

Town Council Meeting
Monday, August 14, 2017
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, August 14, 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, Councilwoman Dawn Graham, Councilman Jerry Lollar, and President Kami Ervin. Also present were Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston and Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley. Vice President Jeff Simpson was absent.

President Ervin said next on the agenda were the minutes of the council meeting of July 24, 2017 and the Executive Meeting of July 24, 2017. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Finley said the council received a copy of the claim docket in their council packet. The total for the docket was \$161,156.33. He said he had signed off on all the claims in that docket and handed them over to the council for approval.

Mr. Lollar said he knows there was an issue with the Truck Services quote and asked if there was any negotiating on that claim.

Town Manager Wade Watson said he and Fire Chief Allen Smith met with Truck Services and found that there were two issues with the original quote. The first was the employee gave a quote consisting of parts that would not fit the vehicle. The second was a misunderstanding on what the quote covered. The issue was the lack of communication during the process. He said in his opinion the quote was still unsatisfactory and will affect future business.

Councilman Lollar made a motion to approve the claims as submitted. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the CDBG Wastewater Project Public Hearing. She asked Mr. Watson to explain the public hearing.

Mr. Watson said this public hearing is for a grant the town will be applying for this year. The need for this comes from the agreed order the town had with IDEM.

President Ervin opened the public hearing.

Kent Anderson of Kenna Consulting said the final application is due on September 1, 2017 and the award announcement will be October 12, 2017. The total project cost is approximately \$587,000 with the town's match being \$137,000.

Ashley Getz of Strand Associates said again the town is under an agreed order with IDEM and this grant would help the town with part of that agreed order. She explained the agreed order.

Town Manager Wade Watson said he had a chance to meet with local businesses in the area including Blue's Canoes whose business relies on safe and clean waterways. They were concerned with the threat of an illicit discharge and agreed the town should take every possible precaution to prevent that from happening. Mr. Watson said not only are we under an agreed order with IDEM, it is the right thing to do for the wellness of the community.

President Ervin said this project should also help with flooding in town since the town has a combined sewer system. The town gets stagnant water for a length of time after any rain event because the system cannot keep up with the flow to the plant.

Town Marshall Dave Mann said the Police Department is in support of this project. Removing water from the streets as quickly as possible is important as that water can become a danger for many reasons. Small towns such as Edinburgh do not have the funds to do project of this scale on their own. The extra capacity from the project would also benefit the town as it grows to allow more and larger users on the system.

Electric Superintendent Kevin Rubush said any project that improves the infrastructure of the town makes the town safer and more efficient.

Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley said the town's Stormwater rates are relatively low and with those rates the town could not afford a project of this scale on its own. He said he is in full support of this project.

Being no further comments President Ervin closed the public hearing.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was Resolution 2017-6 Authorizing Application Submission and Local Match Commitment. Councilman Lollar made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-6. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the property demolition staff report presented by Wade Watson.

Mr. Watson said this report deals with the building the town received as a donation from Mr. Loy. The food pantry next to the building has been relocated and the utility lines have been removed. Estimates were difficult to obtain. He said he got estimates for tearing down the donated property as well as the small building next to it and also quotes for saving the small building. The staff recommendation was to demolish both buildings using the low bid from Gosman for \$18,800. A decision can be made at a later date about what will be done with the property after the demolition.

Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston said he would recommend drafting an agreement with the contractor if the council chooses to proceed with the demolition.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to award the demolition bid to Gosman for the demolition of both structures per the staff report subject to an agreement between the town and the contractor. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Lollar made a motion to allow Mr. Huddleston to draft the agreement between the town and Gosman. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Gibbs gave the council a copy of his PowerPoint presentation. The first slide showed the revenues and expenses for the second quarter. Deducting the bond payment from the expenses left a profit of \$10,094.50. The second slide showed a breakdown of the revenues and a comparison to 2016. The final slide showed the year-to-date expenses and revenues. Deducting the bond payment left a loss of \$54,758.77.

The council thanked Mr. Gibbs for his presentation.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was Janice Burton with a Cemetery Discussion.

Ms. Burton of 504 Fulford Drive said at the last meeting she discussed some issues with the cemetery. She said she came up with a few suggestions. If the people purchasing lots are not buying flower stones the lot price should be increased to include a flower stone. She also stated that rules where gives to everyone when lots are purchased. She believes the purchaser should have to sign that they have read and understand the rules.

Ms. Burton said she also recommends that someone in the town drive side streets on a weekly basis to look for violations. She explained that the house on the corner of Pleasant Street and State Road 252 is about to fall down. She also asked if the town owns the grain silos.

President Ervin said the town does not own that property. She asked Mr. Watson and Mr. Valenzuela to look into the house on Pleasant Street.

Mr. Watson said he has been in the house and it looks really bad but is not in danger of falling down. It has been boarded up to keep people out but it is private property so there is not a lot the town can do. The owner has intentions to eventually restore the house.

Building Commissioner Nick Valenzuela said he does try to hit every street in town over the course of a few weeks. He asked Ms. Burton to contact him regarding violations she sees and the staff would be happy to address any properties of concern.

Mr. Watson said he too covers about 90% of the town every week and the street department and fire department also see most of the community. The town is doing its best to get property owners to take care of their property.

Council Comments

Councilman Lollar asked about the status of WODA, the company purchasing Country Place Apartments.

Mr. Watson said he actually has a meeting with them in the next weeks. WODA did not receive the grant but do plan to reapply. They did acquire the property and are looking at more properties in town. He said he also has a meeting with Common Wealth, another company looking acquire property in town.

Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston said as Mr. Watson eluded to, the town successfully closed on the property at 108 South Holland Street on July 31st. All taxes and fees were paid in full and the town is now the owner of that property.

Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley said he wanted to remind the council of the budget workshop immediately following the August 28, 2017 council meeting.

Departmental Comments

Town Manger Wade Watson said the town successfully obtained three quotes on a new phone system. It will be a great savings to the town and the town will also get all new equipment. The change will take place at the end of the current contract in October.

Mr. Watson said the town has been approached by Duke Energy and they are going to waive all pole attachment fees for the town.

Mr. Watson gave an update on Well 5. He gave a brief history of the project. The town is in the process of getting a permit through IDEM to allow fill in a floodway to put the vault above the static water level. A platform will have to be constructed around the pump so that employees can safely work on the well. The town has received three quotes for the platform. The low bid for the platform was \$12,500 from Hoosier Machine and Welding. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the quote for the OSHA approved platform from Hoosier Machine and Welding for \$12,500. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Watson said this week a representative from Hoosier S.T.A.R.T. will be present for training on the new deferred compensation plan the council adopted.

Electric Superintendent Kevin Rubush said he and Steve Clark have looked into the illegal diversion of electricity and fees for tampering with electric meters. The department has issues with people turning their power back on and damaging the meter in the process. This is also very dangerous. He said he would like the council to consider adding these fees to the policy.


Mr. Huddleston said he would recommend stating this in an ordinance since fees will be imposed. After the ordinance is passed the fees could be added to the fee schedule at a later date.

Councilman Lollar made a motion to table the illegal diversion of electricity discussion until the next meeting. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

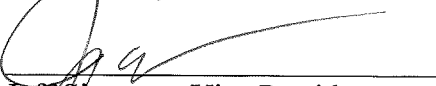
Golf Course General Manager Wayne Gibbs presented the council with three quotes for a new security system. The course has had some issues with security and the current system is outdated. The funds for the system would come from the Shelby County EDIT Fund. The low quote was \$9,954.15 from Enhanced Telecommunications Corp. Councilman Lollar made a motion to allow the purchase of a new security system for Timbergate from the low bidder Enhanced Telecommunication Corp for \$9,954.15. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

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

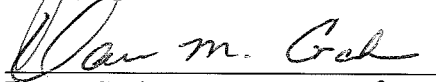
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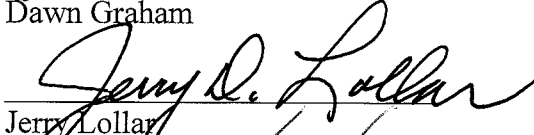
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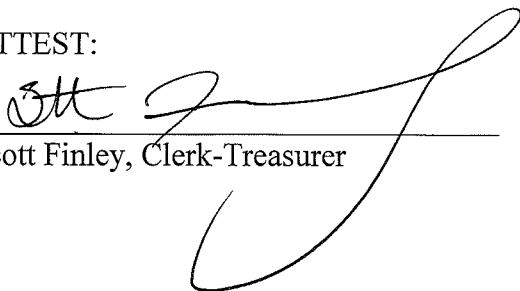


Jerry Lollar



Jack Shepherd

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Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer