



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

**TIME:** 7:00 PM

**DATE:** August 14, 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**

Deputy Clerk Christina Dargan called the roll. The following were:

Present: Councilmembers Peter Paul, Bill Dunn and Emily McFadden.

Councilmember Dunn made a motion to excuse Councilmembers Schaub and Litzenberger and was seconded by Councilmember McFadden. All were in favor.

Also Present: Mayor Baublits, Deputy Clerk Christina Dargan, Town Administrator Seth Boettcher 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 Dunn. All were in favor.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO RCW 42.30.110(b) TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE  
ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE**

Mayor Baublits announced the executive session as pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(b) at 7:03 pm until 7:25 pm.

Mayor Baublits declared executive session ended at 7:25 pm and Council meeting resumed.

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**

Robin Krueger spoke regarding Resolution 2023-HH. She is involved in the Safe Streets For All (SS4A) federal grant program to implement safety programs for towns and cities. She said that the first step is a Safety Action Plan and that Eatonville is a perfect candidate for this kind of grant

program. It would build on the safety policies already in place and would qualify us for additional funding. Staff time, including benefits and related expenses, would qualify for matching funds.

At the 3 minute mark, Councilmember Paul motioned to extend the time by 3 minutes and was seconded by Councilmember McFadden. All were in favor.

## CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes from the July 24, 2023 Council Meeting
- B. Payroll      26882 to 26885      \$113,306.93
- C. Claims      41977 to 42026      \$862,488.06

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

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

- A. **Fire Report** – Chief Wernet reported that he represented the Spohn family at the Washington State Fallen Firefighters Memorial in memory of Larry Spohn. He also spoke regarding contract negotiations with the Town. He feels that we are at an impasse following the Mayor’s last email and would like an Executive Session to be scheduled for the August 28<sup>th</sup> meeting or a special Executive Session.
- B. **Finance Committee** – Councilmember Dunn reported that the Finance Committee did meet but, as Councilmember Schaub is not present, they will debrief at the next Council meeting.

## RESOLUTION 2023-DD

A Resolution of the Town of Eatonville, Washington, approving a contract for banking services with Umpqua Bank.

Deputy Clerk Christina Dargan read the Resolution by title into the record.

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

## RESOLUTION 2023-EE

A Resolution of the Town of Eatonville, Washington, authorizing the mayor to execute a Franchise with Pierce County, Washington.

Deputy Clerk Christina Dargan read the Resolution by title into the record.

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

## **RESOLUTION 2023-FF**

A Resolution of the Town of Eatonville, Washington, adopting the Capital Improvement Plan.

Deputy Clerk Christina Dargan read the Resolution by title into the record.

Councilmember Dunn made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-FF and was seconded by Councilmember Paul. All were in favor.

## **RESOLUTION 2023-GG**

A Resolution of the Town of Eatonville, Washington, authorizing the execution of an amendment to the Pierce County Cooperation Agreement for Urban Development Program Funds.

Deputy Clerk Christina Dargan read the Resolution by title into the record.

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

## **RESOLUTION 2023-HH**

A Resolution of the Town of Eatonville, Washington, authorizing a grant application for \$200,000 in USDOT federal funding for a Safety Action Plan through Puget Sound Regional Council.

Deputy Clerk Christina Dargan read the Resolution by title into the record.

Councilmember Paul made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-HH and was seconded by Councilmember McFadden.

Councilmember McFadden made a motion to table Resolution 2023-HH to the August 28<sup>th</sup> Council meeting and was seconded by Councilmember Paul. All were in favor.

## **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Councilmember Paul said he hopes everyone had a chance to attend the Lions Club Arts Festival, pointed out that what they raise goes back into the Town and said that the most notable for him was that they paid off all of the student lunch debt. He also gave a shout out to Sing to the Beat camp and their performances of The Claw. He then reported that a volunteer effort on the Bud Blancher trail had to be cancelled as the Town was spraying. He received a lot of comment from citizens and hopes we can do better next year. He also asked for an update on the water and asked about contact methods for customers who receive bills electronically. He then asked where we are on the punch list on Washington Ave, specifically the trees that are dying.

Councilmember Dunn asked about a community member who had been there before the project started who had an incredible knowledge of trees and might be able to provide the information needed to move forward, and make sure the trees we're putting in are sustainable. He also had

questions about the Project and Administrative Update Notice about Fee Schedule File Draft and Implementation Plan for the Planning Department, if those are the fees set in code and when those fees would go to Council.

Councilmember Dunn made a motion to include an executive session at the August 28th Council meeting for reasons related to contract negotiations currently underway in Town of Eatonville and was seconded by Councilmember McFadden. All were in favor.

Councilmember McFadden said that she does not get her utility bill so does not see the notes and suggested looking for different ways to communicate. She also asked about the Washington Ave project, the punch list and an estimated timeline for when it will be done. She sees a lot of things that still need to be done and wanted to know what exactly they still have to complete. She reported that the streetlights at Washington Ave & Center are still out and said she was glad to hear of a successful Art Festival.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With all business completed, Mayor Baublits adjourned the meeting at 8:03 PM.

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David Baublits, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Christina Dargan, Deputy Clerk