

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

TIME: 7:00 PM

DATE: November 25, 2019

PLACE: Eatonville Community Center

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Deputy Clerk Christina Dargan called the roll. The following were:

Present: Councilmembers Emily McFadden, Bill Dunn, Bob Walter, Bob Thomas and Jennie Hannah.

Also Present: Deputy Clerk Christina Dargan, Town Administrator Abby Gribi, Police Chief Jason Laliberte and Interim Fire Chief Richard Curtis.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Mayor Schaub led the assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/SET TIME RESTRICTIONS

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

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

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| A. | Minutes from the November 12, 2019 Council Meeting | | |
| B. | Payroll | 26443 to 26446 | \$ 85,142.88 |
| C. | Claims | 38612 to 38640 | \$223,710.98 |

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD/COUNCIL COMMITTEE/BOARD/COMMISSION REPORT

- a. Police Report** - Chief Laliberte reported that the new Assistant to Chief started today, everything went smoothly and he seems like a good fit.

- b. **Fire Report** - Interim Chief Curtis reported that they had oral interview panels for the fire chief position last Thursday and Friday, and that the commissioners will meet December 5 to make a decision.
- c. **Public Works Report** - Town Administrator Gribi attended the state park stakeholders meeting if anyone would like that information. She also reported that the current maps are now in the GIS system so it is now a correcting and updating project, the Town got a TIB grant for \$125,000 for the 161 project which is that much less the Town will have to match, there will be an open house December 2 from 2-4 pm for two long term employees (Sheila Dudley and Gaille Finley) who are retiring, and there were planning/building admin interviews on Friday with a 2nd interview scheduled for the top candidate tomorrow.
- d. **Public Utilities Committee** - Councilmember Thomas reported that the Utilities Committee met Tuesday last week and discussed stormwater utility fees and revenue, including a probable rate increase, and the Comcast franchise agreement.
- e. **Finance & Legislative Committee** - Councilmember Dunn reported that the Committee met and discussed the Budget and solutions to the challenges the Town faces with the current expense fund. He also noted the Mayor is very conservative when preparing the budget and a lot of the issues can be controlled by controlling spending. They also talked about the special meeting on December 2 to get the budget approved by Council in time to comply with state law, and the contract renewal with South Pierce Fire and Rescue.
- f. **Mayor Report** - The Mayor attended the ZooTrek board meeting last week and shared information about Point Defiance and Northwest Trek, including letting everyone know that Zoolights opens this coming Friday at Point Defiance. He also attended the PCRC meeting on Thursday, where they discussed the clean air act, and relayed that the PCRC General Assembly in February may be held at the Skill Center next years, which would be closer for everyone to attend.

ORDINANCE 2019-8 Second Reading

An ordinance of the Town of Eatonville, Washington, repealing any ordinances in conflict thereof and authorizing the collection of the Eatonville regular tax levy for 2020.

Deputy Clerk Christina Dargan read the Ordinance by title into the record.

Mayor Schaub opened the Public Hearing at 7:19 pm. Hearing no public comment, Mayor Schaub closed the Public Hearing at 7:20 pm.

Councilmember Dunn made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2019-8 and was seconded by Councilmember McFadden. All were in favor.

ORDINANCE 2019-9 Second Reading

An ordinance of the Town of Eatonville, Washington, repealing any ordinances in conflict thereof and authorizing the collection of the Eatonville EMS levy for 2020.

Deputy Clerk Christina Dargan read the Ordinance by title into the record.

Mayor Schaub opened the Public Hearing at 7:21. Hearing no public comment, Mayor Schaub closed the Public Hearing at 7:22.

Councilmember Hannah made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2019-9 and was seconded by Councilmember Walter. All were in favor.

ORDINANCE 2019-10 Second Reading

An ordinance of the Town of Eatonville, Washington, adopting the GMA 2019 periodic update of Development Regulations, Titles 12, 15, 17, and 18 EMC.

Deputy Clerk Christina Dargan read the Ordinance by title into the record.

Councilmember Dunn made a motion to approve the Second reading of Ordinance 2019-10 and was seconded by Councilmember Walter. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION 2019-X

A resolution of the Town of Eatonville, Washington, approving an operational service agreement with Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 17, DBA South Pierce Fire and Rescue.

Deputy Clerk Christina Dargan read the Resolution by title into the record.

Councilmember Walter made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-X and was seconded by Councilmember McFadden. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION 2019-Y

A resolution of the Town of Eatonville, Washington authorizing the execution of a professional services consultant agreement with RH2 Engineering, Inc. for updates to the Eatonville Water Comp Plan.

Deputy Clerk Christina Dargan read the Resolution by title into the record.

Councilmember Dunn made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-Y and was seconded by Councilmember Walter. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION 2019-Z

A resolution of the Town of Eatonville, Washington authorizing the execution of a professional services consultant agreement with RH2 Engineering, Inc. for improvements to the Eatonville water treatment plant.

Deputy Clerk Christina Dargan read the Resolution by title into the record.

Councilmember Walter made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-Z and was seconded by Councilmember Hannah. All were in favor.

ORDINANCE 2019-11 – First Reading

An ordinance of the Town of Eatonville, Washington, adopting the budget for the Town of Eatonville, Washington for the calendar year 2020.

Deputy Clerk Christina Dargan read the Ordinance by title into the record.

Councilmember Dunn made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2019-11 and was seconded by Councilmember Hannah. All were in favor.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember McFadden thanked everyone for coming and noted that there weren't any comments on the budget because, at least in her case, it has already been discussed thoroughly so it was not just being voted on without having information.

Councilmember Dunn reiterated that, regarding the Budget, on paper it looks like a budgeted deficit, but if you look at a 4 or 5-year comparison, the consistency with the budgeted revenue is very conservative and he doesn't think that the budgeted deficit is as bad as it looks but, with the conservative estimates of revenues and expenditures and controlling spending, it will turn that around.

Councilmember Walter expressed his appreciation for the clerk staff filling in while short-handed.

Councilmember Thomas noted that the election is not official until the 26th.

ADJOURNMENT

With all business completed, Mayor Schaub adjourned the meeting at 8:07 PM.

Mike Schaub, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christina Dargan, Deputy Clerk