Town Council Meeting
Monday, May 11, 2026
6:00PM

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, May 11, 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 Debbie Buck, Councilman Michael Bryant, and Councilwoman Sherri Sweet. Councilwoman Miriam Rooks was absent. Also present were Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston, Clerk-Treasurer Rhonda Barrett, and Town Manager John Myers.

Minutes- Council Meeting April 27, 2026

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the April 27, 2026, Council Meeting minutes. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Claims- Clerk-Treasurer Barrett presented one claim docket in the amount of $319,438.66. All claims have been reviewed and signed.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve the claim docket as presented in the amount of $319,438.66. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

American Legion Memorial Day Proclamation- Council President Piercefield stated that this is done together with the American Legion.

Councilwoman Sweet stated that she did it last year and will do it again this year.

President Piercefield made a motion to approve the Proclamation stating that Monday, May 25th is American Legion Memorial Day. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

UTV Ordinance Discussion- Police Chief Doyne Litle stated that the Council discussed this previously. Chief Little stated that surrounding cities and counties have allowed this now and they can get a three-year sticker that allows them to operate UTVs on county roads. Chief Little stated that several people have approached him regarding UTVs being allowed to be driven on town streets like golf carts are. Chief Little stated that the last time this was discussed, they thought all off road vehicles, including four wheelers, had to be included in the ordinance. Chief Little stated that he is very against allowing ATVs as there is no safety on them whereas UTVs have a roll cage on them and operate at speeds more than 35 MPH. Chief Little stated that he is in support of a UTV ordinance. Chief Little discussed local cities that have passed an ordinance regarding this. Chief Little discussed the three golf cart accidents that have occurred. Chief Little stated that golf carts can be created into a low-speed vehicle registered with the state that can be operated anywhere in the state of Indiana under 35 MPH.

Councilwoman Sweet stated that she thought the ordinances Chief Little provided as examples from other cities/towns were very similar.

Discussion was held regarding why this was tabled previously in 2023.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to allow Attorney Huddleston to draft an ordinance allowing UTVs in town. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Police Vehicle Purchase- Deputy Police Chief Shawn Kelsay stated that they recently spent over $12,000 on repairs on one of their K9 vehicles. Deputy Kelsay stated that when a vehicle goes down, they have a pool car that can support a K9, but recently both the regular K9 car and the pool K9 car went down the same day. Deputy Kelsay requested to replace the K9 car, which is a Dodge Durango, with a new vehicle using public safety funds that is utilized to purchase vehicles or equipment. Deputy Kelsay stated that outfitting the vehicle will be similar to the cost of the vehicles purchased earlier this year but will have an extra cost of approximately $7,000 as it

must be outfitted for a K9 car. Deputy Kelsay stated that he would like to get rid of the K9 pool car, which is a Dodge Charger, as it is on its last leg and has over 100,000 miles on it. Deputy Kelsay discussed purchasing a Chevrolet Silverado truck from Kelley Chevrolet that is cheaper than usual because it is a "hold over" vehicle that they keep on the lot for municipalities that need to purchase vehicles mid-year.

Discussion was held regarding the price difference between the presented quotes.

Discussion was held regarding this vehicle not being budgeted for and using public safety funds to purchase it.

Councilwoman Buck asked why they were going to scrap a vehicle they just put $12,000 in. Police Chief Doyne Little stated that they would make that vehicle the pool car that would still be used on a daily basis.

Deputy Kelsay stated that the current pool car is at the end of its life.

Chief Little discussed the issues they have been having with the Dodge Durango's and that he has been purchasing vehicles from different makers.

Council President Piercefield stated that he has been working with Chief Little towards a $100,000 grant to be used towards vehicles and additional training money for equipment.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve the Police Vehicle Purchase from Kelley Chevrolet in the amount of $49,842. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve the police vehicle lights from JTN Services in the amount of $25,568.75. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Firecracker Festival Firework Quote- Parks Director Daniel Teter stated that the firework budget was increased but it is with the same company the Town has used for almost 20 years. Director Teter discussed the number and types of fireworks included in the quote. Director Teter stated that they looked at other companies but felt more comfortable going with the company they are familiar with.

Discussion was held regarding whether there were any changes from last year in the agreement other than the price and whether Attorney Huddleston has reviewed the agreement.

