

Town Council Meeting
Monday, January 23, 2017
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, January 23, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, 107 South Holland Street, Edinburgh, Indiana.

President Kami Ervin called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

President Ervin said next on the agenda were the minutes of the council meeting of January 9, 2017. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda were claims and handed it over to Clerk Treasurer Scott Finley.

Mr. Finley said everyone should have received two claim dockets in their council packet. An end-of-month docket for December and the regular docket for the period. The total for the January end-of-month docket was \$649,693.72. The total for the regular claim docket was \$763,083.08. He said he had signed off on all the claims in those dockets and handed them over to the council for approval. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the claims as submitted. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the Buening Contract Renewal. This is a consulting agreement for engineering services. She asked Town Manager Wade Watson if he had anything to add.

Mr. Watson said Mr. Buening's agreement states an hourly rate he will charge for services. The town only pays for the hours he spends on a project. He is not used a lot but is an invaluable resource when needed. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the Mike Buening Consulting Agreement. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was Ordinance 2017-1 Fee Schedule. She asked Mr. Watson to explain the changes.

Mr. Watson said this ordinance is mostly clean-up for fees the council has previously approved by motion and also correcting a couple of mistakes. Mr. Watson explained each of the changes to the council.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to wave the first reading of Ordinance 2017-1 and consider it for approval. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-1. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the Timbergate update presented by General Manager Wayne Gibbs.

Mr. Gibbs passed out copies of his PowerPoint presentation to the council. The presentation showed the last quarter financials as well as the totals for 2016. He said numbers were lower than he would have liked due in part to the poor weather in 2016. His first slide showed the expenses and revenues for 2016 as well as a comparison for the previous 5 years. The second slide showed where the revenues came from and the total rounds played. The total rounds played in 2016 were 20,299 and in 2015 that number was 22,561. He opened the floor to council or public questions.

Councilman Lollar asked if he had the number of rounds played for 2014 and earlier.

He said he did not have that information with him but he could get those numbers to him. He said they are probably within a few hundred rounds of the 2016 numbers.

President Ervin asked if he had any plans for 2017 to try to increase the revenues.

Mr. Gibbs said they are advertising more on the radio. The simulators are helping in the off season months.

Council Comments

Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston said Ordinance 2017-1 will need to be advertised because it imposes fees. It cannot be effective until 30 days after it is advertised.

Mr. Huddleston said the council had authorized him to draft an easement regarding the new well that will be constructed. That has been drafted and has been sent to the owners for review. Once they have reviewed the document it will come to the council for approval.

Mr. Finley said he had some good news. The electric garage mortgage has paid off and there are several other leases and loans that will pay off in 2017.

Departmental Comments

Golf Course General Manager Wayne Gibbs said the carpet at the course is original to the building which was constructed in 1999. It is getting rough and is in need of replacement. He passed out a list of three quotes he obtained for carpet replacement. The cost would come from the Shelby County EDIT fund which has been earmarked for Timbergate maintenance and improvements. The lowest quote came in at \$24,002.08. Councilman Simpson made a motion to allow Mr. Gibbs to proceed with the replacement of the carpet from the low bidder, Levensteins/Abby Carpet. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried 4 to 1 with Councilman Lollar voting nay.

Town Manager Wade Watson said he wanted to bring the council up to date on the building across from the town hall. Another section of the wall collapsed and has created an unmanageable hole. The owner would like to sell the property for \$5,000 to the town for demolition. He said he put some numbers together regarding what it would cost to tear the building down and finish the side of the adjacent building which houses the food pantry. The total of his estimate was around \$60,000.

President Ervin asked if there were any other buildings around town that could serve as the food pantry.

Mr. Watson said the cost is going to be similar regardless of what happens to the building. The food pantry would have to be moved at least temporarily while demolition was going on. Because the adjacent building is only one story there is the possibility that part of the building could fall on the food pantry building. He said under the circumstances he believes the town could make use of the land by making a parking lot where the building sits with an ADA entrance into the food pantry.

Discussion was held regarding the history of the buildings in that area.

Councilman Lollar said he would like to see a project report showing the cost involved and where the funds would come from to pay for the project.

Mr. Huddleston cautioned that when acquiring property the town is required to get two appraisals and pay the middle value. He said there may be a minimum threshold for that requirement but he would have to look into that.

Discussion was held about the options for the building.

Councilman Lollar made a motion to allow Mr. Huddleston to research the requirements for obtaining the aforementioned property and include it in a staff report presented to the council. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Watson said he met with IDEM last week and receive approval to drill for the new well. They have been very willing to work with the town on this project.

Mr. Watson said the final inspection of the Blue River Building will be on Thursday. Provided no issues are found that project will be closed out after that inspection.

Mr. Watson said the Storm Water Project is also moving along. Concrete is being poured on East Main Cross and all the structures are in the ground.

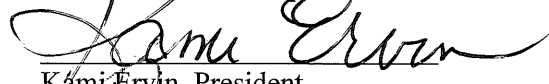
Fire Chief Allen Smith said he had budgeted for turnout gear in his 2017 budget. He presented the council with the cost of that gear. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the purchase of new turnout gear as presented by Mr. Smith. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.


Parks Director Daniel Teter said basketball is underway and the Father/Daughter dance will be held on February 10, 2017.

Public Comments

Matt Ervin invited everyone to attend the Redevelopment Commission meeting immediately following this meeting.

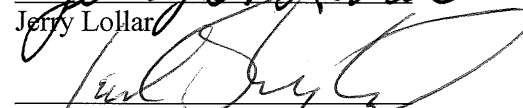
Being no further business or comments, Councilwoman Graham made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

EDINBURGH TOWN COUNCIL

Kami Ervin, President

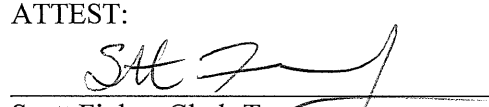
Jeff Simpson, Vice President

Dawn Graham

Jerry Lollar

Jack Shepherd

ATTEST:



Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer