

Town Council Meeting
Monday, September 25, 2017
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, September 25, 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 special meeting of September 11, 2017 and the council meeting of September 11, 2017. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve both minutes as submitted. Councilman Shepherd 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 two claim dockets in their council packet. The first was an end-of-month docket for August totaling \$131,116.50. The second was the regular claim docket for the period totaling \$762,105.94. He said he had signed off on all the claims in those dockets 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 Public Hearing for the 2018 Budget. She asked Mr. Finley if he had any comments.

Mr. Finley said he gave the council a copy of the notice to taxpayers, Form 3, which is advertised online. The numbers on the Form 3 reflect what was discussed at the budget workshops. The budget adoption will be held at the next council meeting, October 9, 2017.

President Ervin opened the public hearing for the 2018 budget. Being no comments, President Ervin closed the public hearing.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the Public Hearing for the MacBeath Waiver of Non-Compliance. She asked Building Commissioner Nick Valenzuela if he had anything to add.

Mr. Valenzuela said the town does not have verification that MacBeath has filed the Form 322. This form needs to be submitted before the town approves the waiver.

Mr. Huddleston said this whole process was set up to waive the non-compliance of submitting the necessary forms. He recommended holding the public hearing but tabling the resolution until the following meeting and following up with MacBeath for verification that they have filed the necessary form.

President Ervin opened the public hearing for the MacBeath Waiver of Non-Compliance.

Councilman Shepherd asked if they had a deadline.

Mr. Huddleston said yes, they were informed that the hearing and resolution would be at this council meeting. He said its possible MacBeath believed they needed to file the CF-1 for this waiver when they needed to file the Form 322.

Councilman Lollar asked if they gave a reason why they had not filed and what are they putting in place that makes sure this does not continue to happen.

Mr. Valenzuela said he believes it was just an oversight on their part. He said the Form 322 is a one-time form that must be filed. However, they are aware they need to file all annual forms including the CF-1 by the due date of each year. He said he would like to start contacting companies with abatements in early March as a reminder to file their annual abatement forms.

Being no further comments, President Ervin closed the public hearing.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was Resolution 2017-7 Waiving Non-Compliance of MacBeath Hardwood Tax Abatement. Councilman Lollar made a motion to table Resolution 2017-7 until the next council meeting. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was Ordinance 2017-5 Protection of the Delivery of Electricity. She said Electric Superintendent Kevin Rubush and his assistant Steve Clark presented this a few council meetings back and the council directed Mr. Huddleston to draft an ordinance.

Discussion was held regarding the fines and fees.

Mr. Huddleston said because the ordinance imposes fees it cannot be effective until 30 days after it is advertised.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to waive the first reading of Ordinance 2017-5 and consider it for approval. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-5. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

Departmental Comments

Fire Chief Allen Smith said the training facility is mostly done. They have used the facility several times. He said he had planned on keeping the current ambulance for another year but he continues to have issues with it breaking down. He said he would like to obtain quotes for a new ambulance to be paid for from the NRO Fire and EMS Fund.

Mr. Finley said if he is looking to replace the ambulance in 2018 he would recommend adjusting the budget before the adoption to show the transfer coming in from the NRO Fire and EMS Fund and the added expense coming from the General Fund. He said there should be no issues with increasing that line item as other line items have been decreased and will more than offset that amount.

President Ervin thanked Mr. Smith for 30 years of service as Fire Chief.

Electric Superintendent Kevin Rubush said the department had a bucket truck failure today and will be looking at quotes for a new bucket truck. He said this is the second time the truck has had this kind of failure.

Town Manager Wade Watson explained the safety issues involved with a bucket truck failure near power lines. He said the old truck would be transferred to a department that does less dangerous work.

Town Manager Wade Watson said the town was not awarded the Community Crossings Grant this year. It was much more competitive this year. He said he will look at getting quotes to repave a portion of East Main Cross with funds on hand. It is still possible that we could still apply for the grant next year for this project and receive the money retroactively.

Mr. Watson said the town was awarded a \$10,000 grant to upgrade all rail crossings in the community. Additional signage and pavement markings will be put at each crossing.

Mr. Watson gave an update on Well #5. The town has applied for a permit from DNR and are awaiting approval. Progress cannot continue until that permit is obtained. He said the department has also decided it is not qualified to plumb the pump through the vault. He has an agreement for Peerless to do that work for \$2,380 per day and should take about two days. The engineers have told him that is a reasonable price for the work to be done.

Mr. Watson gave an update on Common Wealth. They are still set on applying for the grant by November 6th. They have sent documents for review. Mr. Huddleston will be reviewing those documents.

Mr. Watson said he met with 2 architectural firms in the last couple of weeks to get concept drawings for the food pantry across the street as well as possible other uses. The low bid by Miller Architect came in at \$1750. He will be working with them in the coming weeks.

Mr. Watson said on multiple occasions a concerned citizen has complained of large trucks using Jake Brakes in front of his house on State Road 252. The town had asked INDOT two questions. We asked if the speed limit could be reduced sooner to eliminate the need to slow large vehicles in town. Their response was no, the speed limit cannot be reduced. We asked if we could place a sign prohibiting the use of Jake Brakes in that area. Again their response was no, Jake Brakes are the most efficient way to slow large trucks down and when properly muffled should not cause a disturbance. They suggested placing a sign stating a noise ordinance is in effect in the area. Drivers could be fined if they cause disturbances prohibited by the noise ordinance.

Mr. Watson said Mr. Teter could not be present but he wanted to announce the success of the Fall Festival this year. Mr. Watson thanked all the departments that helped with the festival.

Mr. Watson said he too wanted to recognize Allen Smith on his 30 years of service as Fire Chief and 43 years of service with the town.

Building Commissioner Nick Valenzuela said at the previous meeting there was discussion regarding the control of animals ordinance. He asked if the council would like to move forward on the issue.

President Ervin said some research has been done. The issue will be put on the next council agenda.

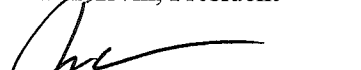
Barb Pierse of 400 East Main Cross said the bricks near the railroad on East Main Cross are falling in on the North side of the street.


Mr. Watson said he would look into the issue.

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

EDINBURGH TOWN COUNCIL


Kami Ervin, President

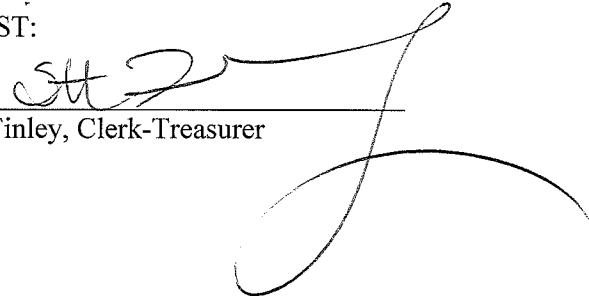

Jeff Simpson, Vice President


Dawn Graham


Jerry Lollar


Jack Shepherd

ATTEST:


Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer