

EASTON CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

October 13, 2021

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Bryant Stiernagle, October 13, 2021 at 6:00 PM in the Easton Community Center.

In attendance: Mayor Stiernagle, Council Members Tony Stevermer, Jon Rath & Gayle Heise.

Public in attendance City Clerk Rose Doyle, Jeff Amy, Travis Winter virtual.

Motion by Gayle Heise second by Jon Rath to accept the minutes of September 8th meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Jon Rath second by Gayle Heise to accept financials with the exception of city Attorney fee for collection expense of one of the bars which will be tabled for November meeting. Motion carried.

Police: No report

Fire: Budget was discussed. Window repair will be done at fire station.

Public Works: Jeff Amy stated they would store 2 fire hydrants saved from construction for emergency use. When project is complete the hydrants will then be stored in Easton. WPU ordered hydrant markers and will be installed. Ann Schuster has been appointed to Utility Board and Darin Magnuson on the Tri City Board. Travis Winter with Bolton & Menk gave an updated report on construction. Current well will be kept for backup after project is completed. All utilities are completed. 2 days of concrete work will be completed around the 20th of October. Prepping for sod is on going. Hoping sod work can be completed this fall as it is the best time to do sod. Paving will be done around the week of the 25th weather permitting. All projects for 2021 should be completed by Mid November, weather permitting. Newsletter will be sent to residents involved in the project regarding sod care and new cement care. 30 days of watering etc. is in the contract of the construction company and salt should not be used on new cement work. Compost site will be sloped in a different manner to keep the platform to a smaller area. Railroad track crossings were discussed and Winter stated they have been working with the railroad company for 2 years to solve the issue, however the railroad is very difficult to work with. Reflector flags will be installed on Linder St. to prevent sod damage due to snow removal. New street signs will be erected through out the city. Drive way to pond was discussed and a motion by Gale Heise second by Tony Stevermer to allow 20 Main St resident to have access to the pond area from Main St. Motion carried. Resident on North Main St requested no parking sign in front of his building, however council felt it was best to paint the curb with the yellow paint for no parking and to have him erect a sign on his building stating the no parking request. Street lights on Elm St need to be reconnected before asphalt is laid.

Streets & Buildings: Motion by Jon Rath second by Tony Stevermer to approve snow removal contract with Swehla Exc. as written. Motion carried. Request from janitorial service for an increase in hourly rate was tabled to the November meeting. ESCO out of Wells & Blue Earth was suggested for heating and HVAC repair when needed.

Tri City: No report.

Parks and Rec: No report

Old Business: No report

New Business: Motion by Jon Rath second by Tony Stevermer to send letters to the owners of the properties as well as the residents with delinquent utility bills. Motion carried.

Motion by Jon Rath second by Gayle Heise to adopt Resolution 10132021 declining to purchase the property at 41 Date St as this property is a forfeited property because of nonpayment of Real Estate taxes. Motion carried.

No further business to come before the council, motion by Jon Rath second by Gayle Heise to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Next regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday November 10th, 2021 at 6:00PM.

Mayor

Clerk