

# EASTON CITY COUNCIL

## Regular Meeting

September 13, 2023

The Regular meeting of the City council was called to order by Mayor Bryant Stiernagle, September 13th, 2023 at 6:00P.M. at the Easton Community Center.

In attendance Mayor Bryant Stiernagle, Council Members Gayle Heise, Elijah Lippert, Tony Stevermer & Jon Rath. & City Clerk Rose Doyle & Jeff Amy with WPU.

Motion by Tony Stevermer second by Jon Rath to accept minutes of August meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Gayle Heise second by Tony Stevermer to accept financials with correcting the spelling of Gayle Heise's name. Motion carried.

### **Department Reports:**

**Police:** No Report

**Fire:** No report

**Public Works:** Park shelter will be shut down according to weather conditions. Amy suggested to the city any farm taps into new water system should not be done until system is up and running and all is established regarding billing and what the actual cost will be. As water meters are being installed winning bidder will be notified to observe for any lead piping.

**Streets & Buildings:** Council stated they will issue a letter to Hislop Farms regarding the demolition of the elevator building as it is a hazard and needs to be done before the Ash St. rebuild takes place. Funding for the Ash St. project will be with a low interest loan with the USDA.

**Tri City:** Pond permit will be issued in 2024. Vac truck was repaired and rates on the usage of the vac truck will be discussed at the December Tri City Sewer meeting.

**Park & Rec:** One of the horse shoe pits was damaged by construction workers and was removed.

**Old Business:** Motion by Jon Rath second by Elijah Lippert to go forward with the current design for the new water tower. Motion carried.

**New Business:** Motion by Jon Rath second by Tony Stevermer to set preliminary budget at 10%. Motion carried. Mayor explained a new line will be added to the budget for debt service which is tied to the loan payments that will be made starting in December 2023 for water and sewer and street project which was completed in 2021. Approximately 9% of the increase will go into the debt service amount and 1% into the general budget. Motion by Jon Rath second by Elijah Lippert to adopt a new ordinance regarding the operation within the city regarding the new cannabis law passed by the state. Motion carried. The ordinance will be in place until the state decides what to do regarding many questions which have come forward since the passing of the marijuana bill. Motion by Jon Rath second by Elijah Lippert to approve payment request to the USDA in the amount of \$172.50 for phase 1 of the water project. Motion carried. Motion by Jon Rath second by Tony Stevermer to approve the payment request in the amount of \$26,740.00 for phase 2 of the water project. Motion carried. With the pending of retirement of Swehla Excavating the snow removal was discussed and was tabled until further inquiry into the pending retirement.

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 6:30P.M.

Next regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday October 11<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 6:00PM.

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Mayor

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Clerk