

Special Council Meeting
Monday, September 11, 2017
5:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a special session on Monday, September 11, 2017 at 5:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, 107 South Holland Street, Edinburgh, Indiana.

President Kami Ervin called the meeting to order.

Councilmembers present were: Councilman Jack Shepherd, Councilwoman Dawn Graham, Councilman Jerry Lollar, and President Kami Ervin. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley and Town Manager Wade Watson. Vice President Jeff Simpson was absent.

President Ervin asked Mr. Finley to lead the meeting.

Mr. Finley said the purpose of this meeting is to discuss the 2018 preliminary budgets. He gave the council an updated worksheet for the 2018 budget. He explained that he had slightly adjusted the estimated max levy line to match what was submitted by the DLGF. The only other changes since the last budget workshop were adding unemployment to a couple of departments and an error where the excel sheet was not calculating. He explained that at the last meeting discussion was held regarding transferring some levy from the General fund to the Park and Recreation. He said his recommendation would be to transfer some of the excess levy in the General fund to both the Park and Recreation as well as the MVH fund to better balance all three of those budgets.

Mr. Finley showed on the screen how the budget would look if those levies were adjusted to balance those three funds.

Discussion was held regarding the William A. Badger fund.

Discussion was held regarding the town's cash balances and the need for a capital projects plan.

Mr. Finley explained that if the council decided to decrease the levy, it could do so for a year or so. But the following year the levy would most likely need to be raised back to the max. With the decrease in levy there is a chance that most of the taxpayers would not see a change in their bill due to the Circuit Breaker Tax Credits.

Discussion was held about the Marketplace fund. Mr. Finley explained that the Marketplace fund could not completely sustain the expenses for Police or Fire protection but it is a good amount to offset those General fund dollars.

Discussion turned to the Blue River Building Project. Councilman Shepherd said the council has put all this money into that project to make it into a community center but now there are questions about staffing the center. He said it's a waste to completely renovate a building to let it just sit there.

President Ervin said there will be a presentation by that committee during the regular council meeting regarding that project.

Councilman Lollar asked how much of the increase in the Park and Recreation was for the one full time person.

Mr. Finley said the full time line item increase was most likely a \$1,040 increase per full time employee and the addition of a full time employee for the community center. He said he is not sure how much he budgeted for that employee but it was probably between \$30,000 and \$35,000. On top of that, for budgeting purposes we would assume that the new employee would have a family plan for insurance.

Mr. Lollar said he would like to see a breakdown of that line item.

Mr. Lollar said the pool has a part time increase of \$6,500. He asked how many people that includes.

Mr. Finley said he was not sure but the pool is required to have so many lifeguards on duty at any time. He said in 2016 he paid out \$66,000 in wages. That number can vary based on the weather while the pool is open.

Mr. Lollar said he has a problem with the increase in park concession inventory.

Mr. Finley said for 2017 the concessions have already spent \$37,000. On the flip side they have already brought in \$93,000 in revenues when they were only expecting about \$65,000. He explained that they have to have the stock to be able to bring in the revenue.

Mr. Lollar asked what part of the Street full time wages was for overtime.

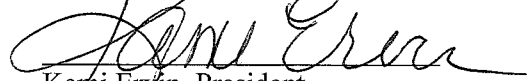
Mr. Finley explained that they budgeted for 80 hours of full time for each employee in case of a bad winter. That does not mean that those employees would automatically get those wages. The issue with the street department is there is a possibility of bad weather at the end of December. The town can only do additional appropriations up to December 15th. That means there is a chance those employees would be working overtime and the town would not be able to pay them from the appropriated funds.

President Ervin said she is fine with the recommendation to move levy around to balance the funds.

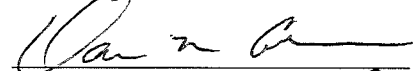
Councilman Shepherd made a motion to allow Mr. Finley to advertise the 2018 budget as presented with the recommend changes. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

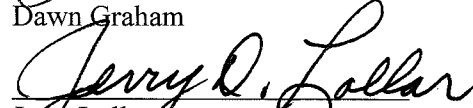
Being no further business or comments, Councilwoman Graham made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

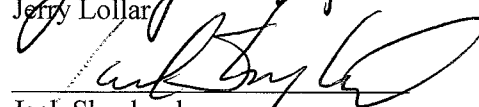
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ATTEST:



Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer