

Town Council Meeting
Monday, November 9, 2015
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, November 9, 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, Councilman Jeff Simpson, Councilwoman Dawn Graham, Vice President Kami Ervin and President Ron Hoffman. Also present were Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston and Clerk Treasurer Scott Finley.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda were the minutes of the executive meeting of October 26, 2015 and the council meeting of October 26, 2015. Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilwoman Graham 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 a copy of the normal claim docket in their council packets. The total for that docket was \$77,166.20. He said he had signed off on all the claims in that docket and handed them over to the council for approval. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the claims as submitted. Councilwoman Ervin seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was Danzer Veneer and the discussion of the sidewalk on Thompson Street.

Councilwoman Ervin said she spoke with Mr. Wessel earlier in the day and found that Danzer has hired a company to repair the worst part of the sidewalk. The remaining portion will be revisited next year. This gives the town ample time to review the ordinance regarding sidewalks. No action was taken on this item.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was Avenue Broadband/Horizon property damage legal action. He summarized the issue explaining that on August 26, 2014 a truck hit a cable line and broke an electric pole causing approximately \$22,000 in damages to town property. The claim has been denied by the trucking company's insurance as well as the cable company's insurance. He asked Town Attorney Huddleston to explain what he has done so far and what the next steps would be.

Mr. Huddleston said when Mr. Hoffman asked him to look into the situation he examined the past history of the claims and the responses from both companies. The current agreement says the town will provide the poles and the cable company can put its lines on the poles. He sent a demand letter to both companies asking for reimbursement for the cost of the damages. The letter was denied stating the companies do not believe they are at fault. The next question is whether the council wants to absorb those costs or seek reimbursement in a court setting.

Further discussion was held. Councilman Simpson made a motion to allow Mr. Huddleston to proceed with legal action to obtain reimbursement from Avenue Broadband and/or Horizon. Councilwoman Ervin seconded. Unanimous.

Council Comments

President Hoffman said there has been a discussion over the last few meetings about modifying the employee leave portion of the personnel policy. There has been a lot of research done and at this point no action will be taken on that matter.

President Hoffman said he would also like to share a letter from Paula Wright at the elementary school thanking Parks Director Daniel Teter and Police Chief David Mann for their participation

in the Wolf Pack. The Wolf Pack is a school program for boys to learn skills that will enable them to trust others, resolve conflict, be respectful, and take care of themselves.

President Hoffman also said the town has been asked to make a donation to the Clothe-A-Child program. In the past the town has contributed \$500 to this program. Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to donate \$500 to Clothe-A-Child. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Unanimous.

Departmental Comments

Fire Chief Allen Smith said during budget time he has spoken with the council about adding another full time employee at the fire department day shift. The biggest reason is there have been several times when they have been on a run and received another call while still at the hospital. This makes responding to those calls difficult. Another person would also give extra credits on the ISO (Insurance Service Office) rating. This person would also be responsible for necessary inspections at the mall and also the industrial park. Mr. Smith said he has wages left in his payroll that he could start this employee in the middle of November.

President Hoffman said anything the town can do within its budget to provide added safety to the residents of Edinburgh is a good thing.

Councilwoman Ervin said the 2016 budget was approved with the addition of the new employee. As far as the council is concerned it is up to Mr. Smith to make the decision.

Mr. Smith introduced Casey Taylor who would be filling that position. He is currently a volunteer with the Edinburgh fire department and has worked for Seals in the past. He is an experienced EMT.


Public Comments

Gail Hoffman said she too would like to thank Police Chief David Mann and Parks Director Daniel Teter for their work with the Wolf Pack Program. She also would like to thank the council for the Clothe-A-Child donation. Susan Lollar does a wonderful job with that program.

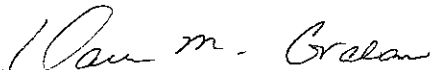
Jerry Lollar said he would like to thank President Hoffman for his service on the council. He congratulated Councilwoman Graham and Councilman Simpson on their reelection and said he looks forward to working with everyone on the council.

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


EDINBURGH TOWN COUNCIL


Ron Hoffman, President

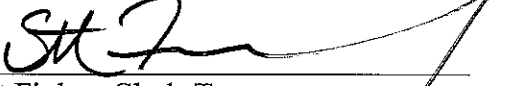

Kami/Ervin, Vice President


Dawn Graham


Jack Shepherd


Jeffrey A. Simpson

ATTEST:


Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer