



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

TIME: 7:00 PM

DATE: August 28, 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 Baublits, Town Clerk Miranda Doll, 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 Schaub. All were in favor.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Colin Stephens - 401 Skylar Way thanked Councilmember Paul for picking up garbage around Town. He also thanked the Town for putting the flashing crosswalk signs up on Center St E for the Bud Blancher Trail. He then stated that he feels like paying \$21.00 per person is a good deal for the Town to have the Fire Dept right here in Town.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes from the August 14, 2023 Council Meeting
- B. Payroll 26886 to 26888 \$116,199.13
- C. Claims 42027 to 42059 \$188,295.82

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD/COUNCIL COMMITTEE/BOARD/COMMISSION REPORT

- A. Public Works Report** – Town Administrator Seth Boettcher gave an update on the water system reconstructed intake and let the Council know that the aquifer is rebounding. He also let the Council know that the citizens responded to our conservation requests as consumption was down this month from last year.
- B. Parks & Recreation Committee** – Councilmember McFadden reported that the Committee did meet but she couldn't locate her notes and would give an update at the next Council meeting.

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.

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

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

DISCUSSION – FIRE & EMS CONTRACT

The Council and Administration held a discussion around the status of negotiations on the new contract for Fire and EMS services with South Pierce Fire & Rescue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO RCW 42.30.110(1)(c)

Councilmember Dunn made a motion to recess to executive session until 8:35 pm and was seconded by Councilmember Paul. All were in favor.

Mayor Baublits announced that the executive session would be extended to 8:50 pm.

Mayor Baublits declared executive session ended at 8:50 pm and the Council meeting resumed.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember McFadden thanked everyone for sticking around for the long meeting and wished everyone a good week.

Councilmember Dunn stated that the Town needs a contract for Fire and EMS services, feels the negotiations have been going on for some time and hopes tonight's discussions will shed some new light into the process.

Councilmember Schaub thanked those in attendance and felt the discussion was an interesting topic. He feels that property taxes are an interesting topic as well.

Councilmember Paul thanked those who stayed for the long meeting and thanked the Town for installing the lighted crosswalk. He let everyone know about the 9-11 day of service coming up on the 9th and encouraged attendance.

Councilmember Litzenberger thanked everyone for being here and echoed the comments about the 9-11 day of service. He let everyone know that it starts at 9:00 am on Saturday at the flagpole in front of the High School.

ADJOURNMENT

With all business completed, Mayor Baublits adjourned the meeting at 9:05 PM.

David Baublits, Mayor

ATTEST:

Miranda Doll, Town Clerk