

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

**TIME:** 7:00 PM

**DATE:** November 13, 2017

**PLACE:** Eatonville Community Center

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro-Tem Thomas called the meeting of the Eatonville Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Present: Councilmembers Bill Dunn, Bob Walter, Mayor Pro-Tem Bob Thomas and Jennie Hannah.

Councilmember Dunn made a motion to excuse Councilmember Schrimpsheer and was seconded by Councilmember Hannah. All were in favor.

Also Present: Town Clerk Kathy Linnemeyer, Police Chief Brian Witt and Fire Chief Lloyd Galey.

**OPENING CEREMONIES**

Mayor Pro-Tem Thomas 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.”

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA/SET TIME RESTRICTIONS**

Councilmember Hannah moved approval with a three minute time restriction and was seconded by Councilmember Walter. All were in favor.

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**

Citizen Louise VanEaton expressed concern over Councilmembers interrupting and talking over each other at a previous Council meeting and stated that politeness and giving each other a chance to finish comments would be better.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Minutes from the October 23, 2017 Council Meeting
- B. Payroll                    26100 to 26106                    \$ 76,716.49

C. Claims 36830 to 36871 \$150,629.72

Councilmember Dunn moved approval and was seconded by Councilmember Walter. All were in favor.

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

- a. **Police Report-** October report is on file with the Town Clerk. Chief Witt reported that the Christmas parade is December 2<sup>nd</sup> and that the Police Department is helping to organize the efforts. He also reported that most of the crime in Town has been centered around a small group of juveniles, they have made arrests and are doing the best that they can with investigations.
- b. **Fire Report-**October report is on file with the Town Clerk. Chief Galey announced that they have signed a MOU to staff the district with a 5-man model that will save overtime shifts. He also announced that they will be meeting with the Middle School to discuss implementing an AVID program where students will learn about career fields in hopes of getting more interest in the cadet program. The Department is also looking for volunteers to serve on the Fire Department and said that if citizens from Eatonville want to sign up to be a volunteer and the online application is closed, to call and they will open it.
- c. **Public Works Report-** October reports are on file with the Town Clerk. Town Clerk Kathy Linnemeyer reported that the SR 161 project has been suspended until spring due to the weather. The project will be completed when the signal lights come in. She also announced that the loan for the Rainier Avenue house has been paid off early due to the extra principal payments that the Council authorized.
- d. **Public Safety Committee-** Councilmember Dunn reported that the Public Safety Committee met on November 7<sup>th</sup> and had a passionate and spirited discussion about the Fire Department. He said that they discussed holding a Town Hall meeting for citizens to come to so that they can understand the challenges that the Fire Department is facing. Councilmember Walter stated that he went to Town Hall to view minutes from the Public Safety Committee, that there were no minutes and that the Committee Policy that was approved by Council is not being followed. He will have more to add at the next Council meeting.

#### **ORDINANCE 2017-11 Second Reading**

An Ordinance of the Town of Eatonville, Washington, amending the 2017 Budget of the Town of Eatonville, as adopted by Ordinance No. 2016-26.

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

Councilmember Walter made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2017-11 and was seconded by Councilmember Dunn. All were in favor.

## **RESOLUTION 2017-DD**

A Resolution of the Town of Eatonville, Washington, confirming the appointment of citizens Rich Williams, Karen Woodcock, Alana Smith and Kirk Heinz to the Ad Hoc Sign Committee.

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

Councilmember Hannah made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-DD and was seconded by Councilmember Walter. All were in favor.

## **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Councilmember Dunn recognized the Girl Scout Troop in the audience, who were in attendance to earn their government badge, and thanked the troop leaders for volunteering. He also thanked the citizens who volunteered to serve on the Ad Hoc Sign Committee. Councilmember Dunn also stated the importance of discussing the Fire Department with facts. He stated that people develop opinions with misinformation on social media and rumors that they hear and encouraged everyone to call the Fire Chief, Mayor, Administrative Staff or Councilmembers to verify information. He expressed appreciation for Chief Galey's transparency, stating that he inherited a very difficult situation and that we need a long term sustainable solution that is best for the Town. He encouraged citizens to attend public meetings and to volunteer.

Councilmember Walter gave credit to the Town Staff who were helping to save the kitten that was stuck in the drain of the bowl at the Skate Park. He stated that they stayed there for 3 hours and were not successful in getting it out. The Fire Department and Police Department worked the following morning and were able to get the kitten out of the bowl, and one of them adopted the kitten.

Councilmember Hannah asked the Girl Scouts, who were in the audience, if they were able to get all of their questions answered. They asked what the Council's opinion on being a good citizen is. Councilmember Hannah said someone who looks out for one another, puts forth their best attitude towards their peers and at school and treats others as they would like to be treated. Councilmember Walter said when someone is engaged in their community. Councilmember Dunn said to help someone when you can, volunteer in your community and to use your words to make someone smile. Councilmember Thomas said that engagement makes a good citizen, being here tonight is good example of citizenship and also intelligently using critical thinking and weighing both sides of issues.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Dunn moved to adjourn and was seconded by Councilmember Walter. All were in favor. Mayor Pro-Tem Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:33 PM.

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Mike Schaub, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kathy Linnemeyer, Town Clerk