Town Council Meeting
Monday, June 8, 2026
6:00PM

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, June 8, 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 Debbie Buck, Councilman Michael Bryant, and Councilwoman Sherri Sweet.

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

Minutes- Council Meeting May 26, 2026

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the May 26, 2026, Council Meeting minutes. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Claims- Clerk-Treasurer Barrett presented three claim dockets; the end of month February in the amount of $196,273.72; end of month March in the amount of $168,812.49; and tonight's amount changed to $894,291.92 due to a claim that was entered twice in error. All claims have been reviewed and signed.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the three claim dockets as presented in the amounts of $196,273.72, $168,812.49, and $894,291.92. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Ordinance 2026-6 Amending Chapter 70 Regarding Off-Road Vehicles (2nd Reading)- Attorney Huddleston stated that this was introduced at the previous Council meeting and has been amended per the Council's request to add a requirement of flashing lights and that the UTV cannot exceed 30 MPH and must obey traffic laws and speed limits that are lower than that.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-6 Amending Chapter 70 Regarding Off-Road Vehicles. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Ordinance 2026-7 Amending Ordinance 2025-22 Fee Schedule (1st Reading)- Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that this is in reference to the ordinance just passed to add the word UTV to the fee schedule. Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that this is just an introduction tonight as she was not sure if the Council would suggest any updates.

Discussion was held regarding whether, once approved, the fee schedule needed to be entirely advertised again or if just the section that was changed can be advertised since no penalties were added.

Attorney Huddleston stated that he would review it as there are penalties that are on the ordinance just passed.

Discussion was held regarding the penalties being traffic stop violations.

Discussion was held regarding the registration fee for UTVs being $25, like the golf cart registration fee.

Resolution 2026-7 Reimbursement of Law Enforcement Employment and Training Costs Policy- Attorney Huddleston stated that after this was passed at the previous Council meeting, a minor scrivener's error was found, and this is to correct it.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-7 Reimbursement of Law Enforcement Employment and Training Costs Policy. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

K9 Fund Donation- Clerk-Treasurer Barrett presented a total of $650 in donations for the K9 golf outing from Huddleston & Huddleston and Lisa Brockman.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the K9 Fund Donations in the amount of $650 as presented. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

ADP Comprehensive Services Discussion- Clerk-Treasurer apologized that the Council just received the materials regarding this agenda item and stated that she, Town Manager John Myers, Director of Administrative Services Mary Patterson, and Accounts Receivable Emily Cravens have had a few meetings with a representative from ADP regarding additional services they offer. Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that one is a comprehensive HR service that includes updating the employee handbook and safety manual, OSHA training and reporting, employee job descriptions, and would give us a dedicated HR partner to meet with at least quarterly. Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that another offered service is a comprehensive talent service that designates a talent consultant to help with recruitment, retention, interviewing strategies, and leadership training for supervisors. Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that the Council could choose to do both modules or just one, but a decision does not need to be made tonight as the quote is good until June 24, 2026. Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that the ADP representative could go ahead and send a contract for Attorney Huddleston to review prior to the next Council meeting. Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that the Town currently pays approximately $35,000 annually for ADP. For both the comprehensive HR and talent services, the annual price would increase to $88,395. For just the comprehensive HR service, the annual price would increase to $69,415.

Discussion was held regarding the breakdown of the cost.

Councilwoman Buck stated that the Council should review the documents first before making any decisions.

Clerk-Treasurer Barrett discussed the discount ADP has offered for these services that ends June 24, 2026.

Mr. Myers stated that ADP will have an annual increase coming soon.

Council President Piercefield stated that nobody has looked at this yet to see if they would want Attorney Huddleston to review.

Town Annual P&C and Workers' Compensation Insurance Renewal- Town Manager John Myers stated that Andy and Charlie with Gregory & Appel solicited companies for the Town's insurance. Mr. Myers stated that they came back with the same company as last year with an increase of approximately $18,558 from last year. Mr. Myers stated that some of the increase is due to the Town purchasing eight new vehicles and the property insurance increased.

Councilwoman Rooks stated that she was in the meeting John, Mary, Andy & Charlie and appreciated the time spent on the quotes.

Mr. Myers recommended the Council approve the quotes.

Discussion was held regarding the Council being ahead of schedule with this and that this is for the exact same coverage as last year.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the 2026/2027 Town Annual P&C and Workers' Compensation Insurance Renewal for all the policies listed as follows: Selective for liability/auto/umbrella package in the amount of $157,812, Chubb for property/equipment package in the amount of $74,238, Houston for cyber policy in the amount of $16,497.38, Travelers for crime in the amount of $2,638, IPEP for workers compensation in the amount of $92,597, Axis for accident/medical/disability for police reserves in the amount of $2,800, Axis for accident/medical/disability for fire and rescue in the amount of $5,267, and Axis for accident for the parks-youth in the amount of $675 for a total of $352,524.38 . Council President Piercefield seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to authorize Mr. Myers to sign off on the Town Annual P&C and Workers' Compensation Insurance Renewal. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

CrossRoad CCMG 2027-01 Engineering Proposal- Town Manager John Myers stated that CCMG starts September 1, 2026, and he would like to use Crossroads Engineers again. Mr. Myers stated that they have an estimate of not exceeding $38,000 for project scope, construction documents, bidding documents, INDOT documents, asset management plan, and construction administration.

Councilwoman Rooks asked if the proposal needs to be reviewed by legal.

Town Manager Myers stated that it is the same form as last year.

Brad Stahley with Crossroads Engineers stated that the fee schedule has changed due to annual fee increases, some of the project scope has changed, the work performed is the same as last year, but Crossroads is using some different tools and software.

Councilwoman Buck asked what the fee amount was last year.

Brad Stahley stated that the fee last year was $60,000 but that included $25,000 for the ADA transition plan update that has to be done every three years which will not be in the scope this year.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the Crossroad CCMG 2027-01 Engineering Proposal. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Center Cross Sewer Conflict with INDOT Project- Town Manager John Myers stated that the 252 rebuild, by INDOT, that some conflicts with the sewer have been discovered, with the biggest one between Eisenhower Drive and Blue River Drive. Mr. Myers stated that the sewer main was not located properly or was marked wrong on the map. Mr. Myers stated that the new storm drain conflicts with the sewer main and INDOT wants the Town to move it. Mr. Myers informed INDOT that the Town did not want to move it and it will be approximately $252,000 to move it. Mr. Myers stated that it is still being discussed and that if the Town must replace it, he would like to go ahead and get approval to start the process of quotes and engineering design. Mr. Myers stated that INDOT wants the Town to pay money up front and INDOT could do a 90% reimbursement.

Discussion was held regarding how this was missed. Mr. Myers stated that there was no potholing done and that the INDOT engineers are just saying they went off the Town's maps. Mr. Myers stated that the line is old and has no trace wire. Wastewater gave them a rough map, but the INDOT engineering contractors did not do their due diligence to research it.

Discussion was held regarding whether INDOT could make the Town pay for this.

Council President Piercefield stated that he does not agree with this and does not believe the taxpayers should have to burden the cost of someone being negligent in their job. President Piercefield stated that the Town was forced into this entire project from the start and has cost taxpayer dollars.

Wastewater Superintendent Robert Jessie stated that they are allowed two and a half times the pipe diameter on either side of the pipe, so it is the responsibility of the company doing the work to identify the services.

Discussion was held regarding this slowing down the project and stalling many other projects until this moves forward.

The Council members agreed that they were not in favor in moving forward and footing the bill.

Mr. Myers stated that he and Superintendent Jessie have been pushing back against this.

Discussion was held regarding how likely this was to become legal and turn the legal matters over to Attorney Huddleston.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to have Attorney Huddleston review the Center Cross Sewer Conflict with INDOT Project and advise. President Piercefield seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Firecracker Festival Road Closures- Director of Economic Development SaraBeth Drybread presented the road closures for the Firecracker Festival on Saturday, July 4, 2026. Director Drybread stated that the day will be full of activities starting at 8AM with a Lion's Club breakfast, a car show at 11AM, a parade, three bands and other activities until 10PM that night with the fireworks display. Director Drybread stated that a lot of activities have been added this year, but the road closures are similar to the past ones. Director Drybread stated that they are looking at closing Pleasant Street to Holland Street, Thompson Street to West Main Cross, and the south entrance of Circle K.

Police Chief Doyne Little stated that they would cone off the intersections of Campbell Street, Thompson Street, and Pleasant Street before the fireworks began to vehicle traffic.

Discussion was held regarding whether the police department would be able to handle the road closures manpower wise.

Director Drybread discussed that they will have an updated map of where exactly the hard stops will be.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve the Firecracker Festival Road Closures as presented. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Electric Line Clearance Management Program- Electric Manager Kevin Killinger stated that he reached out to five firms for pricing on their inventory of vegetation management program to clear trees and brush away from the electric lines and two responded back. Manager Killinger presented a quote from Plant Growth Management Systems LLC in the amount of $4,500 and the other proposal was quite a bit more. Manager Killinger stated that the reason he is coming tonight is that if the Council approves to do the inventory he will be coming back with three quotes on the actual work to clear the lines. Manager Killinger stated that he realizes $4,500 is under the Town Managers spending limit but he will be approaching the Council again with a bigger proposal for the actual line clearance and it will be several thousand dollars to do the tree trimming program.

Councilwoman Rooks asked Manager Killinger to start at the beginning with how the Electric Department used to do this as lineman due to the risk.

Manager Killinger stated that the linemen have done the tree trimming and clearing in the past, but they want to take a more professional approach and hire a company that specializes in it. Manager Killinger stated that currently they go out and trim trees just to get it away from the power lines, but they want to take a better approach when cutting trees. Manager Killinger stated that the department has a lot of other work to concentrate on. Manager Killinger stated that the company works with many contractors throughout the Midwest and they will be the go-between with the residents. Manager Killinger stated that line clearance is not fun, backyard easements can be difficult to access, they must take down then put back up fences, etc. and Plant Growth Management would manage all of that for the Town.

Discussion was held regarding this being step one of the process with hiring this company to get an inventory of trees and specifications to send out for quotes. Step two would be hiring a company to do the actual tree trimming, which would be the lowest quote based on the specifications.

Councilwoman Sweet asked what the cost would be to do the actual trimming.

Manager Killinger stated that there are 75-line miles and three areas have been identified as heavy coverage and stated that within three years they should be able to clear everything.

Manager Killinger stated that he does not have exact figures on what they are looking at, but it could be approximately $45,000-$65,000 per year to cycle through all of this.

Council President Piercefield stated that there have been incidents in the past where our electric department cut tress that were not to the customers satisfaction, or they killed a tree.

Manager Killinger discussed what would happen in the situation of a customer wanting the tree to be taken down completely rather than just trimming, that he would bring it to the council to decide whether or not to incur the expense of the tree removal.

Discussion was held regarding whether there are other small towns have a similar tree trimming process.

Manager Killinger stated that most of the Co-Ops are doing something like this and that IMPA had previously used this company.

Manager Killinger stated that the company will come back in August or September and go through the entire system for the amount quoted and then report back on how it should be handled. Then Manager Killinger will approach the Council and get permission to move forward with step two.

Discussion was held regarding whether funding was available for this.

Town Manager John Myers stated that he and former Electric Superintendent Stephen Clark discussed this before he left.

President Piercefield agreed that this was needed.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to authorize Attorney Huddleston to review the Electric Line Clearance Management Program from Plant Growth Management Systems LLC as presented. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Other Business

Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that John Hatter, the Deputy District Director for Jefferson Shreve, will be holding community office hours tomorrow, June 9, 2026, from 2:30PM to 4:30PM in the Council Chambers for residents to come in and ask any questions.

Electric Manager Kevin Killinger stated that the industrial substation transformer was delivered. Manager Killinger stated that the outage on Sunday blew two fuses on a system transformer and was caused by a squirrel.

Police Chief Doyne Little stated that Officer Darren Koors was working off-duty security at a Greenwood festival when there was an active shooter. Officer Koors along with state troopers and other officers were able to get the suspect in custody as the person was trying to carjack two young girls. Chief Little stated that he is proud to have Officer Koors on our team and the Police Chief in Greenwood reached out to Chief Little regarding Officer Koors response to the accident.

Discussion was held regarding whether any help was needed for the Firecracker Festival from the other departments.

Wastewater Superintendent Robert Jessie stated that there are indications that more conflict is coming on State Road 252, and he believes standing our ground to begin with is the right decision.

Council President Piercefield asked Superintendent Jessie to share any additional potential conflicts with Attorney Huddleston.

Street Superintendent Sean Barnett asked the Council if they would like him to spray for mosquitoes a couple weeks in advance prior to the Firecracker Festival.

Council President Piercefield stated that it only kills the mosquitoes that it touches and that there has been a lot of standing water with all of the recent rains. President Piercefield stated that the

state chemist had told us that it only kills what it touches. President Piercefield stated that he feels that there is not a gigantic benefit to putting it into the air.

Discussion was held regarding how much spray they had left and whether they had drivers available to spray.

Discussion was held regarding what certification was needed to spray and where the areas of focus would be. Street Superintendent stated that main focus would be Keeley, Main Cross, Campbell, School Hill and Main Street for the Fireworks Festival.

Water Superintendent Bill Jones stated that as of last Thursday, they got the final tie ins on all the new water main from Casey's to Eisenhower and did the final boil water advisory on Friday which ended Saturday afternoon. Superintendent Jones stated a town wide boil water advisory was discussed at the previous Council meeting but that will no longer be necessary as they are going to drain one tower a time then flush them to avoid a boil water.

Director of Economic Development SaraBeth Drybread talked with the health department regarding whether there were any ordinances for abandoned swimming pools or issues that are breeding grounds for mosquitoes. Director Drybread stated that she was invited to attend an event at Lucas Oil Stadium by the IU Center for Rural Engagement that highlighted strengthening communities. Director Drybread stated that she got to discuss downtown Edinburgh with hundreds of people. Director Drybread attended an IMPA event in Carmel that discussed housing, downtown development, preservation, and attracting development.

Councilwoman Rooks asked about 619 Kyle Street being for sale for $3.25 million.

Director Drybread confirmed and stated that it has also been listed on the Town's website under the Economic Development page and has been sent to Columbus EDC and Aspire Johnson County. Director Drybread stated that the hole in the plaza area has been filled and the first farmer's market of the season was on Thursday.

Adjourn

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

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.

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