

EASTON CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

July 15, 2021

The regular meeting of the City of Easton was called to order by Mayor Bryant Stiernagle July 15th at 6:00 PM in the Easton Community Room.

In attendance: Mayor Stiernagle, Council members Jon Rath, Tony Stevermer, Gayle Heise and Jenny Stiernagle

Public in attendance Clerk Rose Doyle, Travis Winter with Bolton & Menk, via phone and Jeff Amy with WPU, Lu Ann Schrader and Todd & Janet Machin.

Meeting was called to order and Tony Stevermer read the Oath of Office as the new member of the city council due to the move of Andrea Neubauer.

The Machins were addressed and they stated they are purchasing the Steve Warmka residence and they would like to add on a deck to the front of the house and also move in a garden shed. They also presented to the council they have 3 pet chickens housed in an Amish coop which they would like to keep. After discussing the new ordinance presented they will be allowed the chickens with the proper guidelines met within the new ordinance. Motion by Jon Rath second by Gayle Heise to adopt the chicken ordinance as presented by city attorney. Motion carried.

LuAnn Schrader was addressed and she presented to the council the fact she owns land within the city limits and has been filing paper work with the FSA regarding her property for CRP land. Within the order she has to do a burn required by the FSA. Within the order the land owner needs to have a fire department on standby when the burn is being conducted. LuAnn contacted the Easton fire chief and he told her they were too busy and could not be there. Schrader went ahead with the burn and it got out of control and the Easton Fire Department had to be called. Schrader was then presented with a bill for \$1000.00. She said she would pay the bill, however she was quite upset with the Easton Fire Dept for not cooperating with her request. The mayor and council said they would not accept her check as the Fire Dept. should have been more cooperative in this matter. She was thankful to the mayor and council and they assured her this would not happen again. She is to contact council or mayor when this needs to be done again.

Mayor Stiernagle announced with the addition of Tony Stevermer to the council Tony will be on the fire department commission and Jenny Stiernagle will be on parks and recreation.

Motion by Gayle Heise second by Jon Rath to accept minutes of June 9th 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Jon Rath second by Jenny Stiernagle to accept financials. Motion carried.

Police: No report

Fire: No report

Public Works: Water agreement with Wells was discussed. A draft should be ready for August meeting. After checking on price of filter for water plant in case of emergency it was determined to not go forward with it as the price is \$2000.00. Discussion took place regarding repeaters or antennas put on new water tower. Will be up to the council if they will be allowed. Water meters were discussed and bids may be obtained this fall yet. Travis Winter gave a report regarding progress on construction. All is going well and blacktop may be put down on Main St. the first week in August. Cedar St. will not be closed until Main St. is totally opened. Motion by Jon Rath second by Gayle Heise to approve the third pay application for the project. Motion carried.

Streets & Buildings: Gayle Hiese read an e mail received from Hometime Fibre regarding broadband within the city. Was the feeling of the council we have local Bevcomm so will inform them no need to attend the next council meeting as requested by the company. Motion by Jon Rath second by Jenny Stiernagle to approve LP Gas contract for upcoming season for \$1.549 per gallon. Gallon amount will be determined later. Motion carried.

Tri City: By pass to lift station to replace valves in the pond is completed and all went well.

Park & Rec: No report

Old Business: 20 Cedar St is on hold until receiving estimate of the cost of the asbestos removal.

New Business: No report

With no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Next regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday August 11th, 2021 at 6:00PM.

Mayor

City Clerk