

**Town Council Meeting**  
**Monday, March 24, 2025**  
**6:00 PM**

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, March 24, 2025, at 6:00PM at the Town Hall, 107 South Holland Street, Edinburgh, IN.

Council President Piercefield called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members Answering Roll Call:** Council President Ryan Piercefield, Councilwoman Miriam Rooks, Councilwoman Sherri Sweet, and Councilman Michael Bryant.

Councilwoman Debbie Buck arrived at 6:08PM.

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

Council President Piercefield advised the audience that the meeting is being recorded and broadcast live on YouTube.

**Minutes-** Minutes of March 10, 2025, Council Meeting

*Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the March 10, 2025, Council meeting minutes. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 4-0.*

**Claims-** Clerk-Treasurer Barrett presented one claim docket in the amount of \$960,075.49, all claims have been reviewed and signed.

*Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the claim docket as presented in the amount of \$960,075.49. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried 4-0.*

**Resolution 2025-4 Transfer from General to Rainy Day-** Clerk-Treasurer Barrett requested to transfer \$400,000.00 from the 2024 General Fund budget to the Rainy-Day Fund.

*Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-4 Transfer from General Fund to Rainy Day Fund. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 4-0.*

**712 Eisenhower Drive Rental Lease Proposal-** Town Manager John Myers stated an advertisement had been run for the rental of the 712 Eisenhower Drive property with a March 21, 2025, deadline to submit lease proposals. Manager Myers stated that the Town received one lease proposal from the current tenants, Mr. & Mrs. Lyle Teter, proposing to pay \$1,400.00 per month to continue leasing the property with the same agreement currently in place to maintain the property and repairs that the Town does not cover. The tenants were paying \$1,300.00 per month in the previous lease agreement for the property. Mr. Myers recommended the Council approve the proposal as presented.

Councilwoman Miriam Rooks asked if the increase was proposed by the Teters and not by the Town. Manager Myers stated that was correct, the advertisement was for interested tenants to submit bids/proposals on leasing the property.

Discussion was held regarding the proposed increase in the monthly lease payment. Council President Piercefield recommended the Town keep the monthly lease payment at \$1,300.00 per month, as there was no reason to increase the monthly rent. President Piercefield stated that a motion is needed to allow Attorney Huddleston to draft a contract at the \$1300.00 per month for 12 months with the option to go month to month at the end of the lease.

*Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to authorize Attorney Huddleston to draft the 712 Eisenhower Drive Rental Lease Proposal at \$1,300.00 per month for 12 months, with a month-to-month basis following the end of the lease agreement. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried 4-0.*

**Insight Pay App #2 for State Road 252 Project-** Town Manager John Myers presented a certificate of substantial completion and a bill from Insight Pipe Contracting for the sewer lining project in the amount of \$44,076.60, that needs to be approved and signed by Town Council President. Mr. Myers stated there is also a request to change the contract price due to the Wastewater department completing some of the work in-house that will need to be signed by Town Council President. Mr. Myers stated that with the work of the Wastewater department completed, the contract price decreased \$111,133.53 and the contract price is now \$255,580.47.

*Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve Insight Pay App #2 for State Road 252 Project in the amount of \$44,076.60. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 4-0.*

*Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to authorize Council President Piercefield to sign off on Insight Pay App #2 for State Road 252 Project. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried 4-0.*

*Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve Insight Pipe Contracting's certificate of substantial completion. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 4-0.*

*Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to authorize Council President Piercefield to sign off on Insight Pipe Contracting's certificate of substantial completion. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 4-0.*

*Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve change order #1 to change the Insight Pipe Contracting contract amount to \$255,580.47. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 4-0.*

*Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to authorize Council President Piercefield to sign off on the change order #1 to the Insight Pipe Contracting contract amount to \$255, 580.47. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried 4-0.*

Councilwoman Debbie Buck arrived at 6:08 PM.

**Belt Press Replacement Discussion-** Wastewater Superintendent Robert Jessie stated there have been some ongoing discussions with Clerk Treasurer Barrett on how to finance the Belt Press refurbishment and the council should have received a list of those possible options in their packets. Superintendent Jessie stated that the cost to refurbish is going to be approximately \$350,000.00 and he is seeking guidance from the council on how to move forward with getting the belt refurbished and put back into service.

Council President Piercefield asked about the Wealing brothers proposal and the associated costs.

Superintendent Jessie stated that the item on the agenda following this is the temporary solution to removing the solids that are currently being produced. The Wealing Brothers are currently removing the biosolids in a liquid form at a cost of \$5000 per week and they are proposing to bring in a portable belt press to be used until our Belt Press is refurbished.

Discussion was held regarding finance options including GO Bond funds, a temporary loan from the Rainy-Day fund, using Rainy-Day funds with no pay back, or investigating possible OCRA Grants.

