

Town Council Meeting
Monday, February 8, 2016
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, February 8, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, 107 South Holland Street, Edinburgh, Indiana.

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

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

President Ervin said next on the agenda were the minutes of the council meeting of January 25, 2016. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda were claims and handed it over to Clerk Treasurer Scott Finley.

Mr. Finley said everyone should have received a copy of the normal claim docket for period in their council packets. The total for that docket was \$51,009.44. 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. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was Ordinance 2016-1 Additional Appropriations. She asked Mr. Finley to explain the ordinance.

Mr. Finley said for certain funds the town has to pass additional appropriations before the money can be spent. These are appropriations outside the approved budget. This ordinance appropriates funds from the Bartholomew County EDIT fund (\$97,700), the Shelby County EDIT fund (\$57,800), and the Riverboat fund (\$100,000). The appropriations are all in the capital outlays budget classification. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-1. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the Staff Report on Christ Fellowship Church Request for Relief. She asked Town Manager Wade Watson to lead the discussion.

Mr. Watson said in the staff report he tried to layout the timeline of events regarding the town supplying utilities to the property and also the request for annexation. Mr. Burton approached the council at the previous council meeting and asked that the surcharges paid on the utilities that accrued during the annexation process be waived. Mr. Watson said the staff recommendation is to credit the utility bill in the amount of \$300. That is the amount that was charged from the time Mr. Burton requested the annexation. Councilman Simpson made a motion to credit the Christ Fellowship Church's utility account \$300 per the staff report recommendation. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

Council Comments

Councilman Simpson said he would like to thank the department heads for coming to the council meeting and reporting about their respective departments.

Councilwoman Graham said she would like to make a motion to hold an executive session on February 22, 2016 at 5:00 P.M. Councilman Lollar seconded. Unanimous.

Councilman Lollar said he saw that the speed limit signs were put up on High School Drive at the request of Mr. McQueen. Mr. McQueen had also asked about the smell in that area. He asked if that had been looked into.

Mr. Watson said he talked with Mr. McQueen after the meeting. The smell is not constant but comes and goes. He asked Mr. McQueen to contact him or Mr. Giles of the Wastewater Department when he smells it again. Normally the smell happens in the summertime. The issue comes from the return line from the outlet mall. It is a slow moving line and the department does treat that line currently to counter the odor.

Wastewater Superintendent Glenn Giles said the department spends about \$2,500 a month on chemicals to treat that line.

Councilman Lollar said the smell can be bad in the summer. He asked if there were any other options to help with the smell.

Mr. Watson said the only definite option is more flow to that line. As the area around the mall continues to grow, the smell of that line should dissipate as the flow increases.

Councilman Shepherd said there is lack of signage on the one-way streets Holland and Walnut. Most of the alleys do not have signs showing the street is one way. It is very common to see people going the wrong way on those streets. He thinks it would be a good idea for the town to look into some additional signage for those streets.

Departmental Comments

Town Manager Wade Watson said the Town of Edinburgh has been invited to participate with other communities in Johnson County to celebrate the State of Indiana's Bicentennial. There will be a torch traveling through all the counties in the state and it will come through Johnson County on September 23, 2016.

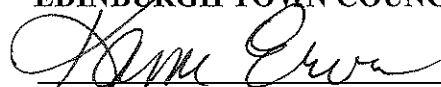
Mr. Watson said the gateway sign on Highway 31 is deteriorating and needs to be replaced. He has started looking into what the cost would be to replace that sign.

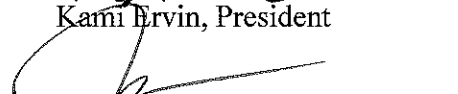
Mr. Watson said Parks Director Daniel Teter put a staff report in the council mailboxes requesting that the council approve the fees for the volleyball league that will be starting soon. The fees are \$150 per team and \$20 per individual. Councilman Shepherd made a motion to approve the fees for the volleyball league as submitted. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

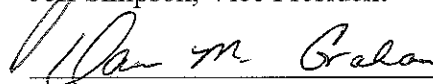
Mr. Watson said he would like to update the council on the two grants the town is currently working on. Last week was the pre-bid conference for the Blue River Building grant. There were seven construction firms that showed up for that meeting. Thursday, February 11, 2016 will be the public bid opening for the general contractors on that project. Last week the town also received the qualification letters for the engineers for the Storm Water project. The bids were reviewed by the staff and the grant writers and Strand Engineering scored the highest. They are in the process of preparing a contract that will be submitted to Mr. Huddleston for review.

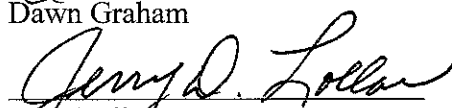
Being no further business or comments, Councilman Simpson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

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Jeff Simpson, Vice President


Dawn Graham


Jerry Lollar

Jack Shepherd

ATTEST:


Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer