

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

TIME: 7:00 PM

DATE: April 23, 2012

PLACE: Eatonville Community Center

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Harper called the meeting of the Eatonville Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Town Clerk Chrystal McGlone called the roll. The following were:

Present: Mayor Raymond Harper, Mayor Pro Tem Valentine and Council members Abby Gribi, Gordon Bowman, Brenden Pierce, and Bob Schaub

Also Present: Town Clerk Chrystal McGlone, Town Administrator Doug Beagle, Town Planner Nick Bond, Treasurer Mike Schaub, Police Chief Wade and Fire Bob Hudspeth

OPENING CEREMONIES

Mayor Harper led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

The Town Clerk read the Mission Statement for the Town of Eatonville:

“The Town’s mission is to create, provide and administer municipal services while protecting the present and future health, safety, and general welfare of the community.”

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council member **Schaub** motioned to approve agenda as presented and was seconded by Council member **Bowman**. Motion carried with Council member **Pierce** voting against.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Tom Smallwood, 300 Pennsylvania N, stated that it was incorrect when Mayor Harper said that the Trails money was wrongfully spent by the previous administration. He said that this untrue statement was not fair to him, his family or the citizens of Eatonville. He then spoke in favor of keeping the police department, possibly with less personnel and less coverage, but with County backup. He said that we should take a look at public safety as a whole and it may be time to look at a regional fire department.

Jody Johnson, 202 Prospect E, spoke in favor of keeping the police department, saying that, with all due respect to Pierce County, they do not have the personnel necessary to

cover the Town. He also said that it's the responsibility of the Council to find the money and do whatever it takes to keep the community safe.

Launa Parker, 205 Carter St W, spoke in favor of keeping the police department, saying that the community feels safe with the current police presence and expressed hope for the future safety of the Town.

Stephen Cossalman, 218 Orchard Ave S, spoke in favor of keeping the police department, noting the number of people supporting this at the previous and current meetings. He also expressed his willingness to pay more to do so.

Cliff Murphy, 133 Washington Ave N, the decisions that the council is making for this community make him sick. He would like for council to take a long hard look at what they are doing before this sickness spreads, and it will spread fast.

Dixie Walter, 140 Antonie Ave N, stated she is not here to plead for the police department because she trusts the Council and is sure they will choose to keep it. She expressed her concerns over the money situation and said it is time to cut out ALS. She then apologized to Tom Smallwood for publishing what Mayor said about him spending that money and said she will retract it.

Allen Esselbach, 153 Baumgartner PL N, spoke in favor of keeping the police department saying that only our own department can provide the necessary coverage and that there must be ways to raise money to keep them.

Don Nunley, 760 Riverside Lane, asked if other communities with Pierce County Sheriff's Department contracts are meeting their coverage and budgets. He then spoke in favor of keeping the police department and said that taxes will have to be raised to fund it.

Brent Sorensen, 203 Mashell Ave N, stated that loss of the local police force will have a negative impact on him and likely every business owner in Eatonville. He said that one of the reasons he started his business in Eatonville was the safety and security offered by the local police. He urged Council to keep the police department and find another solution to balance the budget.

Kathy Acosta, 212 Oak St, asked about the cost structure for 911 calls and what would happen if costs were incurred that couldn't be paid.

Pat Kahler, 504 Center St W, spoke in favor of keeping the police department and urged Council to listen to the people.

Marty Miller, 12804 437th, spoke about the trail, saying that as far as he can see it is moving forward and the trail is getting done. He then spoke positively about both the Pierce County Sheriff's Department and the Eatonville Police Department.

David Smith, 111 Fir Ave, addressed the ALS system saying that his understanding is that the finance problems came from when the Town took on ALS in 2008 with no way to fund it. He said that when it went to Council for funding it was shot down over and over and he believes that it should go to a vote of the people.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Payroll checks 24333 thru 24344 \$87,782.47
- b. Claim checks 30944 thru 31005 \$55,412.11
- c. Approval of Glacier Park Rental Application.

Council member **Schaub** moved approval and Council member **Bowman** seconded. The consent agenda passed with Council member **Pierce** voting against.

DEPARTMENT HEAD/COUNCIL COMMITTEE/BOARD/COMMISSION REPORT

- a. Committee Reports – Finance Committee
- b. Mayor's Report - None
- c. Staff Reports – Chief Hudspeth on Fire Department
- d. Finance Report – Report through March 2012

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Resolution 2012-AA

A Resolution of the Eatonville Town Council to authorize the execution of a professional services agreement with Electrical Consultants, Inc. for engineering services to design remainder of second feeder project per grant by Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Town Clerk Chrystal McGlone read the Resolution by title into the record.

Council member **Schaub** moved approval and was seconded by Council member **Gribi**. Motion passed with Council member **Valentine** voting against.

Resolution 2012-BB

A Resolution of the Eatonville Town Council to authorize the execution of an inter-local agreement with Pierce County to provide law enforcement services.

Town Clerk Chrystal McGlone read the Resolution by title into the record.

Council member **Schaub** moved approval and was seconded by Council member **Gribi**. Gribi – No; Bowman-No; Pierce-No; Schaub-No; Valentine-No. Motion failed.

Ordinance 2012-2

An Ordinance of the Town of Eatonville, Washington, relating to interlocal agreement for law enforcement services, creating a new section to Chapter 2.29 of the

Eatonville Municipal Code, and providing for severability and an effective date.

Town Clerk Chrystal McGlone read the Ordinance by title into the record.

Council member **Schaub** moved approval and was seconded by Council member **Valentine**. All opposed. Motion failed.

Resolution 2012-CC

An Resolution of the Eatonville Town Council to authorize the execution of an inter-local agreement with Pierce County to provide court and prosecution services.

Town Clerk Chrystal McGlone read the Resolution by title into the record.

Council member **Schaub** moved approval and was seconded by Council member **Gribi**.

Mayor **Harper** asked to have this resolution postponed until the next meeting so that they may hold an Executive Session.

Council member **Pierce** moved to postpone Resolution 2012-CC until the May 14th meeting. Council member **Gribi** seconded the motion. All were in favor.

MOTION FROM COUNCIL ON REFINANCING THE RAINIER AVENUE PROPERTY

Council member **Pierce** moved approval and was seconded by Council member **Gribi**. All were in favor.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council member **Gribi** encouraged the public to contact Council members and stated that their contact information is public.

Council member **Schaub** asked if the Town has an evaluation program and asked who evaluates the police department.

Council member **Pierce** said he would like to set up a time when they can work on the budget so he can vote on the Consent Agenda. He does not think that the current budget is going to work without cuts.

Council member **Bowman** agreed with Council member **Pierce** to have a session to go over the budget. He would like to the Mayor and Town Administration set up a meeting for the full council to discuss this situation.

Council member **Schaub** said that he would like to have a retreat to work with Town department heads and the community.

Council member **Valentine** expressed concern that information is being leaked to the public before being received by the Council. He also agreed with Council member Gribi that citizens should call on council members if they have questions.

ADJOURNMENT

Council member **Gribi** moved to adjourn. Council member **Schaub** seconded the motion. All were in favor. Mayor **Harper** adjourned the meeting at 8:50 PM.

Raymond Harper, Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk