

Town Council Meeting
Monday, September 11, 2017
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, September 11, 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 August 28, 2017 and the special meeting of August 28, 2017. Councilman Lollar made a motion to approve both 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 the council received a copy of the claim docket in their council packet. He had one addition to the docket. Mr. Hazelgrove with the Edinburgh Lion's Club requested the \$3,000 check that was approved for the Fall Festival earlier in the year. The total is \$161,345.59. He said he had signed off on all the claims in that docket and handed them over to the council for approval. 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 100 – 102 East Main Cross Building Discussion. She asked Parks Director Daniel Teter to lead the discussion.

Mr. Teter presented a PowerPoint of his presentation on the monitors. He explained that they are working on converting the building to a community center. He gave a brief history of the building including the most recent façade project. He explained that a committee was formed to decide a use for the building and that committee meets every Tuesday to work on the project. The members of the committee were present at the meeting. Mr. Teter showed a slide with results from a survey they did on uses for the building. The community center was high on the list and feasible for the town. His presentation then touched on why a full time staff would be necessary. The person would need to be very involved in the community and know what both citizens and businesses in the town need and want.

Nate Dillingham of the committee said there has been a lot of front end work done on this project. He explained that the town has a great parks department for youths but there is not a lot for adults to do within the community.

Cathy Hamm of the committee said this building is not a turn-key operation. The day that building is up and running you cannot expect someone to jump in and hit the ground running. Ideally the person would start before the building was ready to get acclimated and get programs ready.

Becky Wilhelm from the committee said the planning stage is so important. The committee wants this to be successful and something the community can take pride in.

President Ervin asked what the estimated opening was for the building.

Mr. Teter said they are looking at June or July of 2018. He would like to hire someone by April to start getting things ready.

Councilman Shepherd said the council has said in the past they would like to see occupants in all of the downtown buildings. The town can be the ones to start that by making a place for people to congregate.

Mary Patterson of the committee said the committee would continue even after the building is open to help with anything that might need to be done.

Town Manager Wade Watson said he was deeply involved in this project when it first started but has since had to remove himself for other obligations. He is passionate about the project and wanted to commend the committee on the work they have done over the past three years.

Councilman Lollar said it would be nice to set up a time for the council to view the building.

Ms. Wilhelm said the committee would like to set up an open house for the community to visit and see the work that has been done on the building.

The council thanked the committee for their presentation and their work on the project.

Departmental Comments

Town Marshall Dave Mann said Officer Nick Green has accepted a position with another department and submitted his resignation. He asked for permission to fill the vacant officer position. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow Mr. Mann to fill the vacant officer position. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Allen Smith said September 20th the department will be hosting an Indiana Volunteer Fire Fighter Association meeting.

Town Manager Wade Watson presented a staff report regarding the Hubert Ayers monument at the cemetery. He met with two representatives of monument companies. Both of their opinions were that this crack was not caused by an impact but a natural flaw in the stone. Neither gave any indication that the crack would cause further issues in the future. Both said they would be happy to replace the monument. Mr. Watson said he does not believe the cemetery department did anything to cause this crack but he will honor any action the council decides to pursue.

Councilman Lollar said he appreciates the report but he believes that it is possible the cemetery caused this issue.

Mr. Watson said there are 10,000 stones at the cemetery being mowed around every week and a stone will get bumped occasionally but he does not believe this particular incident was caused by an impact. He said he will be happy to replace the stone if the council chooses.

The council directed Mr. Watson to send his findings to the family and inform the council of their response.

Mr. Watson presented a staff report regarding Commonwealth Companies and the property near East Side Elementary. The report included drawings of the proposed buildings, maps, and legal research from Mr. Huddleston. The town cannot donate the property if it is valued over \$15,000. The application for the grant would need to be submitted by Commonwealth by November. Also, the site does not currently have storm water infrastructure so it would require a retention pond or an infrastructure improvement.

Mr. Huddleston said it is difficult for the town or the school to simply donate property. Even if it is less than \$15,000 notice has to be given to surrounding land owners.

President Ervin said her biggest issue would be if it required a retention pond so close to the school.

Further discussion was held regarding the property and other interest in the property.

Mr. Watson said the building across from the utility office has been torn down. He thanked Fire Chief Allen Smith for housing the food pantry in the interim. He asked for council permission to get some concept drawings for possible uses for that property. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow Mr. Watson to contact architects for concept drawings for that property. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Watson said the closeout documents have been submitted for the grant on the community center and the grant application for the wastewater project has been submitted.

Mr. Watson invited the public and council to the open house at Camp Atterbury on Saturday.

Mr. Watson said Dave and Jodie Phillips were present from C & D Service Inc. and were interested in selling their property to the town for the expansion of the water treatment facility. The department is in need of an infrastructure upgrade and this property would be ideal for that upgrade. The current assessed value is approximately \$109,600.

Discussion was held regarding the need for an infrastructure upgrade.

Councilman Shepherd made a motion to allow Mr. Watson to obtain two appraisals on the discussed property. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Parks Director Daniel Teter gave a list of activities happening at the fair this week.

Public Comments

Janice Burton, 504 Fulford Drive, said at the last meeting she discussed people running the stop sign at the corner of State Road 252 and Main Street. She recommended solar powered flashing lights on those dangerous intersections.

Paula Wright from East Side Elementary said the kids are collecting donations for Hurricane Harvey relieve and have raised \$1,140 with 4 days remaining.

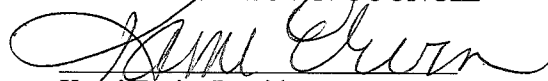
Barb Pierse of 400 E Main Cross was present to discuss Ordinance 2015-4 regarding the control of animals. She asked if it would be possible to adjust the ordinance to allow a small number of chickens in town if they were in an enclosed area.

Building Commissioner Nick Valenzuela said he had done some limited research on the issue and found some similarly worded ordinances. He believes it would be possible to amend the ordinance to allow that if the council so chooses.

President Ervin said they would look into that ordinance and get back with her.


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

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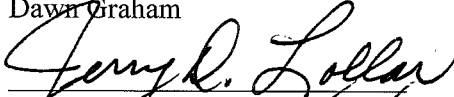


Kami Ervin, President

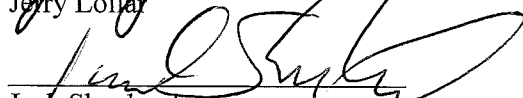
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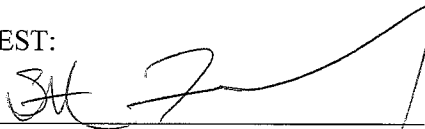


Jerry Lollar



Jack Shepherd

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Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer

