Town Council Meeting
Monday, June 22, 2026
6:00PM

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, June 22, 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 June 8, 2026, and Executive Meeting June 8, 2026

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the June 8, 2026, Council Meeting minutes. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the June 8, 2026, Executive Meeting minutes. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Claims- Clerk-Treasurer Barrett presented one claim docket and stated that the amount decreased to $3,559,342.87 due to taking out duplicate claims. Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that the electric substation transformer of $1.89 million, an IMPA bill of around $700,000, and three bond payments that totaled around $700,000 were in this claim docket which is why it is such a large amount.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve the claim docket as presented in the amount of $3,559,342.87. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Ordinance 2026-7 Amending Ordinance 2025-22 Fee Schedule (2nd Reading)- Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that this was introduced at the previous meeting to add UTV registration to the fee schedule.

Discussion was held regarding the entire fee schedule having to be advertised again.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-7 Amending Ordinance 2025-22 Fee Schedule. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

ADP Comprehensive Services Discussion- Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that this was introduced at the previous Council meeting and would assist with HR responsibilities. Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that the Council could opt for just comprehensive HR services or both comprehensive HR and talent services. Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that the talent services would assist in recruiting and retaining employees. The quote received expires on June 24, 2026 and if it is decided to add these features at a later date, we would lose a discount that they are offering at this time.

Discussion was held regarding how the price would temporarily increase during summer months when seasonal employees are hired.

Councilwoman Sweet asked if the Town had a handbook and if it is difficult to keep it updated annually.

Scott Finley stated that when he was Clerk-Treasurer for the Town it was difficult to update the handbook annually, so it was closer to every five years when it was updated.

Councilwoman Buck asked what is hard about updating the handbook.

Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated keeping up with all the regulations and HR standards.

Mr. Finley stated that the biggest issue is because the Town has such a broad range of services and having one policy that encompasses all the different services without missing anything is difficult.

Fire Chief Justin Lollar stated that when he served on the school board, they used a third-party service to update policies.

Discussion was held regarding whether there were job descriptions for all the employees.

Discussion was held regarding tabling this discussion until the Baker Tilly financial reports are received.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to table the ADP Comprehensive Services Discussion. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Infrastructure Systems Pay Application #1- Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that this is for the hydrants and mixers work for the water department in the amount of $296,502.60. Water Superintendent Bill Jones has reviewed and is ready for council approval and approval for someone to sign the pay application.

Discussion was held regarding whether this was the total amount due or just a partial amount.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve Infrastructure Systems Pay Application #1 in the amount of $296,502.60. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Council President Piercefield abstained.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to authorize Town Manager John Myers to sign off on Infrastructure Systems Pay Application #1. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Fine Screen Quote- Wastewater Superintendent Robert Jessie stated that this piece of equipment at the plant is currently not in operation and cannot be repaired. Superintendent Jessie stated that IDEM has reported on it and it needs to be replaced. Superintendent Jessie stated that he only has one quote but has been waiting for two other companies to get quotes to him for over two months now. Superintendent Jessie presented the single quote for the fine screen in the amount of $167,000 from Lawyer Excavation.

Attorney Huddleston stated that the Town had a similar issue with the wastewater department being able to get more than one or two quotes. Attorney Huddleston discussed that Superintendent Jessie can send him documentation showing that he has attempted to get multiple quotes so that the Council can proceed with the quote presented at the next meeting.

Discussion was held regarding Attorney Huddleston investigating whether this needed to be bid on since it is over $150,000.

Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that wastewater does not have the funding to pay for this so a temporary loan interfund transfer would have to be done.

Superintendent Jessie stated that Lawyer Excavation also gave a quote from the grit auger in the amount of $198,000 but they would take $9,000 off the total price if they did both the fine screen and grit auger.

Discussion was held regarding the $9,000 coming off the $365,000 total for both items.

Discussion was held regarding whether this was budgeted for. Superintendent Jessie stated that he does not know how to budget for this when they are working off an income based on 2016. Superintendent Jessie stated that IDEM is eager to work with municipalities and they want to see an effort being made.

Discussion was held regarding whether there were any grants that could be used to help fund this.

Council President Piercefield asked if Jefferson Shreve was here recently.

Town Manager John Myers stated that a representative of Mr. Shreve's was here, and he met with him and discussed infrastructure funding. Mr. Myers stated that he is supposed to schedule a meeting with Mr. Shreve.

Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that the easiest way is to do another rainy-day loan like they have done before.

Discussion was held regarding Superintendent Jessie sending his documentation for review.

Grit Auger Quote- Wastewater Superintendent Robert Jessie stated that he has three quotes for the grit auger.

Council President Piercefield stated that Attorney Huddleston needs to review this as it may need to be sent for public bid since it is over $150,000. President Piercefield stated that this will have to be tabled for now.

Hydrants and Valve Replacement Project Change Order- Taylor Greathouse with Wessler Engineering stated that this is part of spending the remaining SRF funds. Ms. Greathouse stated that there was a revised scope of work at various locations for hydrant valves throughout town where installed conditions were not as expected. Ms. Greathouse stated that the first part of the change order is for approximately $11,000 and the second part of the change order is for additional intersections for hydrant and valve replacements throughout Town. Ms. Greathouse stated that Water Superintendent Bill Jones had extra spots where he wanted hydrants and valves replaced so the second part of the change order is for approximately $100,000.

Discussion was held regarding these items being left out of the original quote because they were not sure there would be enough funding.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion approve the Hydrants and Valve Replacement Project Change Order as presented in the amount of $110,675. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Council President Piercefield abstained.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to authorize Town Manager John Myers to sign off on the Hydrants and Valve Replacement Project Change Order. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Ms. Greathouse stated after this change order there is still approximately $90,000 left in SRF funds and they are working with Superintendent Jones on how the remaining funds should be spent.

Discussion was held regarding what ideas Superintendent Jones had to spend the funds on.

Ms. Greathouse stated that Superintendent Jones would like to do more hydrant and valve replacements throughout other areas in town and shelf spare equipment due to issues with chemical feed pumps and other electrical equipment.

President Piercefield asked if quick connections could be put on existing hydrants for the fire department and that it should be a group decision on what to spend the remaining funds on.

Ms. Greathouse stated that they could look into it.

OCRA Grants- Planning Director Julie Young stated that Mike Kleinpeter with Kleinpeter Consulting is here to discuss OCRA grants and their different programs.

Mr. Kleinpeter discussed his experience and stated that Kleinpeter Consulting has an annual average of 20 grants being funded. Mr. Kleinpeter discussed other local cities/towns that received funding and stated that their company currently serves 107 municipalities in Indiana. Mr. Kleinpeter discussed that there are two construction rounds every year for OCRA grants, one in June and one in December. Mr. Kleinpeter stated that OCRA scores and ranks projects and whoever scores the highest gets funded until they run out of funds. Mr. Kleinpeter discussed that

you are allowed to have three open grants at a time, so the Council must prioritize. Mr. Kleinpeter discussed the current wastewater grant up to $750,000 but it requires at least 20% match. Mr. Kleinpeter stated these projects must impact residents and cannot be used for economic development. Mr. Kleinpeter stated that you can receive up to $500,000 to tear down a commercial piece of property and discussed the requirements. Mr. Kleinpeter discussed the seven things needed to apply for a grant. Mr. Kleinpeter also discussed an owner-occupied rehab program.

Council President Piercefield stated that he and Director Young talked about this extensively and felt like Mr. Kleinpeter would be helpful.

Discussion was held regarding whether the Town could apply for the wastewater grant for this December.

Mr. Kleinpeter stated that they would have to start in the next month and the round in December is the only round SRF funds that can be used but the SRF paperwork must be submitted by April 1st. Mr. Kleinpeter discussed that the December round is the most competitive so the bigger the project is the more likely it will be funded.

Other Business

Town Manager John Myers gave thanks to all the departments for being ahead of schedule for the Firecracker Festival.

Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that last December she brought up how the statute on commercial vehicle excise tax and financial institution tax has changed. Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that the county used to determine how the levy was split up but they have also added motor vehicle excise tax that will go into effect next year. Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that the Council needs to decide whether they want to distribute it by levy like previously or if they want it all to go into one fund and other funds not getting a portion like usual. Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that if the Council would like to continue to split it by levy, she would like for Attorney Huddleston to draft a resolution for those funds to be split by levy.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to authorize Attorney Huddleston to draft a resolution for the commercial vehicle excise tax, financial institution tax and motor vehicle excise tax to be distributed based on levy. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Police Chief Doyne Little stated that he is excited for the 4th of July, and it sounds like it will be a good crowd at the Firecracker Festival.

Electric Manager Kevin Killinger stated that the Council should receive an email from him regarding a bid opening that will be happening this Friday.

Parks Director Daniel Teter stated that 4th of July is coming up, and the other department have helped a lot. Director Teter stated that there will be three bands, vendors, a car show, and a beer garden.

Director of Economic Development SaraBeth Drybread stated that she and Accounts Receivable Emily Cravens have been working on the website and are putting together a sitemap. Director Drybread stated that she and Ms. Cravens had a video call today with TextMyGov regarding that helps with communicating with public more. Director Drybread discussed how TextMyGov could be used to notify citizens of utility issues, events, meetings, etc. Director Drybread stated that a formal proposal will be presented at the next Council meeting. Director Drybread discussed housing initiatives she has been working on and that she has been working with Spaces for All that is part of the Johnson County Housing Coalition.

Council President Piercefield stated that he met with Electric Manager Kevin Killinger and was shown some of technology and software being used like Tantalus and Daupler and how it shows power outages during storms. President Piercefield stated that they are working on integrating water meters with the software as well.

Discussion was held regarding how many meters still needed to be changed to integrate fully to the current Tantalus software.

Clerk-Treasurer Barrett discussed that they started using Tantalus in 2019 with then Electric Superintendent Stephen Clark.

Manager Killinger discussed that they have a vision of bringing those two systems together.

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=PL0pagNU7lg5FkjGffOyWphtcPehlL-R5g for as long as this media is supported.

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