Director Teter stated that the company has already sent their certificate of insurance which is at the level suggested by the Town's Insurance representative.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the Firecracker Festival Firework Quote from Sky Magic Pyrotechnics in the amount of $17,000. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to authorize Council President Piercefield to sign off on the Sky Magic Pyrotechnics Quote. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Annual CF-1 Review for LB Mold- Planning Director Julie Young stated that this is annual tax abatement filing for LB Mold for personal property. Director Young stated that this is year three out of five for the abatement and they have retained all the jobs that they put in their paperwork. Director Young recommended approval.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the Annual CF-1 Review for LB Mold. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Food Pantry Update- Dave Bauman of the Food Pantry stated that the food pantry is open the first Saturday every month but will be open July 2nd instead for the month of July as the 4th falls on the first Saturday. Mr. Bauman stated that the food pantry is open twice a month and in 2025 they serviced 1,360 families the 24 times they were open. Mr. Bauman stated that they average 16 or 17 volunteers and stated the families that come in get approximately a week's worth of food. Mr. Bauman stated that they receive financial support from the Conover Foundation,

service organizations, churches, individuals, etc. Mr. Bauman stated that he has been doing this for four years now and their expenses have increased approximately $15,500 annually from $24,000 per year to $39,500 per year. Mr. Bauman stated that 90% of their expenditures is on food and thanked the Town for covering their utility costs. Mr. Bauman stated that they are working on a matching grant opportunity that would go towards fixing up the front of the building.

Lions Club Donation Request- Dave Bauman with the Lions Club stated that the Town supports the Fall Festival by giving an annual donation of $3,000. Mr. Bauman discussed their costs to put on the Fall Festival in 2025.

Discussion was held regarding what fund this was paid out of. Council President Piercefield suggested the donation be raised to $5,000 due to increasing costs and the number of people the festival draws to Town.

Discussion was held regarding what fund the additional $2,000 would come out of.

President Piercefield made a motion to approve the Lions Club Donation Request in the amount of $5,000. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Other Business

Councilwoman Sweet thanked Dave Bauman for his work in town with the Lions Club, Food Pantry, and School Board.

Council President Piercefield stated that Trafalgar's amphitheater is up and they requested 12 blocks from the Edinburgh Dam. President Piercefield stated that these blocks will have a QR code and give the complete history of the dam.

Town Manager John Myers stated that the police and fire departments did a great job with the individual on top of the grain mill. Mr. Myers stated Bartholomew and Johnson Counties were present helping as well. Mr. Myers stated that Police Chief Doyne Little and Officer Clayton Embry spoke with the individual and did a fantastic job.

Clerk-Treasurer Barrett asked if there was anything that could be done regarding electric scooters in town or if they could be registered like bicycles, as she had a younger kid turn around in the middle of the road in front of her suddenly, and her concern is for the safety of the kids.

Police Chief Doyne Little stated that they are not considered motor vehicles, but he will do his normal post about parents talking to their children about this. Chief Little stated that there is nothing he knows of enforcement wise, and they cannot require someone to register a vehicle or bicycle. Chief Little suggested sending a poster regarding this with utility bills one month to get it out to families that kids need to be careful, stay off sidewalks, not run in front of cars, and to quit blowing through stop signs. Chief Little stated that all they can do is educate.

Chief Little discussed the amazing work of the public safety teams throughout the community. Chief Little stated that the Johnson County Sheriff's Departments critical incident team, Bartholomew County, and other negotiators were there. Chief Little stated that they had another mental health crisis today.

Council President Piercefield stated that the golf course looks great despite the construction going on.

Parks Director Daniel Teter stated that they are excited for the 4th of July, with this being the 250th year, there will be three bands, the Corvette Club will be present, lots of activities, and lots of vendors that day. Director Teter stated that they will be filling the pool up this week and little league games have started at the ball diamonds. Director Teter stated that the hanging flower baskets will be in town tomorrow.

Director of Economic Development SaraBeth Drybread stated that the Town was awarded from Festival Country, the planned project of 2026 award for the plaza. Director Drybread stated that she and Parks Director Daniel Teter toured Trafalgar's amphitheater and the stage is beautiful.

Public Comment

Heather Laney, 5587 S 700 E, Franklin, IN, stated that she works for the Town and supports the UTV ordinance. Ms. Laney stated that she lives right outside of town and was one of the people who approached Police Chief Doyne Little regarding being able to drive her UTV to work. Ms. Laney stated that she has the state sticker to drive her UTV on county roads, a turn signal, navigation, and it is not very loud.

Adjourn

Being no further business or comments, Councilwoman Buck 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

ABSTAIN

Miriam Rooks, Vice President

Debbie Buck

Sherri Sweet

Michael Bryant

ATTEST:

Rhonda Barrett, Clerk-Treasurer