

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

TIME: 7:00 PM

DATE: May 29, 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

Interim Town Clerk Kathy Linnemeyer called the roll. The following were:

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

Also Present: Town Administrator Doug Beagle, Interim Town Clerk Kathy Linnemeyer, Town Planner Nick Bond, Treasurer Mike Schaub, Police Chief Jason McGuire, and Fire Chief Robert Hudspeth

OPENING CEREMONIES

Mayor Harper led the assembly in reciting 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.”

Executive Session to discuss possible litigation matters

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council member **Pierce** moved approval and Council member **Bowman** seconded. All were in favor.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Citizen Audrey Thompson, with the July 3rd and 4th Committee, handed out an expense report from last year and stated that the committee is in need of help. Donations have been very slow. They have collected \$4, 000 in donations and need to collect an additional \$2,200 in donations to put on a show this year.

Council member Schaub asked the Town to write a letter to businesses and clubs to help request donations and suggested that the committee ask the School District to open the bathrooms for the event. Town Administrator Doug Beagle said he would be happy

to help with the letter writing and invited Audrey Thompson to stop by Town Hall anytime.

Citizen David Smith addressed a comment from Council Member Schaub from the May 14, 2012 meeting regarding the utility tax increase being earmarked for a certain department. From what he understands, it would be irrelevant to be earmarked because it would not be added to a specific budget but it would be less money coming from the Current Expense fund.

Citizens Rich Williams and Joni Eades both signed up to speak and both declined when called.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Payroll Checks 24363 thru 24376 \$ 86,779.81
- b. Claims Checks 31049 thru 31101 \$ 158,373.55

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-** Council member Gribi gave a report on the Visitor Center. They had their first open weekend with 40 visitors asking directions and getting information on the Town and 90-110 people stopped to use the restrooms. The Committee had been asked to agree on a sign design and preliminary copies were handed out to Council Members. Citizen Rich Williams gave a report about the directional sign to be placed on highway 161 coming into Eatonville. Handouts were provided to the council.
Council member Valentine reported that the Finance Committee met last week and discussed creating a financial policy that generates or creates a cumulative reserve fund. He plans to have it submitted to the Finance Committee and Mayor for review by next week. He also stated that the committee discussed the admin fees for impounds that were on the agenda.
- b. **Mayor's Report-** Mayor gave a report on reductions he has been working on with staff to help alleviate budget problems bringing the utility tax forward, putting forward a ballot to voters for Fire Dept, DUI Ordinance, looking at a Transportation District for \$20.00 license fee, reduced connection fees, layoffs, and eliminated positions, looking at no idling and no take home policies for Police vehicles, changing procurement policies, reviewing cell phones, looking into selling properties, reviewing copier contracts, and eliminating one position in the Clerks office.
- c. **Staff Reports-** Interim Police Chief McGuire wanted everyone to know that the Police Department has a website and it has the current Police blotter on it. www.epdeatonville.org. He also stated that he is aware of the budget crises and will be reviewing all costs. He ordered new cell phones for the department that will save \$100.00 per month. Fire Chief Robert Hudspeth met with Chief McGuire and they will be working together on training between the Fire and Police departments. Town Administrator Beagle reported that the Town of Eatonville

has once again earned the Well City Award from AWC and will continue to receive a 3% discount on medical insurance premiums through 2013. Forty of the 56 planters have been planted and the remaining are expected to be done by the end of the week.

d. **Finance Report-** Treasurer Schaub passed out his report dated May 25, 2012.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Ordinance 2012-3 (Second Reading) An Ordinance of the Town of Eatonville, Washington, relating to utility taxes, amending EMC 3.30.010 and 3.30.020, adding new sections to chapter 3.30 EMC, and providing for a savings, a sunset date, severability, and effective dates.

Interim Town Clerk Kathy Linnemeyer read the Ordinance by title into the record

Council member **Bowman** moved approval and was seconded by Council member **Gribi**. The Ordinance passed with Council Members Pierce and Valentine voting against.

Ordinance 2012-5 (First Reading) An Ordinance of the Town of Eatonville, Washington, relating to impounding of vehicles and recovery of costs incurred as a result of certain driving offenses, amending sections 10.21.010, 10.21.020, 10.21.030, and 10.21.040 of the Eatonville Municipal Code; adding two new sections to chapter 10.21 EMC; adding a new chapter to title 3 EMC: and providing for savings, severability and an effective date.

Interim Town Clerk Kathy Linnemeyer read the Ordinance by title into the record

Council member **Gribi** moved approval and Council member **Schaub** seconded. All were in favor.

Resolution 2012-II A Resolution of the Eatonville Town Council setting water installation and connection charges in accordance with EMC 13.04.060

Interim Town Clerk Kathy Linnemeyer read the Resolution by title into the record.

Council member **Schaub** moved approval and Council Member **Pierce** seconded. All were in favor

Resolution 2012-KK

A Resolution of the Eatonville Town Council to confirm the Mayor's appointment of citizens to the Town Visitor Center Committee and repealing Resolution 2012-Y

Interim Town Clerk Kathy Linnemeyer read the Resolution by title into the record.

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

Council member **Valentine** moved to amend Resolution 2012-KK to include the language "Repealing Resolution 2012-Y" at the end of the paragraph starting with "Be it resolved." Council member **Schaub** seconded. All were in favor.

Resolution 2012-KK passed with amendment. All were in favor.

Resolution 2012-JJ

A Resolution of the Eatonville Town Council accepting construction of the Town Plaza

Interim Town Clerk Kathy Linnemeyer read the Resolution by title into the record.

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

Resolution 2012-LL

A Resolution of the Eatonville Town Council setting the time and place for a hearing to hear from the public on the creation of a transportation benefit district, comprising the corporate limits of the Town, to fund and complete the projects listed in the town's 6-year transportation improvement program.

Interim Town Clerk Kathy Linnemeyer read the Resolution by title into the record.

Council member **Schaub** moved approval and was seconded by Council member **Gribi**. The resolution passed with Council member **Pierce** voting against. The hearing will be set for June 11, 2012.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council member **Bowman** thanked the staff for the outstanding job at the cemetery for Memorial Day.

Council member **Schaub** thanked staff for all the efforts they are putting forth and Thanked the Interim Clerk for putting the paperwork requiring signatures in a folder to keep it together.

Council member **Gribi** thanked the volunteers for staffing the Visitors Center and she is still looking for more volunteers.

ADJOURNMENT

Council member **Schaub** moved to adjourn the meeting. Council member **Gribi** seconded the motion. **Mayor Harper** adjourned the meeting at 8:47 PM.

Raymond Harper, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathy Linnemeyer, Interim Town Clerk