Town Council Meeting
Monday, August 11, 2025
6:00PM

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, August 11, 2025, at 6:00PM at the Town Hall, 107 South Holland Street, Edinburgh, IN.

Council President Ryan Piercefield called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Answering Roll Call: Council President Ryan Piercefield, Councilwoman Miriam Rooks, Councilwoman Debbie Buck, Councilwoman Sherri Sweet, and Councilman Michael Bryant.

Also present were Town Manager John Myers, Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston and Emily Cravens, Accounts Receivable filling in for Clerk-Treasurer Rhonda Barrett who was absent.

Minutes- Minutes of Council Meeting July 28, 2025, and minutes of Special Meeting July 28, 2025.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the July 28, 2025, Council Meeting minutes and the July 28, 2025, Special Meeting minutes. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Minutes of Special Meeting August 4, 2025, and Minutes of Executive Meeting August 4, 2025

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the August 4, 2025, Special Meeting minutes and the August 4, 2025, Executive Meeting minutes. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Council President Piercefield and Councilwoman Buck abstained.

Claims- Accounts Receivable Emily Cravens presented one claim docket in the amount of $409,573.44. Ms. Cravens stated that the claim docket amount changed from $409,741.44 to $409,573.44 due to an invoice amount correction. All claims have been reviewed and signed.

Discussion was held regarding what the correction was.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the claim docket as presented in the amount of $409,573.44. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Conflict of Interest Approval- Attorney Huddleston stated that the Conflict-of-Interest Form created by the State of Indiana to disclose and approve any conflicts of a council member. The form is for Council President Piercefield who completed waterline repairs for the Town with his private company. There is a statement from Water Superintendent Bill Jones about the cost and quote received from President Piercefield's private company at a cost of $2,500 which was lower than other quotes received. Attorney Huddleston stated that if the form is approved, then it must be filed with the State of Indiana before the invoice can be paid at the next meeting.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the Conflict-of-Interest Approval Form as presented by Attorney Huddleston for Mr. Piercefield. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Council President Piercefield abstained.

Elected Official Contracting Statement- Attorney Huddleston stated that this is another conflict-of-interest form that allows future work to be completed by Council president Piercefield's private company.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the Elected Official Contracting Statement for future work as presented for Council President Piercefield.. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Council President Piercefield abstained.

CrossRoad Engineers Professional Services Agreement- Town Manager John Myers presented the CrossRoad Engineers Professional Services Agreement proposal for the 2025-02 paving project. Mr. Myers stated that CrossRoad Engineers completed the Town's 2023 and 2024 paving projects. Attorney Huddleston has not reviewed the proposed agreement yet.

Council President Piercefield asked if Wessler does CCMG advising or if Mr. Myers had reached out to any other engineering firms. Mr. Myers stated that he did not speak to any other firms as CrossRoad Engineers has been awarded the project for the last few years.

Councilwoman Sherri Sweet asked for clarification if CrossRoads are the ones who engineer to plan the pavement before we hire somebody to do the paving.

Manager Myers stated that they inspect our roads based on a scale for classifications and then we send out for bids.

Water Superintendent Bill Jones stated that CrossRoad Engineers is familiar with the Town and the Town's projects.

Discussion was held regarding when a decision must be made.

Planning Director Julie Young stated that projects open October 1st and must be submitted by October 31st.

The Council requested Mr. Myers reach out to other engineering firms to receive more quotes.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to table CrossRoad Engineers Professional Services Agreement. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Wessler First Amended and Restated Pretreatment Sewer Services Agreement- Town Manager John Myers stated that this is the second year for Wessler to continue to assist the wastewater department in doing inspections on commercial businesses for illicit discharge. The agreement has been reviewed by Attorney Huddleston.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve Wessler First Amended and Restated Pretreatment Sewer Services Agreement. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Fire Department Portable Radio Purchase Quotes- Fire Chief Justin Lollar requested to purchase ten Motorola radios in the amount of $68,159.61 from ERS Wireless. Chief Lollar stated their current radios are approximately seven years old and were purchased with a grant at that time. Chief Lollar stated the radios are at their end of life and are expensive to repair, he needs twenty but wants to start with ten replacements. Chief Lollar stated that he would like to purchase the radios using the Public Safety Fund, which has approximately $90,000 in it. The new Motorola radios will have a seven-year warranty. Chief Lollar stated that he did not get three bids for the radios as this is the Sourcewell state pricing, so all the pricing is the same.

