

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

TIME: 7:00 PM

DATE: January 22, 2018

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

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

Present: Councilmembers James Schrimpsheer, Bill Dunn, Bob Walter, Bob Thomas and Jennie Hannah.

Also Present: Town Administrator Abby Gribi, Town Clerk Kathy Linnemeyer, and Police Chief Brian Witt.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Mayor Schaub 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 Schrimpsheer moved approval with a three minute time restriction and was seconded by Councilmember Dunn. All were in favor.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Citizen Dixie Walter asked Councilmembers and citizens in the audience to speak into the microphone.

CONSENT AGENDA

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| A. | Minutes from the January 8, 2018 Council Meeting | | |
| B. | Payroll | 26145 to 26153 | \$ 87,359.39 |
| C. | Claims | 36981 to 36984 | \$ 5,833.77 |
| D. | Claims | 36985 to 37026 | \$ 391,082.80 |

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD/COUNCIL COMMITTEE/BOARD/COMMISSION REPORT

- a. **Police Report-** Police Chief Witt thanked the Mayor and Abby for representing the Town of Eatonville at the memorial service for Officer McCartney and also thanked Kathy in the front office for her help and support. Chief Witt also announced that the Department recently had an audit of their security, policies and procedures and that, thanks to Gaille's preparedness and having LEIMAP, they had no issues or concerns. He reminded citizens that Coffee with the Chiefs is the second Wednesday of each month and that the next one will be held on February 14th, at Bruno's, at 9am. They had about 8 people attend the January session.
- b. **Public Works Report-** Town Administrator Abby Gribi reported that they have been removing trees near the reservoir at Penn and Larson streets, abatement work will be taking place on the Glacier Park kitchen, she has received a preliminary draft of the Wastewater Treatment Plant updates that are needed and that they are now being reviewed by Steve McKasson, work is being done around the Community Center to increase security, the Town has submitted a grant application to CDBG for a food bank building, and that the School District has requested that the Town look at impact fees. She also reported that the Mayor will be at Cottage Bakery on January 29th at 9am to meet with citizens and that Eatonville Elementary will be having a parade through Eatonville on January 26th at 9:30.
- c. **Finance Committee-** Councilmember Hannah reported that the Finance Committee met and discussed what to do with the property located on Rainier Ave S now that it has been paid off, impact fees and discussed annexing Town owned properties into our Urban Growth Area.
- d. **Public Utilities Committee-** Councilmember Hannah reported that the Utilities Committee met and discussed charging a fee for fire flow testing and water rates.
- e. **Sign Committee-** Councilmember Dunn announced that the Sign Committee met and discussed the intent of the code, reviewed attorney suggested modifications to the code, discussed the possibility of having a signage theme in Town and the possibility of having a Town owned billboard. Meetings will be held on the third Thursday of each month at the Visitor Center beginning at 5:00pm.
- f. **Mayor Report-** Mayor Schaub stated that he attended the memorial service for Deputy McCartney with Abby Gribi and thanked the Police Department for helping to fill in for the Sheriff's Department. He also announced that the Pierce County Regional Council General Assembly meeting will be held on February 15, 2018 and that all Councilmembers are welcome to attend, and that he attended the Pierce County Regional Council meeting with Councilmember Schrimpsheer, who will now be the representative for the Town of Eatonville.

ORDINANCE 2018-1 Public Hearing (Second Reading)

An Ordinance of the Town of Eatonville, Washington, adopting a new chapter 18.12 of the Eatonville Municipal Code to prohibit the siting, establishment, and operation of any structures, property, or land uses relating to recreational marijuana production, processing, or

sale; and amending Chapter 5.04 of the Eatonville Municipal Code to prohibit the issuance of a Town business license for uses relating to recreational marijuana production, processing, or sale.

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

Councilmember Schrimpsker made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2018-1 and was seconded by Councilmember Hannah.

Mayor Schaub opened the Public Hearing at 7:22 pm.

Citizen Louise VanEaton read information from an article from the Washington State Department of Health on the negative effects of marijuana use.

Citizen Thomas VanEaton shared additional information from the Washington State Department of Health article on the negative effects of marijuana use, stated that the Washington State Governor may like the tax money but that the consequences aren't good and it is setting a poor example to be advocating it.

Citizen Roni Johnson stated that she is what a stoner looks like in Eatonville, spoke in favor of marijuana sales and the medical benefits of marijuana, stated that she did research from Puyallup to Olympia and that marijuana stores are surrounded by security cameras and that she is in favor of a marijuana store in Eatonville.

Citizen Steve Putney stated that he is an 18 year resident in Eatonville, feels that Council has already made up their mind on the issue, stated that Eatonville carries a negative attitude towards promoting new business, that he doesn't promote or use marijuana but that it has been a benefit and that he doesn't hear negative comments about this when asking other citizens about it.

Citizen Dennis Clevenger announced that federal law rules over state law and shared an example of how the Police Department can't pick and choose which laws to follow and asked the Council to take a stand and to do what is legal and reject any proposal that would allow marijuana sales in Eatonville.

Citizen Erica Conn stated that the citizens of Washington voted to have marijuana legalized, that she read that marijuana revenue will be 7.3 million in the next two years, there are now representatives who were against it and are now for it and that we need revenue in Town. She also stated that the National Institute on drug abuse said that marijuana is not a gateway drug and said that we need to think about getting revenue in Town and let people know that we are in with the times.

Citizen David Craig spoke in favor of having marijuana sales in Eatonville. He stated that he lives under the constitution and that people in this state voted in favor of it, and that if you don't want marijuana that you don't have to get it. He fact checked information after the last meeting and stated that Covington has a 77% higher crime rate than Eatonville and feels that it is not an accurate comparison to Eatonville. He also stated that he was disappointed in the level of disrespect from Councilmembers towards speakers and between Councilmembers, that he wants to hear what each person has to say and they kept interrupting each other and that he hopes they can have a higher level of respect.

Citizen Dixie Walter spoke with a woman who lives in Buckley and said that the marijuana shops are well ran and organized, said that she called them and they said that they have no problems with the Police and that the Police come to them, that they have hired a full time officer, funded a traffic light and that teen drug use is the lowest in 20 years. She also stated that she spoke with the manager of Green Door in Buckley and that they have no problems and have a good working relationship with the Police Department.

Citizen Len Throop proposed that the advisory vote to the citizens be a binding vote.

Citizen Joe Hagen stated that he feels that the peacefulness of Eatonville has gone down, would be in favor of medical marijuana and is against recreational marijuana sales in Town.

Mayor Schaub closed the Public Hearing at 8:05 pm.

Councilmember Walter made a motion to table Ordinance 2018-1 until the attorney can look at it and was seconded by Councilmember Thomas. All were in favor.

Councilmember Thomas made a motion to reinstate a moratorium on the sale of marijuana and issuance of business license relating to marijuana until after the advisory vote and was seconded by Councilmember Schrimpsheer. The motion passed with Councilmembers Dunn and Walter voting no.

RESOLUTION 2018-A

A Resolution of the Town of Eatonville, Washington, declaring certain property as surplus and authorizing its sale.

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

Councilmember Dunn made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-A and was seconded by Councilmember Schrimpsheer. All were in favor.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Schrimpsheer announced that he will be in Olympia with Abby Gribi for City Action Days this week and that it is a very busy legislative session. He encouraged everyone to research what they are doing.

Councilmember Dunn thanked the citizens for coming to the meeting and for having the courage to stand up and speak. He also stated that he will always be for the rights of the people.

Councilmember Walter thanked the citizens for coming to the meeting and thanked the Council for their time spent on this issue.

Councilmember Thomas thanked all of the citizens for coming to the meeting and said that it is a refreshing change to have everyone in the audience.

Councilmember Hannah thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and said that she will vote with the outcome of the vote of the people.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Dunn moved to adjourn and was seconded by Councilmember Schrimpsher. All were in favor. Mayor Schaub adjourned the meeting at 8:56 PM.

Mike Schaub, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathy Linnemeyer, Town Clerk