



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

TIME: 7:00 PM

DATE: May 11, 2020

PLACE: Virtual Zoom Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Town Clerk Miranda Doll called the roll. The following were:

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

Also Present: Mayor Mike Schaub, Town Clerk Miranda Doll, Police Chief Jason Laliberte, Interim Fire Chief Richard Curtis and Fire Chief Todd Warnet.

OPENING CEREMONIES

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

None-Comments in writing were requested prior to meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

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| A. | Minutes from the April 13, 2020 Council Meeting | | |
| B. | Payroll | 26499 to 26505 | \$ 83,492.26 |
| C. | Payroll | 26506 to 26509 | \$ 72,647.43 |
| D. | Claims | 38995 to 39028 | \$ 228,396.08 |
| E. | Claims | 39029 to 39059 | \$ 109,590.22 |

Councilmember Walter moved approval of the Consent Agenda and was seconded by Councilmember McFadden. All were in favor.

DEPARTMENT HEAD/COUNCIL COMMITTEE/BOARD/COMMISSION REPORT

- A. **Police Report** - Chief Laliberte reported that we had taken delivery of Officer Duran's new car. Officer McGuire's car had a critical failure that was under warranty and the transmission was replaced, which renews the warranty. He commended his officers for stepping up during Officer Duran's absence. He noted that, statistically, calls are down in Eatonville which is great considering they are up 40% in the County.
- B. **Fire Report** – Interim Fire Chief Curtis said that it was his last meeting and he has enjoyed working with Eatonville. He introduced Todd Warnet, the new Fire Chief. Chief Warnet thanked Chief Curtis for everything that he did while he was Interim Chief and said he would be sorely missed. He gave a brief outline of his background and education. He stated that they have hired 2 additional Firefighter Paramedics and they are both currently training at Bates Technical College. The move to the new administrative offices in Eatonville is on hold until June 1. He also reported that the District is getting new breathing apparatus to improve the training and safety of the Department.
- C. **Public Works Report** – Abby Gribi gave an update on the Rainier/Pennsylvania Ave project, reporting that they will be completing the road striping in a week and half or so. The Water Plant Improvement project will go out to bid tomorrow, May 12th, with a bid opening on June 9.
- D. **Mayors Report** – the Mayor reported that the road project was very well received by citizens and turned out well, and that the Town will be doing an article soon regarding the funding of the project. We re-opened the Trailhead parking area and the Skatepark. The annual Spring Cleanup will be taking place this Saturday but the parking at Smallwood will remain closed to keep parking at a minimum while still allowing trail access. He thanked the Police Department staff for stepping up during Officer Duran's absence.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember McFadden thanked Chief Curtis and welcomed Chief Warnet and inquired about possibly getting a crosswalk signal for the crossing on Center St E at the trailhead. She thanked all who joined the meeting.

Councilmember Dunn thanked Chief Curtis and welcomed Chief Warnet. He asked whether the Spring Cleanup would include hazardous material. He inquired about whether staff thought the fiscal impact of Covid-19 to the Town would be delayed or more immediate. The Mayor stated that he did not think it would have the same effect as the 2008 housing market. There may be a drop in sales tax, but sales tax heavy businesses are still operating so it may take a few months to see.

Councilmember Walter thanked Chief Curtis for his help in the transition and encouraged the continuance of social distancing and masks to help slow the spread of Covid-19.

Councilmember Thomas stated he feels like there is a wide disparity in interpretation of the code in regard to Zoning and Building standards and wanted to make a motion to add a discussion item at the next Council meeting for the creation of an Ad-hoc Committee of the Council to revise Chapters 18 and 19 of the EMC to streamline it, especially in regard to the Airport district.

Mayor Schaub stated that, until we can meet in person, we are very limited in what we can discuss, and there is already a process for updating code.

Councilmember Hannah thanked Chief Curtis and welcomed the citizens that had joined us and welcomed Chief Warnet. She inquired about the number of customers who are utilizing the emergency agreement for utilities. The Town Clerk gave her an update on how that process has been going.

ADJOURNMENT

With all business completed, Mayor Schaub adjourned the meeting at 7:49 PM.

Mike Schaub, Mayor

ATTEST:

Miranda Doll, Town Clerk