



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

TIME: 7:00 PM

DATE: February 27, 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, Mike Schaub, Bill Dunn and Emily McFadden.

Also Present: Mayor David 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 McFadden moved approval of agenda with a three-minute time limit and was seconded by Councilmember Litzenberger. All were in favor.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Colin Stephens – 401 Skylar Way, Colin requested an update on the construction on SR161, it has been on hold and he feels that the Town should open up the lanes of traffic while it gets sorted. Town Administrator Boettcher gave an update.

Roslyn Henricks – 465 Airport Rd E, spoke regarding Tacoma Rail entering into an agreement with Rainier Rail for the sale of a portion of tracks. She feels there is a great opportunity for a partnership and for expansion of trails. She referenced a letter from Forevergreen Trails that urges the City of Tacoma to reconsider the sale and explore other options.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes from the February 13, 2023 Council Meeting
- B. Payroll 26836 to 26841 \$130,136.88
- C. Claims 41556 to 41584 \$389,322.85

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD/COUNCIL COMMITTEE/BOARD/COMMISSION REPORT

- A. Lodging Tax Advisory Committee** – Councilmember McFadden stated that the Committee met on February 16th and discussed the request from WIFM regarding Pierce County LTAC funds and property purchase. The Committee had questions and are still awaiting the answers.

PUBLIC HEARING – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Mayor Baublits opened the public hearing at 7:14 PM.

Dave Schactler spoke regarding the street tree plan.

Not hearing any additional public comments, Mayor Baublits closed the public hearing at 7:25 PM.

RESOLUTION 2023-J

A Resolution of the Town of Eatonville, Washington, adopting the six-year capital improvement plan.

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

Councilmember McFadden made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-J and was seconded by Councilmember Litzenberger.

Councilmember Schaub made a motion to table Resolution 2023-J and send to the Finance Committee for further review of the funding sources and was seconded by Councilmember Dunn. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION 2023-P

A Resolution of the Town of Eatonville, Washington, approving an interlocal agreement with Pierce County relating to property evidence.

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

Councilmember Litzenberger made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-P and was seconded by Councilmember McFadden. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION 2023-Q

A Resolution of the Town of Eatonville, Washington, authorizing the execution of a professional services agreement with Parametrix, Inc for on-call services.

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

Councilmember McFadden made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-Q and was seconded by Councilmember Litzenberger. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION 2023-R

A Resolution of the Town of Eatonville, Washington, updating the utility bill late payment reversal and payment extension policy for the Town of Eatonville.

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

Councilmember Schaub made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-R and was seconded by Councilmember McFadden. All were in favor.

DISCUSSION – LEVY LID LIFT

After discussion Councilmember McFadden made a motion to send to the Finance Committee for further review and recommendation on how to proceed and was seconded by Councilmember Litzenberger. All were in favor.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember McFadden thanked everyone for coming. She also thanked Roslyn Henricks for her comments and the Schactlers for their comments and sharing their knowledge on trees.

Councilmember Dunn asked for clarification on some comments that were made by Mayor Baublits at the last meeting. He stated that he put in requests submitted to all funding bodies that he could and was able to acquire a written funding request on Town letterhead. He expressed frustration that the Mayor stated that all requests had been verbal and felt that Council had been misled and should be on high alert.

Councilmember Schaub disagrees that it should be a priority of Administration to submit grants. Capital budget requests are an allocation of funds, not grants. He feels that Administration needs to look at where to focus resources and that the focus should be for municipal government (utilities and general government).

Councilmember Paul felt reasonably disturbed by what he heard tonight. He is disappointed in the Town Administrator for not speaking up at the last meeting. He understands that the Mayor can work on other stuff outside of his role as Mayor but feels, when he uses his role as Mayor in that work, he is representing himself as the Mayor.

Councilmember Litzenberger gave the Council an update on his attendance at the PCRC meeting on February 16th. This was the first meeting of 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

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

David Baublits, Mayor

ATTEST:

Miranda Doll, Town Clerk

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