

Town Council Meeting
Monday, February 26, 2024
6:00 P.M.

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, February 26, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, 107 South Holland Street, Edinburgh, Indiana.

Vice-President Miriam Rooks called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members answering roll call: Councilman Mike Bryant, Councilwoman Debbie Buck, Councilwoman Sherri Sweet, and Councilwoman Miriam Rooks. Council President Ryan Piercefield was absent. Also present were Clerk Treasurer Rhonda Barrett, Town Manager Kevin McGinnis and Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston.

Minutes – Executive meeting minutes of February 12, 2024, and Council meeting minutes of February 12, 2024.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the February 12, 2024 executive meeting minutes and the February 12, 2024 council meeting minutes. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried.

Claims – Clerk-Treasurer Rhonda Barrett said the council should have received a copy of the claim docket in their council packet in the amount of \$1,004,692.84 and said that all claims have been reviewed and signed.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the claims as submitted. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2024-2 Amending Electric Rates (2nd reading) – Attorney Dustin Huddleston said this is the 2nd reading of the Electric Rates as had been previously presented.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-2 Amending Electric Rates. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2024-3 Amending Subdivision Control Ordinance (1st reading) – Attorney Dustin Huddleston said this is the 1st reading of the Subdivision Control Ordinance. He said that Town Manager Kevin McGinnis has worked diligently on this Ordinance, and it has been sent through the Planning Commission. He said the Planning Commission has approved the Subdivision Control Ordinance and recommended that it be sent to the Council for adoption. He said that this is the 1st reading and nothing needs to be done tonight.

Resolution 2024-3 Proposals to Lease Property – Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston said that he prepared Resolution 2024-3 Proposals to Lease Property per Council request to advertise for lease of Fire Station #1 property located at 203 South Walnut Street. He said if approved, then Clerk-Treasurer will advertise to accept proposals from potential tenants.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-3 Proposals to Lease Property and advertise for lease. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried.

Graves Construction Change Order #7 for Water Treatment Plant – Attorney Dustin Huddleston said the Graves Construction Change Order #7 for Water Treatment Plant needs a final review by him and can be approved subject to that review. He said that it would also need to be approved to be signed by Council President Piercefield.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve Graves Construction Change Order #7 subject to Attorney Huddleston's final review. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve for Council President Piercefield to sign Graves Construction Change Order #7 subject to Attorney Huddleston's review. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried.

Seventh Amendment to Waterworks Master Agreement – Town Attorney Huddleston said approval of the Seventh Amendment to Waterworks Master Agreement is contingent on Graves Construction Change Order # 7 being approved.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the Seventh Amendment to Waterworks Master Agreement subject to Graves Construction Change Order #7 approval. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried.

Wessler Invoice 43386 for Water Treatment Plant - Town Attorney Huddleston said approval of Wessler Invoice 43386 for Water Treatment Plant is contingent on Graves Construction Change Order # 7 being approved.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve Wessler Invoice 43386 subject to Graves Construction Change Order #7 approval. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried.

Water Treatment Plant Pay Application #21 – Town Attorney Huddleston said the Water Treatment Plant Pay Application #21 approval is subject to Graves Construction Change Order 7 approval.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve Water Treatment Plant Pay Application #21 subject to Graves Construction Change Order #7 approval. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried.

Library Board Appointment – Town Manager Kevin McGinnis presented the Library Board Appointment of Donna Bryant that had been tabled at the previous meeting. Councilwoman Rooks said they would need to approve for President Piercefield to sign the certificate of appointment on behalf of the Council.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve the Library Board Appointment of Donna Bryant. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve for Council President Piercefield to sign the certificate of Library Board Appointment of Donna Bryant. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Robertson Paving Construction Agreement- Town Manager McGinnis said at the bid opening for the CCMG grant, Robertson Paving was awarded the bid. He said the agreement needs approved and will need to be signed by Council President Piercefield. Attorney Huddleston said he prepared the agreement and Robertson had approved it.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve the Robertson Paving Construction Agreement. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve for Council President Piercefield to sign the Robertson Paving Construction Agreement. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Approval to Auction Surplus – Town Manager Kevin McGinnis said the departments have several pieces of equipment they want to dispose of. He said that anything with value of over \$1000 would require an auctioneer. He said that anything with a value of less than \$1000 he would like to offer at silent bid and anything left over would be donated to charity.

Attorney Huddleston said that he would need to review the surplus item policy before proceeding.

Other Business

Town Manager Kevin McGinnis discussed items in his Town Manager report. He said that at the staff meeting concerning the Solar Eclipse, the consensus was that employees would work that day. He said the Town Office Building will be closed to the public, but the staff will be working. He said that any employee wishing to use PTO time that day must submit a request by the middle of March.

Town Manager McGinnis said that he met with Bertram onsite at the East Main Cross building, for a coordination meeting. He said that there is a small case of asbestos on the exterior of the building but that the inside did not have evidence of asbestos.

Town Manger McGinnis said that the Main Street Force Main agreement was signed, and they are coordinating on the project. He said that the CCMG documents are in place, the Blue River Dam removal should start mid-July and will take approximately 10-14 days for removal. He said the INDOT 252 bid will be in September, still working on the developer lot electric contribution, and that the Comprehensive Plan Kick off meeting is scheduled for February 28.

Councilwoman Sweet commended the Street Department and thanked them for the great job they did in the recent Snow event.

Departmental Comments

Police Chief Doyne Little said they have been doing a lot of training required by mandates. He said they are doing rapid response training for full-time and reserve officers. He said that there are 3 weeks left of reserve school and when it completes, they will have 2 more reserves. He said they have been working on planning for the Solar Eclipse and that Sarabeth Drybread was working on a flier to be mailed. He said that most businesses are not taking the Solar Eclipse seriously.

Fire Chief Justin Lollar asked about access to Fire Station 1 for prospective tenants. Town Manager McGinnis said he would contact him about access when needed.

Electric Superintendent Steve Clark said there was an incident on Saturday with a power outage at a building on Eisenhower Drive. He said that there is a public alley that runs east and west between Manual Place and Keeley Street that is used as a parking lot. He said they had to leave power off to the building as they could not contact the owner of the vehicle blocking access. He asked if there could be no parking or tow away zone signs placed in the alley. Town Manager McGinnis asked if we need an ordinance for no parking signs. Police Chief Doyne Little said he contacted the homeowners concerning tenants parking in the alley. Attorney Dustin Huddleston said he would review the Ordinance on placing traffic signs.

Planning Director Julie Young asked for clarification on if there is a need to solicit bids from engineering companies in reference to the requirement in the new subdivision control ordinance that requires the developer to pay the cost of engineering reviews. Attorney Huddleston said he would look into professional agreement reviews.

Water Superintendent Bill Jones said that the East Main Cross building to be demolished has material in the basement that belongs to the water department that he would like to remove before it is gone. Bill said that the IFA lead and copper grant he applied for had been awarded in the amount of \$10,000 and is to be spent to prepare for contractor to get a bigger grant to replace water services that could contain lead. Bill asked about using Sourcewell, a municipal purchasing agency that gives municipalities the best price rather than needing to attain three bids. Attorney Huddleston said that Sourcewell is the agency that the Fire Department used to purchase airpaks at discounted rates. Bill said that the new plant is up and running and invited the council to come visit.

Wastewater Superintendent Robert Jessie said they have been doing some valve and pump replacements and keeping the plant running. He said they are trying to get repairs accomplished as the plant is over 20 years old. He said the NPDES permit agreement has been signed with Wessler. He said that Josh Elmore has been doing MS4 stormwater training to become the MS4 stormwater coordinator.


Sarabeth Drybread said with the Solar Eclipse coming, she is trying to get local businesses educated. She said there is a meeting at the Community Center tomorrow afternoon. She said the mural downtown will start on March 18th, with a community paint during the eclipse. She thanked Cathy Hamm for her snowman contest idea in the recent snow that we had. She said there were 8 snowmen submitted for a chance to win 4 tickets to the opening day of the Indianapolis Indians. She said that she would keep the council posted about the Eclipse. Councilwoman Rooks asked if the Community Center had solar eclipse glasses. Sarabeth said they had over 1000 pairs at the community center courtesy of a grant from Festival Country for eclipse glasses. She said that the center has eclipse wear for pre order, that local merchant Simple Abundance has the Eclipse logo as an ornament or a window cling available for purchase.

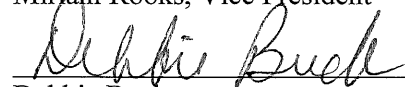
Adjourn

Being no further business or comments, Councilwoman Buck made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried.

EDINBURGH TOWN COUNCIL


Ryan Piercefield, President


Miriam Rooks, Vice President


Debbie Buck


Sherri Sweet

Michael Bryant

ATTEST:

Rhonda Barrett, Clerk-Treasurer