



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

TIME: 7:00 PM

DATE: October 24, 2022

PLACE: Eatonville Community Center/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, Peter Paul and Kyle Litzenberger.

Also Present: Mayor Baublits, Town Clerk Miranda Doll and Town Administrator Seth Boettcher.

OPENING CEREMONIES

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/SET TIME RESTRICTIONS

Councilmember Paul moved approval of agenda with a three-minute time limit and was seconded by Councilmember Thomas. All were in favor.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Bob Walter – 140 Antonie Ave N, gave an update on the Mainstreet Grant program that he has applied for and been involved with for several years as well as the revitalization of the downtown area.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes from the October 5, 2022 Special Council Meeting
- B. Minutes from the October 10, 2022 Council Meeting
- C. Payroll 26792 to 26798 \$111,191.30
- D. Claims 41240 \$ 16,317.90
- E. Claims 41241 to 41288 \$347,847.31

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD/COUNCIL COMMITTEE/BOARD/COMMISSION REPORT

- A. Finance Committee Report** – Councilmember Dunn reported that the Committee met on October 12th and discussed additional SR161 funding options, the street sweeper repair as well as the request for using ARPA funds to cover costs related to holding meetings.
- B. Mayors Report** – Mayor Baublits let the Council know that he has received numerous calls regarding the 2 proposed locations for the new airport and wanted to see if the Council wished to express support or opposition. Councilmember Thomas made a motion to discuss and was seconded by Councilmember Litzenberger. All were in favor. The majority of Council concluded that they would like to see a Resolution come forward in opposition of the airport being in Pierce County.

RESOLUTION 2022-AAA

A Resolution of the Town of Eatonville, Washington, authorizing the use of Coronavirus recovery funds to purchase meeting owl, projector and screen.

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

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

DISCUSSION – COUNCIL GUIDELINES FOR PLANNING COMMISSION

Council discussed the Guidelines for Planning Commission and determined that the Planning Commission has the authority to discuss what is assigned to them within the EMC and RCW.

SETTING PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 7, 2022

Councilmember McFadden made a motion to approve the draft Planning Commission Agenda as presented and was seconded by Councilmember Thomas. All were in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING – REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR THE YEAR 2023

Mayor Baublits opened the Public Hearing at 7:50PM. Not hearing any public comment, he closed the Public Hearing at 7:51PM.

ORDINANCE 2022-5 – FIRST READING

An Ordinance of the Town of Eatonville, Washington, authorizing the collection of the Eatonville Regular Property Tax Levy for the year 2023.

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

Councilmember Dunn made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2022-5 and was seconded by Councilmember McFadden.

Councilmember Dunn made a motion to strike the first whereas of the Ordinance as the Council has not been provided a completed budget and was seconded by Councilmember McFadden. All were in favor.

Mayor Baublits called for a vote on the main motion. Motion passed 4-1.

PUBLIC HEARING – EMS LEVY FOR THE YEAR 2023

Mayor Baublits opened the Public Hearing at 7:53PM.

Thomas Van Eaton spoke regarding an issue he has with the EMS service provided by South Pierce Fire and Rescue. He feels like they have tried to overrule his daughter who was a physician at the clinic.

Mayor Baublits closed the Public Hearing at 7:55PM.

ORDINANCE 2022-6 – FIRST READING

An Ordinance of the Town of Eatonville, Washington, authorizing the collection of the Eatonville EMS Levy for 2023.

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

Councilmember McFadden made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2022-6 and was seconded by Councilmember Paul.

Councilmember Dunn made a motion to strike the first whereas of the Ordinance as the Council has not been provided a completed budget and was seconded by Councilmember McFadden. All were in favor.

Mayor Baublits called for a vote on the main motion. Motion passed 4-1.

ORDINANCE 2022-3 – FIRST READING

An Ordinance of the Town of Eatonville, Washington, amending Chapter 3.24 of the Eatonville Municipal Code and imposing an additional quarter percent real estate excise tax.

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

Councilmember Litzenberger made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2022-3 and was seconded by Councilmember McFadden. Motion failed 1-4.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember McFadden thanked Bob Walter for his continued dedication to the Town and thanked everyone for showing up.

Councilmember Dunn thanked everyone for coming out. He asked the Mayor what the next steps are for the Comp Plan update and asked when they can expect to see the revised preliminary budget.

Councilmember Thomas stated that he feels like there would be a lot of air traffic challenges with an airport equivalent to SeaTac in PC and is not in favor of it. He feels like it is being done for the wrong reasons. He also stated that he will not vote for a new tax, and thanked everyone for coming out.

Councilmember Paul thanked Bob Walter and his passion for the Town. He said that he had one citizen reach out to him with appreciation regarding the survey that was mailed out. He then complemented the new mural at Kirk's Pharmacy.

Councilmember Litzenberger thanked Bob Walter and Thomas Van Eaton for their statements. He also expressed thanks to all the community members who offered to house the firefighters.

ADJOURNMENT

With all business completed, Mayor Baublits adjourned the meeting at 7:52 pm.

David Baublits, Mayor

ATTEST:

Miranda Doll, Town Clerk