

Special Council Meeting
Monday, September 12, 2016
7:15 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a special session on Monday, September 12, 2016 at 7:15 P.M. at the Town Hall, 107 South Holland Street, Edinburgh, Indiana.

President Ervin called the meeting to order.

Members present were: Councilman Jack Shepherd, Vice President Jeff Simpson, Councilman Jerry Lollar, and President Kami Ervin. Also present were Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston and Clerk Treasurer Scott Finley. Councilwoman Dawn Graham was absent.

President Ervin said the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the 2017 budgets. She asked Mr. Finley to lead the budget workshop.

Mr. Finley said he and Mr. Watson had scheduled an educational meeting with Dan Hedden of Umbaugh to better educate the council and staff on the state budget process. He said he would like to invite all the council members to attend and he thinks everyone will have a better understanding of the budget after that meeting.

Mr. Finley said the town can fund the budget as advertised but it is out of balance. The general fund was out of balance by approximately \$471,000 and of that \$450,000 is a new building for the cemetery. He said anything spent over the revenues generated would begin to eat into the cash balances but the town has adequate cash balances to support extra expenditures.

Mr. Finley asked Fire Chief Allen Smith if he would like to present his budgets to the council since he was unable to attend the last meeting.

Mr. Smith said he had one cut to make from the EMS budget. The \$14,000 in capital outlays for the power stretcher can be cut. He said the stretcher was not a necessity and would spend most of its time sitting in station two not being used.

Councilman Shepherd asked Mr. Finley about the possibility of funding the cemetery building from the Badger Fund.

Mr. Finley said to his knowledge the badger fund can be used for any purpose as long as it was for beautification or maintenance of the cemetery. He said he would do some research regarding that fund and what it can be used for.

Mr. Huddleston said he believed the town used the Badger Fund to acquire the piece of property adjacent to the cemetery.

Councilman Simpson asked Cemetery Sexton John Hoskinson if he had plans for the proposed building.

Mr. Hoskinson said he did and passed copies out to the council members.

Discussion was held regarding the proposed cemetery building and possible funding options.

Councilman Ervin said if the Badger Fund can be used for the project she would much rather see the funds come from there than from tax dollars.

The council agreed to cut the \$450,000 from the cemetery capital outlays line item and look into other funding options for the project.

Mr. Finley said that cut alone puts the general fund within approximately \$8,000 of being balanced. He said if the council would like to get to a completely balanced budget he would need some time to work with department heads to cut the required amounts from each fund.

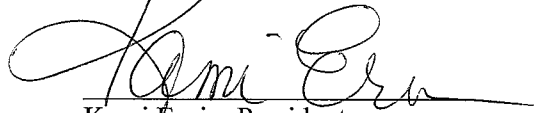
Councilman Lollar said he is for having a balanced budget. He advised him and the department heads to really look at labor and vehicles.

Councilman Simpson said he agreed.

Mr. Finley said he would schedule another budget workshop before the budget adoption.

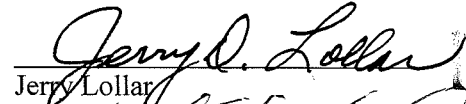

Being no further business or comments, Councilman Simpson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Unanimous.

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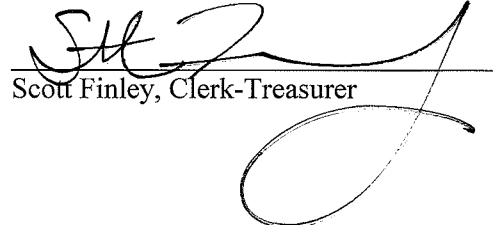

Kami Ervin, President

Jeffrey A. Simpson, Vice President

Dawn Graham


Jerry Lollar
Jack Shepherd

ATTEST:


Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer