



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

TIME: 7:00 PM

DATE: February 22, 2021

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, Robert Thomas and Jennie Hannah.

Also Present: Mayor Mike Schaub, Town Clerk Miranda Doll, Town Administrator Abby Gribi and Police Chief Jason Laliberte.

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 McFadden. All were in favor.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

None-Comments in writing were requested prior to meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes from the February 8, 2021 Virtual Council Meeting
- B. Payroll 26603 to 26606 \$ 80,385.85
- C. Claims 39753 to 39792 \$ 264,345.26

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD/COUNCIL COMMITTEE/BOARD/COMMISSION REPORT

- A. **Public Works** - Town Administrator Abby Gribi updated the Council on the Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project. She also provided additional details in regard to the power outage from February 13th.
- B. **Public Utilities** – Councilmember McFadden let the Council know that the Committee met on February 10th to discuss electric rates and upcoming increases. They also briefly discussed the Water Comp Plan update that is on tonight’s agenda.
- C. **Finance/Legislative** – Councilmember Dunn stated that the Committee met on February 10th to discuss current employee wage rates and how they compare with other similar jurisdictions. The Committee recommended that staff research conducting a wage study.
- D. **Mayors Report** – Mayor Schaub informed Council that, since Pierce County is in phase 2, we will be looking into transitioning back to in-person meetings. He let the Council know that we would still need to be able to offer a remote setting for Council as well as the public, and that we would need to have an approved reopening plan.

RESOLUTION 2021-H

A Resolution of the Town of Eatonville, Washington, approving updates to the Eatonville Water System Plan and allowing for a 4-year extension.

Town Clerk Miranda Doll read the Resolution by title into the record.

Councilmember McFadden made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-H and was seconded by Councilmember Hannah. Motion passed with 4 in favor and 1 against.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember McFadden inquired on the status of the Golf Cart Ordinance. She also stated that she feels it is good practice as Councilmembers to request any additional information they feel they need to study prior to the meetings rather than at the meeting when it is time to vote.

Councilmember Dunn attended the PCRC on January 18th. He stated that the attendance has increased as a result of being virtual. He would like the rest of the Council and Town staff to review the PCRC action agenda items so a discussion can be had, and he can be aware of the Town’s position on the items prior to him voting on these at the meetings.

Councilmember Walter referenced the milestone of passing 500,000 Americans dying of COVID related illness. He recommended everyone continue following the guidelines to help slow the disease.

Councilmember Thomas referenced the food bank at the Eagles parking lot, within the runway protection zone. Councilmember Thomas made a motion to have the Public Safety Committee evaluate this, given the FAA and WSDOT’s position on incompatible land use in those areas, and to explore whether or not the Town of Eatonville is violating its grant assurances for money already received for airport improvements. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dunn, all were in favor. He would like to the Town to get an opinion from the Town attorney. He feels it has progressed past a temporary status.

Councilmember Hannah encouraged everybody to stay safe and have a good week.

ADJOURNMENT

With all business completed, Mayor Schaub adjourned the meeting at 7:31 PM.

Mike Schaub, Mayor

ATTEST:

Miranda Doll, Town Clerk