Town Council Meeting
Monday, April 13, 2026
6:00PM

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, April 13, 2026, 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.

Roll Call- Council President Ryan Piercefield, Councilwoman Miriam Rooks, Councilwoman Sherri Sweet, and Councilman Michael Bryant.

Councilwoman Debbie Buck was absent.

Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Rhonda Barrett, Town Manager John Myers, and Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston.

Minutes- Council Meeting March 23, 2026

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the March 23, 2026, Council meeting minutes. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Councilwoman Sweet abstained.

Claims- Clerk-Treasurer Barrett presented one claim docket in the amount of $823,919.73. All claims have been reviewed and signed.

Discussion was held regarding the claim for the required annual testing on electric trucks and gloves in the amount of $10,894.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the claim docket as presented in the amount of $823,919.73. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Hearing of Proposed Reestablishment of the Cumulative Capital Development Fund- Council President Piercefield opened the public hearing for the Proposed Reestablishment of the Cumulative Capital Development Fund. With no comments, President Piercefield closed the public hearing.

Ordinance 2026-5 Reestablishing the Cumulative Capital Development Fund (1st Reading)- Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that this was discussed at the previous Council meeting and concerns the public hearing just held. Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that this reestablishes the rate from 0.023 to 0.05. Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that the first reading can be waived, and the ordinance could be approved tonight. If the ordinance is approved tonight, the information will be sent to the newspapers advertised on April 22, 2026. Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that taxpayers are given a 30-day remonstrance period then if there is no remonstrance, the documents will be submitted to the DLGF for approval. Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that if the DLGF approves, the new rate would be on the 2027 taxes due and payable in 2027. Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that the circuit breaker would still apply with this rate, and it is not an additional tax. If a taxpayer has already met the tax cap, they would not pay any additional taxes. Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that if they are not at the tax cap, there will be a slight increase but most of the residential properties are already at the tax cap.

Discussion was held regarding what the extra funds could be spent on.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to waive the first reading of Ordinance 2026-5 Reestablishing the Cumulative Capital Development Fund. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-5 Reestablishing the Cumulative Capital Development Fund. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Baker Tilly Arbitrage Services Scope of Work- Attorney Huddleston stated that this is a service for the bonds the Town has issued and that part of the bond process is to pay it back over a period of time after the debt has been issued. Attorney Huddleston discussed that information must be reported quarterly to the IRS and Baker Tilly has been involved with all these bonds. Attorney Huddleston stated that the only issue he had with the contract was the limitation of liability and he prefers liability to be unlimited. Attorney Huddleston stated that Baker Tilly wants to limit those liabilities to a fixed amount. Attorney

Huddleston stated that they have discussed this with the insurance company who had the same concerns, but the Town must stay with Baker Tilly since they were involved in the original bond process.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve the Baker Tilly Arbitrage Services Scope of Work. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to authorize Council President Piercefield to sign off on the Baker Tilly Arbitrage Services Scope of Work. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Annual Conflict of Interest Forms- Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that this is Councilwoman Debbie Buck's conflict of interest form where her son's business, Buck's Mowing, will be bidding on work for the Cemetery.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve Councilwoman Buck's Annual Conflict of Interest Form. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Elected Official Contracting Statement- Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that this is Councilwoman Debbie Buck's elected official contracting statement where her son's business, Buck's Mowing, will be bidding on work for the Cemetery.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve Councilwoman Buck's Elected Official Contracting Statement. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Wessler Invoice #49240 for Water Treatment Plant- Clerk-Treasurer Barrett presented Wessler invoice #49240 in the amount of $2,698. Water Superintendent Bill Jones has reviewed the invoice.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve Wessler Invoice #49240 for Water Treatment Plant in the amount of $2,698. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to authorize Council President Piercefield to sign off on Wessler Invoice #49240 for Water Treatment Plant. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Utility Office Closing Request- Clerk-Treasurer Barrett requested the utility office be closed to the public on Thursday, May 21st, from 1PM to 5PM so staff can attend virtual training over the meter reading software.

Discussion was held regarding the office closure being advertised to the public in advance.

Council President Piercefield made a motion to approve the Utility Office Closing Request for May 21st from 1PM to 5PM. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Park & Rec Baseball Sponsorships/Donations- Clerk-Treasurer Barrett presented a total of $1,950 in sponsorship/donations from Amos Hill, Timbergate, Cliff's Bar and Grill, and Huddleston & Huddleston.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve the Park & Rec Baseball Sponsorships/Donations as presented in the amount of $1,950. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

ERA 2025 Annual Report- Clerk-Treasurer Barrett presented the 2025 ERA annual report that covers any meetings held in 2025 and any expenses they had. Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that the ERA did not have any expenses nor employed anyone in 2025. Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that nothing must be done, it is just required that the report be presented to the Council and uploaded to Gateway.

Surplus Items- Town Manager John Myers stated that there are six vehicles and some miscellaneous items that they would like to have Attorney Huddleston draw up the paperwork to mark as surplus and sell on GovDeals.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the 2026 Surplus Items to auction on GovDeals as presented. Councilwoman Swet seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Transformer Purchase Quote- Town Manager John Myers stated that this is to purchase 15 transformers for section five of Timbergate. Mr. Myers presented two bids from Brownstown Electric Supply and United Utility Supply. The Brownstown Electric Supply bid was $1,062.75 lower than the United Utility Supply bid.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve the Transformer Purchase Quote from Brownstown Electric Supply in the amount of $50,462.25. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

CCMG Bid Update- Town Manager John Myers stated that the Town initially did not receive the CCMG grant through the state but then received a notice from the state to go ahead and put in for certain streets. Mr. Myers stated that they had a bid opening today with Crossroads Engineering with bids ranging from $129,000 to $240,000. Mr. Myers stated that Brad with Crossroads reviewed the lowest bid from Robertson Paving, who met all the requirements. Mr. Myers asked the council to take this under advisement. Mr. Myers stated that they will be informing the state for them to review and hopefully move forward. Mr. Myers stated that the streets would be Fulford Drive, East Campbell Street between Kyle Street and West Park Drive, Ward Street between Walnut Street and Holland Street, and Duncan Street between County Line Road and Hendricks Street.

Revize Web Services Sales Agreement- Director of Economic Development SaraBeth Drybread stated that at the previous Council meeting the Council approved the website quote from Revize and this is the sales agreement.

Discussion was held regarding Attorney Huddleston reviewing the sales agreement before bringing it back for signature.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to authorize Attorney Huddleston to review the Revize Web Services Sales Agreement. Council President Piercefield seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Other Business

Councilwoman Sweet thanked Town Manager John Myers for hauling sod for the Cemetery while they were short staffed.

Council President Piercefield stated that Fire Chief Justin Lollar had sent him pictures of the Town's ladder and crew assisting in fighting the large fire in Franklin.

Planning Director Julie Young stated that she received a permit to work from the railroad on the crossing on Thompson Street on June 11th. Director Young stated that she will be sending the maintenance detour schedule to all emergency services so that they have a plan in place. Director Young stated that there are some enforcement options in the UDO that the Town currently does not have set up. Director Young stated that with council approval she would like to work with Attorney Huddleston to get those set up.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to authorize Director Young to work with Attorney Huddleston on enforcement options. Council President Piercefield seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Parks Director Daniel Teter stated that Director of Administrative Services Mary Patterson has been working on insurance quotes. Director Teter stated that there may be better options for the Park Department if they start having a concussion management policy and training for coaches to go through. Director Teter presented some examples provided by the insurance company and requested to have Attorney Huddleston review to get a policy in place when soliciting bids for insurance.

Discussion was held regarding whether this was with our current insurance provider.

Director Teter stated that they have never had a concussion protocol policy before, but it is not difficult to put into place. Director Teter stated that the training seems simple for the coaches to complete.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to authorize Attorney Huddleston to review the concussion management policy for staff training as presented. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Water Superintendent Bill Jones stated that his water loss has been approximately 50% since January. Superintendent Jones discussed that there is a company who will be putting listening devices on 25 hydrants to do a 12-week study to determine where the leaks are. Superintendent Jones stated that the construction crew working on 252 informed him that there was water coming up at the intersection of Eisenhower and River Road. Superintendent Jones stated that he had to do two line stops to fix the issue tomorrow at an approximate cost of $20,000. Superintendent Jones stated that you cannot shut off the valve, so this is the simpler solution. Superintendent Jones stated that other departments have been willing to help them.

Director of Economic Development SaraBeth Drybread stated that she and Parks Director Daniel Teter presented last month at Leadership Johnson County on Placemaking on behalf of the Town. Director Drybread stated that she has been working with the Indiana Small Business Development Corporation as they have some free tools that the Town can use to map where residents are spending their money and what they are spending their money on which will be very insightful. Director Drybread stated that they

will be looking at new residents in Timbergate and use the data as they investigate redevelopment and development in Town and on US 31. Director Drybread stated that there is an initiative with the Indiana State Bar Association called the Rural Practice Program where they are trying to get new lawyers into rural communities. Director Drybread stated that they are having a panel discussion in Brown County in October and she will be speaking on behalf of the community at it.

Adjourn

Being no further business or comments, Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Ryan Piercefield, President

Miriam Rooks

Miriam Rooks, Vice President

Abstained

Debbie Buck

Sherri Sweet

Absent

Michael Bryant

ATTEST:

Rhonda Barrett, Clerk-Treasurer