



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

**TIME:** 7:00 PM

**DATE:** January 9, 2023

**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 Kyle Litzenberger, Peter Paul, Bill Dunn and Emily McFadden.

Also Present: Mayor Baublits, Town Clerk Miranda Doll, Town Administrator Seth Boettcher, Police Chief Jason LaLiberte and Fire Chief Todd Wernet.

**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 McFadden. All were in favor.

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**

Matthew Marquez -15311 Orville Rd E spoke against the proposal of a SeaTac sized airport in Pierce County, he urged the Council and residents to reach out to their legislators and sign petitions against it.

Dan Phillips-580 Airport Rd E thanked all the first responders. He appreciates the Town's opposition to the proposed airport and let Council know that he endorses Joe Hagen for Council.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Minutes from the December 12, 2022 Council Meeting
- B. Payroll      26812 to 26819      \$125,405.36
- C. Payroll      26820 to 26823      \$108,613.91
- D. Claims      41400 to 41435      \$186,329.97
- E. Claims      41436 to 41448      \$ 66,597.61
- F. Claims      41449 to 41462      \$378,159.11

Councilmember McFadden 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. Police Chief Report** – Police Chief LaLiberte introduced officer JJ Justman. He was hired on in November and has been a great fit for the Department.
- B. Fire Chief Report** – Fire Chief Wernet let the Council know that they will be doing a badge pinning ceremony for paramedic lieutenant Trey Wilson who is being promoted. He also let the Council know of a retired firefighter who passed away.
- C. Finance Committee** – Councilmember Dunn updated the Council on the meeting from December.
- D. Mayor's Report** – Mayor Baublits updated the Council on the numerous meetings he has scheduled with local representatives regarding funding requests.

## **COUNCIL APPOINTMENT TO FILL POSITION 3**

Town Clerk Miranda Doll provided Councilmember McFadden the list of questions and each applicant was invited one at a time to the podium to answer questions.

Councilmember Dunn made a motion to adjourn the meeting to go into executive session and return at 8:15PM and was seconded by Councilmember Paul. All were in favor. Councilmember Dunn let the Clerk know that Council requested an additional 15 minutes.

Mayor Baublits called the meeting to order at 8:30pm.

Councilmember McFadden made a motion to appoint Mike Schaub to fill the vacant Council position and was seconded by Councilmember Paul. Motion passed 3-1.

## **2023 PERMANENT COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

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

Councilmember McFadden made a motion to nominate Councilmember Litzenberger to the Airport Committee and was seconded by Councilmember Dunn. All were in favor.

Councilmember Paul made a motion to nominate Councilmember Schaub as the Chair of the Finance/Legislative Committee and was seconded by Councilmember Dunn. All were in favor.

Councilmember McFadden made a motion to nominate Councilmember Dunn to the Finance/Legislative Committee and was seconded by Councilmember Paul. All were in favor.

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

Councilmember Dunn made a motion to nominate Councilmember Paul to the Parks & Recreation Committee and was seconded by Councilmember Litzenberger. All were in favor.

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

Councilmember Dunn made a motion to nominate Councilmember Schaub to the Public Safety Committee and was seconded by Councilmember Paul. All were in favor.

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

Councilmember Litzenberger made a motion to nominate Councilmember McFadden to the Public Utilities Committee and was seconded by Councilmember Dunn. All were in favor.

### **PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED RATE INCREASES**

Mayor Baublits opened the public hearing at 8:42pm.

Colin Stephens spoke regarding the proposed rate increases and the need for improvements to the failing infrastructure. He inquired about when we can see the plan come forward on what needs to be improved. Mayor Baublits let him know that the CIP is available for review and will be coming before Council at the next meeting.

Mayor Baublits closed the public hearing at 8:43pm.

### **RESOLUTION 2023-A**

A Resolution of the Town of Eatonville, Washington, setting the rates for water service in the Town of Eatonville and repealing Resolution 2018-O.

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

Councilmember McFadden made a motion to approve the first reading of Resolution 2023-A and was seconded by Councilmember Paul. All were in favor.

### **RESOLUTION 2023-B**

A Resolution of the Town of Eatonville, Washington, setting the rates for sewer service in the Town of Eatonville and repealing Resolution 2020-T.

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

Councilmember Litzenberger made a motion to approve the first reading of Resolution 2023-B and was seconded by Councilmember Dunn. All were in favor.

### **RESOLUTION 2023-C**

A Resolution of the Town of Eatonville, Washington, setting the rates for stormwater service in the Town of Eatonville and repealing Resolution 2020-S.

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

Councilmember Dunn made a motion to approve the first reading of Resolution 2023-C and was seconded by Councilmember Paul. All were in favor.

### **RESOLUTION 2023-D**

A Resolution of the Town of Eatonville, Washington, setting the rates for electric service, energy usage and demand and repealing Resolution 2017-S.

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

Councilmember Paul made a motion to approve the first reading of Resolution 2023-D and was seconded by Councilmember McFadden. All were in favor.

### **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Councilmember Litzenberger welcomed Officer Justman and thanked the Utility Committee for their work on the rate resolutions. He also welcomed Mike Schaub to the Council.

Councilmember Paul thanked Bob Thomas for all of his years of service on Council and let the Council know that the bloodmobile will be in Town on the 17<sup>th</sup>. He also thanked citizen Marquez for his comments regarding the airport.

Councilmember Dunn stated that the discussion regarding the filling of the Council position was very difficult. He acknowledged and appreciated each applicant's willingness to put their name out there and be willing to be on Council. He then welcomed Mike Schaub to Council.

Councilmember McFadden echoed Councilmember Dunn's statement that the Councilmember appointment was one of the hardest decisions, and she feels personally connected to the candidates. She wished everyone a Happy New Year.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With all business completed, Mayor Baublits adjourned the meeting at 8:54 pm.

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David Baublits, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Miranda Doll, Town Clerk