would like to have input from the Council on each applicant. He then discussed the need for a Levy Lid Lift to bring our rate up to the same level that the Town is paying SPFR for service.

#### **ORDINANCE 2022-1 – SECOND READING**

An Ordinance of the Town of Eatonville, Washington, amending Eatonville Municipal Code Title 18 zoning and certain provisions regarding accessory dwelling units.

Town Clerk Miranda Doll read the Ordinance by title into the record.

Councilmember Paul made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2022-1 and was seconded by Councilmember Litzenberger. Motion passes 4-1.

#### **RESOLUTION 2022-B**

A Resolution of the Town of Eatonville, Washington, approving and accepting the State of Washington Transportation Improvement Board Carter Street West grant.

Town Clerk Miranda Doll read the Resolution by title into the record.

Councilmember McFadden made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-B and was seconded by Councilmember Paul. All were in favor.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Councilmember Paul made a motion to nominate Councilmember McFadden as the Chair of the Public Safety Committee and was seconded by Councilmember Litzenberger. All were in favor.

Councilmember Dunn made a motion to nominate Councilmember McFadden to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee and was seconded by Councilmember Paul. All were in favor.

#### **DISCUSSION – COUNCIL COMMITTEE POLICY**

The Council discussed the current Council Committee Policy, and the Mayor and Town Clerk clarified their understanding on how agendas are prepared.

#### **DISCUSSION – PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR POSITION**

The Council held discussion on the Mayor's process of hiring and offering the position prior to approval from the Council.

#### **DISCUSSION – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR POSITION**

The Mayor and Council discussed the creation of an Economic Development Coordinator position.

#### **DISCUSSION – EMERGENCY DECLARATION AND RESUMING IN PERSON MEETINGS**

Councilmember Dunn made a motion for staff to present a plan to return to in-person meetings at the next meeting and was seconded by Councilmember McFadden. All were in favor.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Councilmember Paul referenced the odor from the Landfill and asked if there was anything the Town has done to communicate this to Pierce County Refuse.

Councilmember Litzenberger seconded what Councilmember Paul said about the landfill and is glad it is on our radar.

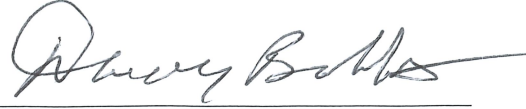
Councilmember McFadden made a motion to replace herself on the Landfill Ad-hoc Committee with Councilmember Paul and was seconded by Councilmember Dunn. Councilmember Dunn made a motion to amend the motion to include Councilmember Paul being the Chair of the committee with himself as the additional member and was seconded by Councilmember McFadden. All were in favor.

Councilmember Dunn made motion to task staff with presenting to Council at the next Council meeting 3 proposals for a rate study to include all utilities and was seconded by Councilmember Litzenberger. All were in favor.

Councilmember Thomas stated that the Ashford Fire District has good accounting software for reporting, and they have expressed willingness to present to the Council. He offered the contact information to the Finance/Legislative Committee. He also let the Council know that the Parks & Recreation Committee will be meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss the agenda that was not completed in December.

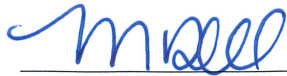
**ADJOURNMENT**

With all business completed, Mayor Baublits adjourned the meeting at 9:14pm.



David Baublits, Mayor

ATTEST:



Miranda Doll, Town Clerk