

Town Council Meeting
Monday, October 26, 2015
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, October 26, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, 107 South Holland Street, Edinburgh, Indiana.

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

President Hoffman thanked everyone for coming.

Members answering roll call were: Councilman Jack Shepherd, Councilwoman Dawn Graham, Vice President Kami Ervin and President Ron Hoffman. Councilman Jeff Simpson was absent. Also present were Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston and Clerk Treasurer Scott Finley.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda were the minutes of the council meeting of October 12, 2015. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said claims were next on the agenda and handed it over to Clerk Treasurer Scott Finley. Mr. Finley said everyone should have received the normal claim docket and an end-of-the month docket for September in their council packets. The total for the end-of-month docket was \$234,619.65 and the total for the regular claim docket was \$779,875.85. He said he had signed off on all the claims in those dockets and handed them over to the council for approval. Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to approve the claims as submitted. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said he would like to change the order of the agenda as Mr. Huddleston may have to leave if the meeting does not conclude early enough. He said next on the agenda will be the discussion on the personnel policy. This is in regards to the discussion of extending full pay to the town manager beyond the extra 15 days that exists within the policy. Mr. Huddleston has provided the council through e-mail possible verbiage to be put into the town's current personnel policy.

Councilwoman Graham said she has been researching policies from other cities and towns and would prefer if the issue were tabled for additional time to review the changes.

Councilwoman Ervin said Councilwoman Graham had brought in a disk that she had received today and will forward to the rest of the council and Mr. Huddleston with relevant information and she too agrees that tabling would give the council plenty of time to make an educated decision. Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to table the discussion until the council meeting of November 9, 2015. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was Ordinance 2015-8 Amendment to the Rainy Day Ordinance. He asked Mr. Finley to explain the Ordinance.

Mr. Finley said the ordinance is to amend 2004-4 which was the old Rainy Day ordinance. That ordinance was not written with the correct language to allow the transfer that has been discussed in the past. The transfer is allowed by state statute but not by local ordinance so this amendment aligns the local ordinance with what the state statute says.

President Hoffman said in order to pass the ordinance at this meeting the council would have to make a motion to wave the first reading of the ordinance and the ordinance would also have to pass unanimously. Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to wave the first reading of Ordinance 2015-8. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Unanimous.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-8. Councilwoman Ervin seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was Resolution 2015-16 Transfer of Funds. He said this Resolution would allow the clerk-treasurer to transfer \$334,000 to the Rainy Day fund from the town's General fund from the previous years' unused budget. Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-16. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was the Blue River Building progress report. He asked Building Commissioner Wade Watson to lead the discussion.

Mr. Watson said the council should have received a copy of the report in their council packets. The dates of the grant are vitally important. A missed deadline could mean the funds are taken away from the town. There is a tentative project schedule with the architect, the engineering firm, and the grant writers. The contract with Ratio needs to be signed to establish them as the engineering firm for the project.

President Hoffman said the amount of the grant the town has been awarded is \$400,000 with a 10% match. Engineering fees and grant administration fees paid to this point go toward the community match. He thanked Mr. Watson for his report.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was Danzer Veneer discussing the sidewalk on Thompson Street. Dave Wessel was present on behalf of Danzer Veneer Americas. He handed out a copy of his request to the council.

Mr. Wessel said Danzer would like to ask the council if they would assist them with repairing the sidewalk on Thompson Street in front of their plant. They would be willing to pay for the concrete and saw cutting if the town would help with the labor. It is in dire need of being replaced before winter hits. Water pools and freezes and makes a dangerous walking path for kids using it to get to school. He said he and the street superintendent Curtis Rooks looked at the portion of the sidewalk earlier in the day.

Mr. Rooks said there is an issue with the sidewalk. He and Mr. Watson had a discussion about the town's responsibility when it comes to sidewalks. There is an ordinance stating that the sidewalk belongs to the property owner. He said he had Frank Bryant look at the sidewalk since he has more knowledge in that area. A quote sheet was made up with the cost of materials and labor. The scope of work is quite large and will be time consuming. Mr. Bryant believed it would be more than the town could take on. The sidewalk butts up almost to the building and could cause an issue when cutting. The time frame is also an issue with it being so late in the year already. Mr. Rooks said he works for the council and will do whatever the council decides but there are a lot of uncertainties in the project.

Councilwoman Ervin asked if the cutting was the only issue.

Mr. Rooks said the cutting is an issue but also the removal of the old concrete will be difficult with the sidewalk being so close to the building.

Councilwoman Graham asked what happens if during the removal something happens to the building. She asked who would be liable for that possible issue.

President Hoffman said there would have to be a hold harmless agreement between the town and Danzer.

Councilwoman Ervin said it sounds like there is some question of whether the town can handle the work in the time frame. She suggested tabling the discussion until more information can be obtained.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to table the discussion until the November 9, 2015 meeting. Councilwoman Ervin seconded. Unanimous.

Public Comments

Jim Burton of 501 South Main Street said he received a letter that was supposedly from the state saying his campaign signs did not have the proper disclaimer on them. He talked to the clerk of the county and found that the letter did not come from the state or county but rather from an individual threatening fines. He said his signs do now have the proper disclaimer. The county clerk said they are investigating it because any issue must go through the county before it can go to the state. He just wanted to inform the council of the issue.

President Hoffman thanked Mr. Burton for bringing the issue to their attention.

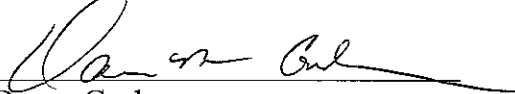
Jerry Lollar of 210 W. Campbell Street said he wanted to wish the councilmembers up for election good luck. He said he has no personal issues with any of the members he just believes he could do a good job representing the town as a councilmember.

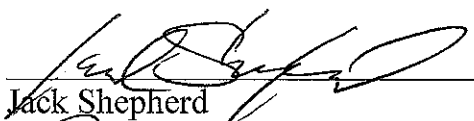
Being no further business or comments, Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Unanimous.

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Kami Ervin, Vice President


Dawn Graham


Jack Shepherd


Jeffrey A. Simpson

ATTEST:


Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer