

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
EITZEN CITY COUNCIL
January 14, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Eitzen City Council was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Jeffrey Adamson. Council members present were Emily Burrichter, Mitch Luttchens and Matt Sauer. Councilmember Doug Meyer was absent. Also in attendance were City Clerk Steve Schuldt, Maintenance Supervisor Darryl Meyer and guest Char Meiners, candidate for Houston County Commissioner.

Ms. Meiners explained that she was the former County Auditor and had worked in the office for nearly 4 decades. Her position in the Auditor's Office required her to work directly with the County Board, making her the most experienced candidate running for the Commissioners position. Her goals, should she win the election, is to reduce spending by reducing a number of top management positions that should now be assumed by the newly hired County Administrator. She believes that the Human Services Department is overstaffed in comparison to Fillmore County. She does not believe that the County should spend an exorbitant amount of money to remodel the former jail. She also believes that the zoning office needs to do a better job of working with its citizens and in particular rock and sand quarries.

Minutes of the December 10, 2019 meeting were read. Councilmember Sauer moved, second by Councilmember Burrichter and the motion passed to approve the minutes.

December financial statements were reviewed. Councilmember Burrichter moved, second by Councilmember Luttchens and the motion passed to approve the financial statements.

Mayor Adamson explained that the park dedication and city picnic is in planning stages and he will be meeting with members of the playground committee later.

Mayor Adamson spoke for the record that by consensus the Mayor and Council salaries will remain the same as prior years.

Councilmember Luttchens moved, second by Councilmember Sauer and the motion passed to approve a tobacco license for Gator's Bar & Grill.

Mayor Adamson presented council with the 2020 committee appointments as follows:

Steve Schuldt: City Clerk	Joan Breeser: City Treasurer
Darryl Meyer: City Maintenance, water & sewer operator.	Doug Meyer: Water & sewer back-up.
Mitch Luttchens: Deputy Mayor, Buildings & Grounds.	Matt Sauer: Electric, Streets and weed inspector.
Emily Burrichter: Board of Health, Hazard Mitigation and Civil Defense.	
Official Newspaper: Caledonia Argus.	Official depository: ESB Banking.
City Attorney: Mike Murphy.	

Mayor Adamson requested volunteers for online local board of appeal and equalization training. Councilmembers Emily, Mitch and Matt agreed to take the training.

Mayor Adamson presented council with the Eitzen annual cash basis financial report.

Mayor Adamson requested that the council meet with him this month to conduct an employee review. He will contact council members later with a date and time.

Resolution designating election judges. Councilmember Sauer moved, second by Councilmember Burrichter and the motion passed to designate Rowland Cordes, Eunice Meyer and Lila Kasten as election judges.

Darryl Meyer reported that two power outages occurred in the city in December requiring extensive repairs and a leaking water line had to be repaired the week of January 13, 2020.

Councilmember Luttchens requested that quotes be obtained for upgrading the lighting at the ball diamond and tractor pulling track.

Council reviewed December 2019 claims payable. Councilmember Luttchens moved, second by Councilmember Burrichter and the motion passed to pay all claims.

There being no further business, Councilmember Burrichter moved, second by Councilmember Sauer and the motion passed to adjourn at 8:30 pm.

Steve Schuldt, City Clerk

Jeffrey P. Adamson, Mayor