Discussion was held regarding the importance of having radios.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to allow Attorney Huddleston to draft a resolution for the Fire Department Portable Radio Purchase through Sourcewell in the amount of $68,159.61. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Other Business

Councilwoman Sweet thanked the Town for being patient with school and the transportation issues they have been experiencing.

Councilwoman Rooks asked if Town Manager John Myers could elaborate what INDOT is doing at 800 N and US 31. Mr. Myers stated that INDOT purchased land from the Town in 2024 so that a turn lane to go east and a northbound turn lane coming off on 800 N to go northbound.

Councilwoman Rooks asked about the meeting with Van Ausdall about IT services and if it could be discussed at the next budget workshop. Director of Administrative Services Mary Patterson stated that they are waiting for Van Ausdall to get back with them about other equipment they have requested.

Discussion was held regarding Van Ausdall costs and how they are divided up between departments.

Mrs. Patterson stated that they have requested a representative from Van Ausdall be present at the next Council meeting when the quotes are being presented.

Accounts Receivable Emily Cravens stated that there should have been a motion to authorize Council President Piercefield to sign off on the Wessler First Amended and Restated Pretreatment Sewer Service Agreement.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to authorize Council President Piercefield to sign off on Wessler First Amended and Restated Pretreatment Sewer Service Agreement. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Police Chief Doyne Little stated two officers have applied for jobs elsewhere for personal reasons. Chief Little stated that they ran a reserve PT and written test for any reserve officers that want to be considered for a full-time position. Chief Little stated seven people attended the tests and two of them passed. One of the people who passed is one of the Town's current reserve officers. Chief Little stated that Darren Koors has become a certified Drug Recognition Expert through the state. Chief Little stated that there has been a good turnout of people at the recent Town events and there are people from different cities and towns attending.

Fire Chief Justin Lollar stated that the National Night Out event would be Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at 5:00PM at the fire station. Chief Lollar stated that they will be grilling burgers and serving ice cream.

Parks Director Daniel Teter stated that they had their first night swimming at the pool in a few years and had over four hundred people attended.

Wastewater Superintendent Robert Jessie stated that they will be receiving parts for the new press. Superintendent Jessie stated that the portable press is working well and ran 63,000 gallons of solid last week. Superintendent Jessie stated that they had an incident when working on a sewer main.

Council President Piercefield stated that the portable machine the Wastewater is using and how the department is using in an amazing way. Piercefield stated that an unmarked gas main was hit by the Wastewater department the other day and the wastewater department fixed it themselves instead of outsourcing it which was a huge savings and complimented the department for doing a fantastic job with the incident. President Piercefield further stated that the holes on St Rd 252 that the Town keeps getting blamed for are part of the Case project and not anything that the Town has done or can control, it is all a part of the States project on 252.

Director of Economic Development SaraBeth Drybread stated that she will be attending the Indiana Economic Development Association conference in Indianapolis that was paid for by IMPA. Director Drybread stated that last week she attended a technology readiness training course hosted at Camp Atterbury. Director Drybread stated that as part of the adopted comprehensive plan, a Main Street Organization has been formed. Director Drybread stated that the mission of Edinburgh Main Street is to foster economic vitality, preserve historic character, and build community pride in downtown Edinburgh by supporting local businesses, engaging citizens, and promoting a welcoming environment. Edinburgh Main Street will be doing a presentation at the next Town Council meeting.

Public Comments

Tim Adkins, 113 E Main Cross Street, co-owner of Cliff's Bar and Grill, stated that Cliff's has been closed for renovation and plans to have their grand reopening August 29, 2025. Mr. Adkins stated that there is still a fence from the building being torn down at 115 E Main Cross Street. Mr. Adkins asked if this fence could be removed for aesthetic purposes. Mr. Adkins stated that they clean the lot and put cameras in that alley, and they would like to spray the weeds behind the fence.

Council President Piercefield stated that the fence was put up for safety and liability reasons. To remove it would require the Town Attorney to investigate what we can or cannot do with the property.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to authorize Attorney Huddleston to investigate whether the fence can be taken down or not. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Adjourn

Being no further business or comments, Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

These minutes are a summary of actions taken at the Town of Edinburgh Council meetings. The full video archive of the meeting is available for viewing at https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL0pagNU7lg5FkjGffQyWphtcPehlL-R5g for as long as this media is supported.

EDINBURGH TOWN COUNCIL

Absent
Ryan Piercefield, President

Miriam Rooks
Miriam Rooks, Vice President

Debbie Buck
Debbie Buck

Sherri Sweet
Sherri Sweet

Michael Bryant

ATTEST:
Rhonda Barrett
Rhonda Barrett, Clerk-Treasurer