Discussion was held regarding how the belt press machine got to this point of damage and wear.

Superintendent Jessie stated it will take around 16 weeks for the belt press to be refurbished. Superintendent Jessie stated they removed the old mixer in-house so that a new conveyor can be installed. Superintendent Jessie stated that he currently did not have a quote for a new conveyor but feels that it should be included in the project as it moves the solids from one room to the next.

Discussion was held regarding whether multiple quotes are needed.

Superintendent Jessie stated that tonight was for discussion, and he would present the quote from Andritz, the manufacturer of the belt press, at the next meeting.

Attorney Huddleston asked Superintendent Jessie to send him the quote to review and determine if multiple quotes are needed for the refurbishment of the belt press.

**Bio Solids Removal Contract-** Wastewater Superintendent Robert Jessie presented a quote from Wealing Brothers to rent bio solids removal equipment in the amount of \$10,000.00 per month until the belt press machine is refurbished. Superintendent Jessie stated they are currently paying Wealing Brothers \$5,000.00 per week to remove the bio solids in liquid format. Superintendent Jessie stated there is also a scope of work for the Wealing Brothers to deliver containers for bio solids removal at \$58.00 per ton.

*Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the equipment rental from Wealing Brothers in the amount of \$10,000.00 per month until the belt press machine is refurbished. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 5-0.*

*Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the disposal of biosolids from the Wealing Brothers in the amount of \$58.00 per ton per month until the belt press machine is refurbished. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 5-0.*

**Timbergate Fence Repair-** Timbergate Manager Wayne Gibbs requested to replace half of the fence and install a gate for the Timbergate maintenance facility and around the dumpster at the Clubhouse. The first half was replaced four or five years ago. Mr. Gibbs stated part of the fence was damaged in recent storms. Mr. Gibbs stated he would like to pay for the project with Shelby County EDIT funds.

Clerk-Treasurer Barrett asked if there were multiple quotes provided. Mr. Gibbs stated he only had one quote from Cedar Creek Fence Company who originally put up the fence, in the amount of \$25,760.00.

Discussion was held regarding whether multiple quotes are needed.

*Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the Timbergate Fence Repair by Cedar Creek Fence Company in the amount of \$25,760.00 subject to Attorney Huddleston's review. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried 5-0.*

### **Other Business**

Councilwoman Sweet stated she got to look in the Police department's new Ford Interceptor and was glad the officers could have reliable vehicles.

Clerk-Treasurer Barrett asked if the Council was ready to decide on the Baker Tilly BT+ TIF+ Financial Management Services discussed at the previous Council meetings. Discussion was held regarding who was present during the presentation at the previous council meeting. Council President Piercefield stated it can be added to the next meeting's agenda.

Police Chief Doyne Little stated school started back today and officers went and greeted the children arriving. Chief Little stated they met with the schools' principals and the superintendent to discuss how the response to the bomb threat went and how it could be improved.

Electric Superintendent Stephen Clark stated that the Dollar Tree going in on US 31 submitted information to get electric service for the building. Superintendent Clark stated he needs to purchase a three-phase transformer to get electric service for the building and had discussed this with Dollar Tree approximately 4 months ago on the cost and delivery time, but they didn't want to order it at that time. Superintendent Clark presented a quote for a remanufactured three-phase transformer from Sunbelt Solomon in the amount of \$20,720.00 and stated that it will take 14 weeks for the unit to arrive. A new unit will cost more and take longer to obtain.

Discussion was held regarding whether Dollar Tree would have to reimburse the Town for purchasing the transformer.

Discussion was held regarding whether three quotes were needed.

*Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the purchase of one refurbished three-phase transformer from Sunbelt Solomon in the amount of \$20,720.00 subject to Attorney Huddleston's review. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 5-0.*

Cemetery Director Stan Brown stated he is looking at utility vehicle replacement options and will present them at one of the next Council meetings.

Parks Director Daniel Teter stated he was proud of the Police and Fire department's response to the bomb threat for Eastside Elementary.

Director of Economic Development Sarabeth Drybread stated she would speak to Planning Director Julie Young to investigate an OCRA grant to help with the Wastewater treatment repair costs. Director Drybread stated the IU Center for Rural Development came and spoke to community members and local business owners to get input on revitalizing the community.


### **Adjourn**

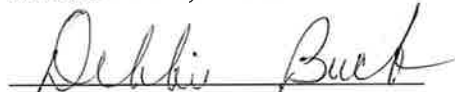
*Being no further business or comments, Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 5-0.*

*These minutes are a summary of actions taken at the Town of Edinburgh Council meetings. 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

  
Miriam Rooks, Vice President

  
Debbie Buck

  
Sherri Sweet

  
Michael Bryant

ATTEST:

  
Rhonda Barrett, Clerk-Treasurer