

Town Council Meeting
Monday, January 8, 2018
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, January 8, 2018 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: 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. Councilman Jack Shepherd was absent.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was election of officers. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to elect Kami Ervin as President. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to elect Jerry Lollar as Vice President. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda were the minutes of the council meeting of December 27, 2017. Councilman Simpson 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 two end-of-month claim dockets in their packet. One was for October, totaling \$215,082.94, and the other for November, totaling \$208,594.79. He said he had signed off on all the claims in those dockets and handed them over to the council for approval. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the claims as submitted. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the first reading of Ordinance 2018-1 Fee Schedule. She explained some of the changes on the fee schedule.

Mr. Finley said he believes most of the changes have already been approved by motion by the council and this ordinance memorializes the fees.

Mr. Huddleston recommended adjusting the title to state that it is amending the previous fee schedule.

Mr. Finley said he could make that change. No action was taken on the ordinance.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was Resolution 2018-1 Board Appointments to Planning Commission; Joint Plat Use; Joint Zoning Board of Appeals; Zoning Board of Appeals and Redevelopment Authority. She explained the appointments. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-1. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the Michael W. Buening Consulting Agreement. She asked Town Manager Wade Watson to explain.

Mr. Watson said Mr. Buening has served for a number of years as a consultant for engineering services. He currently works as an engineer for INDOT and has been a valuable resource to the town. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the consulting agreement with Michael W. Buening. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the Edinburgh Redevelopment Commission 2016 and 2017 Annual Reports presented by the Commission President Matt Ervin. She noted that the 2016 report was completed but never presented to the council.

Mr. Ervin gave a brief outline of the two reports. He explained that the commission had been working on developing a TIF District, closed on the Timbergate Bond, and acquired property that could potentially be developed in 2018.

The council accepted the 2016 and 2017 Annual Reports and thanked Mr. Ervin for his presentation.

Mr. Huddleston said these reports are to be filed with the DLGF for statutory compliance and the Redevelopment Authority will present similar reports.

Council Comments

Mr. Huddleston said the Timbergate Bond did close on December 28, 2017. He said he will be forwarding all necessary documents to Mr. Finley for the town's records.

Departmental Comments

Town Manager Wade Watson said Well #5 project has been delayed due to the cold temperatures. The department is waiting for Peerless to make some connections and we hope that happens this week. We were able to pressure test the lines with no issues.

Mr. Watson said the town has had some weather related issues causing overtime in some departments that you will see on reports in the future including frozen water mains and snow plowing. There was also some weather related damaged to the wastewater plant. A heater went out and the polymer mixer froze and burst. The company who manufactured the product has parts on order for repair and the cost will be approximately \$6,000. If it cannot be repaired it will cost approximately \$13,000 to replace the part.

Mr. Watson presented the council with a request to hire an additional full time employee in the electric department. The plan would be to promote the part time employee they currently have working for them. He explained the lengthy process of hiring a Lineman.

Discussion was held regarding the lineman training process.

Councilman Lollar asked how many full time employees the department currently has.

Electric Superintendent Kevin Rubush said seven including himself. Two of those are in the apprentice program and hope to top out this year.

Councilman Simpson said he would like a few weeks to look at the recommendation.

Councilman Lollar said he would like to see a comparison to similar sized departments. Councilman Simpson made a motion to table the new hire staff report for further consideration. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Watson presented a quote for insulation in the new community center. He explained that this is the next necessary step and needs to be done as soon as possible. We have received two quotes and are awaiting two more. He asked for permission to award the bid to the lowest bidder when the other quotes are obtained. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to award the bid to the lowest bidder when all bids have been received, not to exceed \$6,000. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Lollar asked for an update on the property the town was attempting to acquire.

Mr. Watson said the owners were supposed to reply by December 26th. They did not but submitted a letter a few days after stating they would reply after the holidays.

Councilman Lollar asked for a report outlining the status of the capital projects plan.

Mr. Watson gave a brief update and said we are still gathering costs and some projects will take a while because of the size but he will keep the council informed.

Fire Chief Allen Smith said the department did not have any fire runs during the cold weather. During an EMS run an ambulance was damaged from debris in the road. The cost to repair will be about \$2,000. He said he may have an employee leaving the department in a couple of weeks so he will be searching for an employee to replace him.

Janice Burton of 504 Fulford Dr. said Columbus just passed an ordinance regarding a registry for landlords and she thinks the town should look into a similar ordinance. She said also they need better markings on Hougham and Eisenhower. For out of town people the intersection can be confusing.

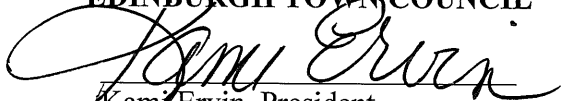
Mr. Valenzuela said he would look into that issue.

Bill Jones of 7795 E. State Road 252 said he wanted to see where the council was on amending the noise ordinance to limit Jake Brake usage on 252.

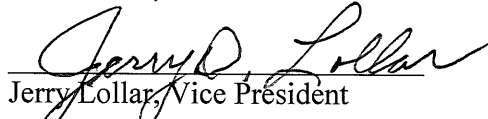
Mr. Watson said the town is virtually handcuffed based on what the state requires. Because 252 is a state owned road they can dictate what signage can and cannot be posted and the state believes Jake Brakes are the best way to slow large vehicles. He invited Mr. Jones to come to his office and he would show him the communications from the state.

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

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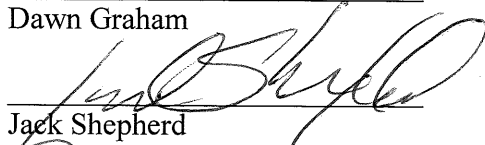


Kami Ervin, President

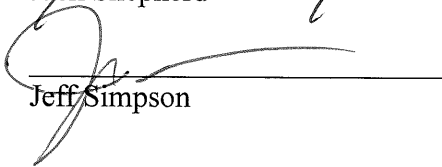


Jerry Lollar, Vice President

Dawn Graham

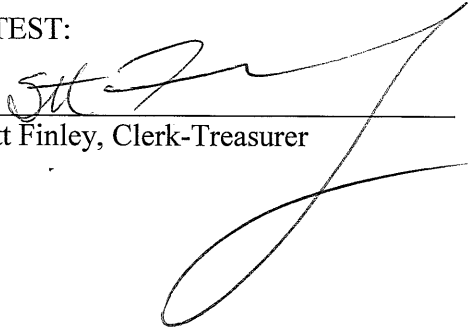


Jack Shepherd



Jeff Simpson

ATTEST:



Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer