



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

TIME: 7:00 PM

DATE: October 23, 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 Litzenberger. All were in favor.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Bud Lucas – 435 Airport Rd, gave an update on the history of how the Eatonville Fire Department transitioned from volunteer to full time in 2008. He stated that he was a part of making the Department an asset rather than a liability and that the Town needs to fund the Fire Department as we are stuck with it now and we have to have a Fire Department.

Steven Collins – 35810 59th Ave Ct E, wanted to tell Council that they have a problem. He stated that he felt this Mayor is out of control. He said that the Mayor had approached a buyer he had for some property about bringing Dollar General into Town because he doesn't want a Dollar General in Town, but he feels that the Mayor in fact does.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes from the October 9, 2023 Council Meeting
- B. Payroll 26900 to 26907 \$123,197.29
- C. Claims 42180 to 42216 \$249,382.23

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. Finance Committee Report** – Councilmember Dunn let the Council know that the Committee met on the 18th and reviewed the financial policy. They also discussed the budget process and possibly assigning sections of the proposed budget to Committee for review for a more thorough process. The Committee also received an update from Town Administrator Seth Boettcher regarding his process for the review of past due accounts. A discussion regarding the need to upgrade the operating software used by the Town to the cloud is needed and staff will bring forward the proposal at the next meeting.
- B. Parks & Recreation Report** – Councilmember McFadden stated that the Committee met on the 18th and discussed ideas for what to spend the \$28,000 from Amy Cruver on. The consensus was to pursue updated holiday lights. Councilmember McFadden made a motion to send it back to the Parks & Recreation Committee to create a plan and bring it back to Council for approval and was seconded by Councilmember Litzenberger. All were in favor.
- C. Public Utilities Report** – Councilmember Dunn reported that the Committee met on the 20th and discussed a policy for projects and how information is relayed to applicants about what fees will be needed when completing projects.

ORDINANCE 2023-4 – SECOND READING

An Ordinance of the Town of Eatonville, Washington, amending the 2023 budget of the Town of Eatonville, as adopted by Ordinance 2022-7.

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

Councilmember Paul made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2023-4 and was seconded by Councilmember Schaub. All were in favor.

PRESENTATION – ROD KNOCKERS CAR CLUB

The Rod Knockers Car Club president Duane Chapman presented a donation to the Eatonville Family Agency and thanked the Town for all the support.

DISCUSSION – SOUTH PIERCE FIRE AND RESCUE

After discussion about the recent offer from the Town that was countered by South Pierce Fire and Rescue, the Town Council recommended that staff bring the contract forward at the next Council meeting for review and approval.

RESOLUTION 2023-MM

A Resolution of the Town of Eatonville, Washington, authorizing the execution of a professional services agreement with KPG, Psomas Inc for surveying services.

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR THE YEAR 2024

Mayor Baublits opened the Public Hearing at 7:37PM. Not hearing any public comment, he closed the Public Hearing at 7:37PM.

ORDINANCE 2023-5 – FIRST READING

An Ordinance of the Town of Eatonville, Washington, authorizing the collection of the Eatonville regular tax levy for the year 2024.

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

Councilmember Paul made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2023-5 and was seconded by Councilmember Dunn. All were in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING ON EMS LEVY FOR 2024

Mayor Baublits opened the Public Hearing at 7:38PM. Not hearing any public comment, he closed the Public Hearing at 7:38PM.

ORDINANCE 2023-6 – FIRST READING

An Ordinance of the Town of Eatonville, Washington, authorizing the collection of the Eatonville EMS levy for 2024.

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

Councilmember Dunn made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2023-6 and was seconded by Councilmember Schaub. All were in favor.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Schaub thanked everyone for coming and sharing in the meeting. He thanked Bud Lucas for his comments. He was Treasurer at the time of the creation of a full time Fire Department and didn't have a vote in the matter. He thanked Rod Knockers and their efforts on giving back to the community and apologized for not being able to attend the last 2 Finance Committee meetings.

Councilmember Paul thanked everyone for being here and Rod Knockers for the support. He also mentioned the great conversation that was had at the Parks & Recreation Committee.

Councilmember Litzenberger thanked Mr. Lucas for the history lesson on the Fire Department and echoed the statements about Rod Knockers. He attended the PCRC meeting and wanted to express his appreciation for the work done by Puyallup to help benefit smaller agencies, not just the greater Tacoma area.

Councilmember McFadden stated that she was happy to see everyone in attendance and is glad to be nearing the end of the Fire contract.

Councilmember Dunn thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting. He let them know that, as we go through the budget process, this is the time to get involved and listen to the discussions.

ADJOURNMENT

With all business completed, Mayor Baublits adjourned the meeting at 7:46 PM.

David Baublits, Mayor

ATTEST:

Miranda Doll, Town Clerk