Town Council Meeting
Monday, October 12, 2026
6:00PM

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, October 12, 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, Councilwoman Sherri Sweet, and Councilman Michael Bryant.

Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Rhonda Barrett and Town Manager John Myers.

Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston was present via phone call.

Minutes- Council Meeting September 28, 2026

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the September 28, 2026, Town Council Meeting minutes. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Claims- Clerk-Treasurer Barrett presented one claim docket in the amount of $469,302.38. Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that the claim docket amount increased by $140,689 due to her adding claims for the cemetery dump truck and Town Manager's truck that replaces the damaged Durango. All claims have been reviewed and signed.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve the claim docket as presented in the amount of $469,302.38. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Ordinance 2026-14 Budget Appropriations and Tax Rates (2nd Reading)- Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that this is the second reading and that the advertised 2027 budget was $10,462,503 which is approximately $272,000 less than the 2026 advertised budget. The advertised tax rate for 2027 is 2.7178 which is .5619 less than the advertised tax rate for 2026. Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that the tax rate is estimated to come back at 2.3156 which is an increase of 0.1758 from the 2026 tax rate of 2.1398. This increase is partly due to the net assessed value decrease of three million dollars in correlation to SEA 1. Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that rental properties received a new deduction and the business tangible property tax changed where businesses do not have to pay personal property taxes on any acquisitions under two million dollars. Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that with these changes it is likely that the Town will continue to see a decline in the net assessed value.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-14 Budget Appropriations and Tax Rates (2nd Reading). Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Wessler Invoice #50692 for Water Treatment Plant- Clerk-Treasurer Barrett presented Wessler invoice #50692 for engineering services related to the water treatment plant in the amount of $3,087.50.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve Wessler Invoice #50692 for Water Treatment Plant in the amount of $3,087.50. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to authorize Council President Piercefield to sign off on Wessler Invoice #50692. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

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Approval of Public Official Bonds- Clerk-Treasurer Barrett presented two public official bonds in the amount of $5,000 for Emily Cravens and Curtis Rooks for the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners. Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that Ms. Cravens bond is for October 7, 2026, through October 7, 2027. Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that Mr. Rooks bond is for October 13, 2026, through October 13, 2027.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the Public Official Bond for Curtis Rooks in the amount of $5,000. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the Public Official Bond for Emily Cravens in the amount of $5,000. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

EHS After Prom Committee Donation Request- Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that they received a letter from the high school's After Prom Committee requesting a donation. Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that the last time the Town donated to them was in 2015 for $100.

Discussion was held regarding what fund this would be paid out of.

Discussion was held regarding funding being too tight to donate $1,000.

Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that $500 for 10 kids would be doable.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to donate $500 to the EHS After Prom Committee. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Park & Rec Basketball Sponsorships & Donations- Clerk-Treasurer Barrett presented a total of $1,200 in Park & Rec Basketball Sponsorships and Donations from Timbergate Golf Course, Huddleston & Huddleston, Amos Hill Associates, and Fletcher Chrysler.

Council President Piercefield made a motion to approve the Park & Rec Basketball Sponsorships & Donations as presented in the amount of $1,200. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

ElectriCom Invoice #2446169R- Town Manager John Myers stated that this invoice is for ElectriCom's retainer, in the amount of $80,810.62, from where the Council approved approximately two years ago for them to move the overhead electric underground on St Rd 252. Mr. Myers stated that he is comfortable with releasing a majority of the retainer or all of it.

Discussion was held regarding whether there was any work left to be completed.

Electric Manager Kevin Killinger stated that he is comfortable with releasing the entire retainer and that Electricom has been good to work with.

Discussion was held regarding some bore depths not being deep enough, which may not have been their fault as they were working from specs.

Mr. Myers stated that the work is complete unless there is another conflict east of the train tracks that they are not aware of.

Council President Piercefield stated that they received an email from ElectriCom that not receiving their retainer back has caused financial hardship for them.

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Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve ElectriCom Invoice #2446169R in the amount of $80,810.62. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

ESI Contract Amendment- Planning Director Julie Young stated that the 6-month contract with the consultant who is doing building inspections has come to an end. Director Young requested the contract be extended through 2027 and stated that Attorney Huddleston has reviewed the contract amendment.

Discussion was held regarding Planning Director being pleased with the company and their quality of work.

Town Manager John Myers stated that they have not received any complaints about the company, and that they work well with citizens.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the ESI Contract Amendment. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to authorize Council President Piercefield to sign off on the ESI Contract Amendment. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

CrossRoad Engineers Professional Services Agreement- Electric Manager Kevin Killinger asked if the Council would be interested in putting decorative lighting along 252 out to 800 East to include in the capital projects for 2027-2028.

Discussion was held regarding how the decorative lighting on St Rd 252 was paid for.

Manager Killinger stated that these would be the decorative lights with the banners, flag poles, and pathway lighting. Manager Killinger stated that CrossRoads Engineers have given an estimate of $18,000 to help design and see how many lights are needed for the area. Manager Killinger stated that this is under the Town's master agreement with CrossRoad Engineers and that the Council can stop after the design stage to decide whether they wish to pursue. Manager Killinger stated that it could be $120,000 for 22 lights or less if 22 lights are not needed.

Discussion was held regarding the timeline of this project and the style of the lights being installed on the new sidewalk along 252.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve the CrossRoad Engineers Professional Services Agreement for approximately $18,000. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to authorize Council President Piercefield to sign off on the CrossRoad Engineers Professional Services Agreement. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

2027 Line Clearance Bid Package- Electric Manager Kevin Killinger stated that the Council previously approved Plant Growth Management to do a survey which is now complete. Manager Killinger stated that they now have a plan and an aggressive tree trimming program that they would like to pursue. Manager Killinger requested approval for Attorney Huddleston to review the bid documents and the management agreement to manage the contractor once they are hired. Manager Killinger discussed the timeline of the project.

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Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to authorize Attorney Huddleston to review the 2027 Line Clearance Bid Package Documents and Management Agreement. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Legal Review Approval for Substation Exit Circuits Bid Documents- Electric Manager Kevin Killinger stated that this is another phase of the industrial substation and is for the circuits that come out of the substation to feed certain service areas. Manager Killinger requested Attorney Huddleston review the bid documents to send out for pricing.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to authorize Attorney Huddleston to review the Substation Exit Circuits Bid Documents. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Control Building for Industrial Substation Purchase Recommendation- Ben Huckaba with Alpha Engineering stated that the control building is where the decision making, communications, and production takes place inside the substation. Mr. Huckaba stated that the control building will be a small, prefabricated building that has the electronics and communication equipment inside of it to ensure the substation operates as intended. Mr. Huckaba further explained what the control building would do. Mr. Huckaba stated that this has been bid out and they recommend it be awarded to Switchgear Power Systems for $1,434,405. Mr. Huckaba stated that it was a competitive bid and it meets the technical requirements.

Discussion was held regarding this being funded by BAN money.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the Control Building for Industrial Substation Purchase from Switchgear Power Systems for $1,434,405. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Other Business

Councilwoman Sweet stated thanked Timbergate and stated that she went to observe the pond that citizens have approached the Council about. Councilwoman Sweet stated that the Education Foundation had their golf scramble on Saturday and thanked Timbergate staff for going out of their way to be friendly.

Council President Piercefield stated that he had to call emergency services for his father who was transported by ambulance. President Piercefield stated that he had peace knowing that the Town's Fire and EMS were taking care of him and thanked the department. President Piercefield stated that he spent 23 years serving in the fire and EMS field and feels that the Town's department saves more lives in the community than he ever did on a fire engine. President Piercefield stated that he is proud of what they have done.

Town Manager John Myers stated that they should start paving in the next few days on St Rd 252 from Pleasant Street to the railroad tracks. Mr. Myers stated that Parks Director Daniel Teter was notified today that the playground equipment will now not be installed until November 15. Mr. Myers discussed that there was no reason given. Mr. Myers stated that he has been speaking with Dawn Graham about Wreaths Across America who asked if the Town would assist with the event like last year. Mr. Myers stated that they dropped off donation paperwork that he can bring back to the next Council meeting after looking at funding.

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Councilwoman Sweet asked if the Town's cemetery was the only one in the state of Indiana to participate in Wreaths Across America and put wreaths on every grave.

Mr. Myers stated that he believes so.

Discussion was held regarding the Town only donating workers last year, not funding.

Timbergate Manager Wayne Gibbs thanked the Council for their comments and stated that Street Superintendent Sean Barnett has also assisted him with the ponds.

Council President Piercefield discussed that Manager Gibbs had a good vision for the golf course and has done a great job.

Water Superintendent Bill Jones stated that they are doing water main flushing this week after putting it on hold due to the St Rd 252 project. Superintendent Jones discussed that they are testing every fire hydrant this year and so far, they have three to work on.

Fire Chief Justin Lollar stated that they have a fabulous department and that the Council has made a huge investment in the Town's public safety.

Director of Economic Development SaraBeth Drybread stated that the donation deadline for Wreaths Across America is November 1. Director Drybread stated that they are doing a grand opening and ribbon cutting for the trading card shop downtown on October 23 at 11AM. Director Drybread stated that Champion Zone USA joined the Franklin Chamber of Commerce so they will be doing a ribbon cutting there on October 14 at 11AM. Director Drybread stated that Edinburgh High School alumni Lydia Storie has been working on a film called Take Me Home about the healthcare industry. Director Drybread stated that at the JRDCC on Thursday from 12PM to 1PM, part of the program is to interview one million Americans about their health care journey. Director Drybread stated that a screening of the film will be shown at the Methodist Church on Saturday at 5:30PM. Director Drybread stated that Stellar Pathways has announced their workshop dates on October 27th and October 30th in Danville.

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 Edinburgh Town Council meeting. The full video archive of meetings 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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