

Town Council Meeting  
Monday, December 14, 2015  
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, December 14, 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 Jeff Simpson, Councilwoman Dawn Graham, Vice President Kami Ervin and President Ron Hoffman. Councilman Jack Shepherd 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 November 23, 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 claim docket was \$171,605.81. 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 Resolution 2015-20 A Resolution Appointing an Acting Town Manager. He explained that John Drybread would not be back to work by the first of the year. Wade Watson was approached and asked if he would fill in for that position while Mr. Drybread is out of the office. Mr. Watson agreed. The Resolution proposes that Mr. Watson be interim Town Manager effective immediately while Mr. Drybread is away. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-20. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Unanimous.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to discuss the Town Manager position again after January 31, 2015. Councilman Ervin seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said to make it clear, Mr. Watson would also continue to act as Building Commissioner for the town.

President Hoffman said as the Shelby County Commissioners have not yet approved their resolution regarding the annexation along Lind Drive, he would recommend tabling the next four items on the agenda. Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to table Resolution 2015-17 Adopting a Written Fiscal Plan for Annexation, the Fiscal Plan and Staff Report, the Resolution of the Shelby County Commissioners, and Ordinance 2015-10 Annexing Along Lind Drive. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was Resolution 2015-18 Approving the 2016 Holiday Schedule. He asked if everything looked correct on that schedule. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-18. Councilwoman Ervin seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was Resolution 2015-19 Approving the 2016 Council Meeting Schedule. He asked if all the dates were correct.

Councilwoman Ervin asked if the last meeting of the year was intended to be on a Wednesday.

Mr. Finley said yes. Normally that meeting is pushed back towards the end of the year to get as many claims in from that year as possible.

Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-19. Councilman Simpson seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was Copple's Wrecker Service Sewer Tap Waiver Request. He asked Mr. Watson to explain the request.

Mr. Watson said the Town of Edinburgh has no sewer utilities adjacent to State Road 252 East of Lind Drive. The easiest way to supply future development in that area would be to create a utility easement and lay the pipe before the current development. Copple's has requested that the sewer tap fee be waived in exchange for the easement. Resolution 2013-2 makes a provision for the town manager to waive the fee based on his or her judgement. He believes this is a reasonable request in exchange for the utility easement. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the waiver of the sewer tap fee for Copple's Wrecker Service. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was the Employee Health Insurance Renewal. He said the town's premium increased by 32% for 2016 based on the prior year's claims. The town has had very mild increases over the past few years. The plan will stay the same aside from the increase in premium both for the town and for the employee's deduction. The increase has been discussed with the department heads and will be discussed with the employees if it is approved. In addition, the dental plan will become completely voluntary and the employee will pick up the entire premium if they choose to keep the plan. The total cost for health insurance for 2016 will be \$734,000. The employee portion will be 23% and the town will pay the additional 77%.

Councilwoman Ervin said for a family plan, the rates are still affordable compared to some other group plans.

Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to approve the health insurance renewal as submitted. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Unanimous.

#### Council Comments

Councilman Simpson said he would like to see the employees get a half day off on New Year's Eve.

Councilwoman Graham asked if New Year's Eve falls on a weekend, do the employees get that Friday off?

Councilwoman Ervin said the exact dates would need to be listed.

Mr. Huddleston said the council could revisit that issue and make the decision for 2016 at a later date.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve a half paid holiday for December 31, 2015. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said he had with him a thank you note from Susan Lollar and Susan Ingels thanking the town for its donation to the Clothe-A-Child program.

Mr. Finley said he wanted to let the council know that the Auditors are finishing up the audit for 2011-2014. He said he did not know yet when the exit conference would be but he would let the council know when he hears.

#### Departmental Comments

Newly appointed Town Manager Wade Watson said he wanted to thank the employees for their hard work on the Holiday of Lights. He also said the Blue River Bank restoration is still moving forward and will be ready for the bidding process soon. He said he would also like to thank the council for their confidence in him to carry out the duties of town manager while Mr. Drybread is away.

Fire Chief Allen Smith said he wanted to thank the council for the employee appreciation lunch last Friday. He also said he received all the funding to buy the toys and food for the needy.

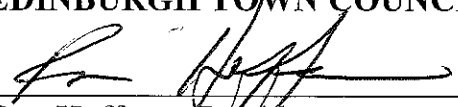
Police Chief Dave Mann said he wanted to thank the council for creating a friendly work environment for the employees. He and all of his employees appreciated all the council does and are gracious for the benefits provided to them.

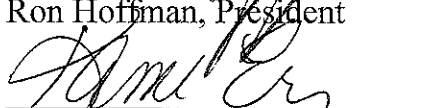
#### Public Comments

Ted Lucas of 326 Kilpatrick Court said he wanted to say good job to the departments responsible for the Christmas lights. They look great and he has heard several comments regarding them.

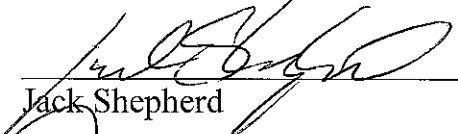
Being no further business or comments, Councilman Simpson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Unanimous.

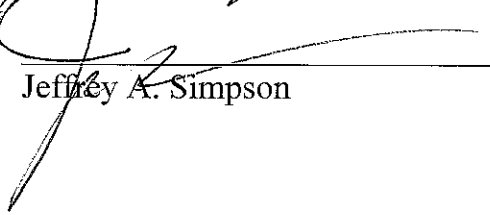
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Ron Hoffman, President

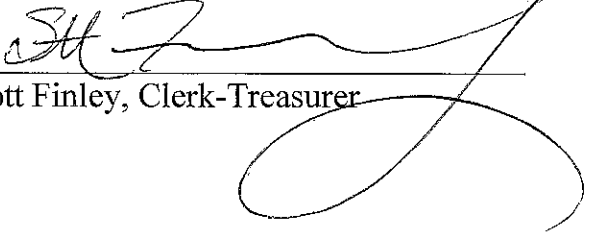
  
Kami Ervin, Vice President

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Dawn Graham

  
Jack Shepherd

  
Jeffrey A. Simpson

ATTEST:

  
Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer