

Town Council Meeting
Monday, March 28, 2016
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, March 28, 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 March 14, 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 claim docket in their council packet. He said he had two claims to add to the docket and an adjustment to another claim. The changed claim was the golf course's gas bill from \$66.25 to \$64.20. The two additions were the lease for the police station's phone system for \$177.11 and an application fee for an employee permit at the golf course for \$45.00. The total for the docket was \$697,679.57. 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 with the changes and additions as submitted. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was Fair Housing Proclamation. She asked Town Manager Wade Watson to explain the proclamation.

Mr. Watson said one of the requirements for the OCRA grant is that the town be involved with some element of the fair housing act. The option the town chose was to declare the month of April Fair Housing Awareness Month. The council will pass the proclamation and also flyers will be sent out with the utility bills. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the Fair Housing Proclamation. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was Resolution 2016-4 Adopt Employment Policy Revisions. Mr. Watson had presented a proposed amendment to the personnel policy regarding comp time. Mr. Huddleston drafted a resolution regarding comp time and it has been presented to the council. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-4. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was Ordinance 2016-3 Amendment to the Traffic Schedule Chapter 74. At the previous meeting some issues were discussed regarding truck traffic on Roosevelt and Holland. She asked Mr. Watson to explain the amendment.

Mr. Watson said Chapter 74 prohibits oversized vehicles on certain streets. It was proposed to make Roosevelt Avenue and parts of Holland Street part of that chapter. Signs have already been posted in those areas. This ordinance just makes it enforceable.

Mr. Huddleston said because this is an ordinance the council must vote unanimously to waive the first reading and consider the ordinance at this council meeting if they want it to be passed at this meeting. Councilman Shepherd made a motion to waive the first reading and consider Ordinance 2016-3 at this council meeting. Councilwoman Ervin seconded. Unanimous.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-3. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the Bradshaw contract review. She asked Mr. Watson to lead the discussion.

Mr. Watson said the council approved Mr. Huddleston to prepare a contract to present to the contractor. The contractor pointed out that there was an AIA contract included in the bid documents and that is what the company had prepared its bid for. He said after some discussion it is his recommendation that the council allow Mr. Huddleston to review and prepare the AIA contract with Bradshaw.

Mr. Huddleston said he compared his agreement to the AIA agreement. The AIA agreement is a standard contract in the architectural industry. The AIA agreement is 6 pages while his is about 28 pages with more precise language protecting the town. Both have similar main terms including payment schedule, the type of work to be done, and the insurance required. If the town does not go with the AIA agreement there is a chance that Bradshaw will refuse to do the work and the town could lose the grant. He said there are blanks in the agreement where language can be inserted. He said he would do his best to put as much of the language from his agreement into the AIA agreement.

Councilman Lollar made a motion to allow Mr. Huddleston to prepare the AIA agreement and negotiate the terms with Bradshaw. Councilman Graham seconded. Unanimous.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the Rumpke proposed services and recycling options. She said representatives from Rumpke were at the last council meeting discussing the possibility of changing solid waste pick up dates from Tuesday and Wednesday to just Wednesday. Richard Leslie was present on behalf of Rumpke.

Mr. Leslie handed out proposed documents regarding the change of pick up dates. He said Rumpke would like to propose adding one truck to the service in Edinburgh and pick up on Wednesdays only. Rumpke would notify all residents that would be effected and also continue to run on Tuesdays for the first few weeks while transitioning. The proposed start date would be May 4, 2016.

Mr. Watson said he believes it is a good idea to have the pick-up equipment in town as little as possible so one day will be better for the town than two days. Councilman Shepherd made a motion to approve the agreement allowing Rumpke to move solid waste pick up to Wednesday only. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to allow President Ervin to sign the agreement on behalf of the council. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Leslie thanked the council. He said Rumpke would also like to propose giving the residents a recycling option. He gave the council a document explaining the recycling process. Councilman Lollar made a motion to take the recycling service under the advisement of the staff. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was vacating an alley request. The council had asked Mr. Huddleston to look into the possibility of vacating the alley on a temporary basis contingent upon certain things being done. She asked Mr. Huddleston what he found.

Mr. Huddleston said after reviewing the statute regarding vacating alleys he found that the statute is silent on whether that kind of agreement can or cannot be done. Usually in that case if both parties agree then the agreement is enforceable. The council could possibly approve the vacation contingent upon certain things being done. The one thing that would have to be in the agreement is the signing of a utility easement so the town can still service the lines in that alley.

Councilman Lollar said that on March 7th council meeting Marcia Terry said she had a petition with several hundred signatures but the petition was dated March 7, 2016. He asked if those signatures were obtained after that meeting.

Ms. Terry said after the first meeting requesting the alley be vacated they were unaware of how the process would go. She said they had those signatures but threw them away after the first meeting thinking they were useless. They then attempted to obtain the signatures again.

Councilwoman Graham asked Mr. Terry if this option would even be something that would interest them.

Mr. Terry said yes, he would be interested in this option. His only concern would be putting a lot of money into the alley and then not getting the alley in the end.

President Ervin said the agreement would be written so that if they completed the terms the town would legally have to vacate the alley.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow Mr. Huddleston to draft an agreement regarding the alley vacation. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the Retirement Agreement. She said John Drybread has been off on sick leave for several months now and wishes to retire. A retirement agreement has been drawn up between the town and Mr. Drybread. She said the council wishes him the best and thanked him for his service with the town. Councilman Lollar made a motion to approve the retirement agreement. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow President Ervin to sign the retirement agreement on behalf of the council. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Simpson said the town now needs to begin the process of permanently filling the Town Manager position. Councilman Simpson made a motion allow Mr. Huddleston and Mr. Finley to move forward with the hiring process including advertising for the position. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

Departmental Comments

Town Manager Wade Watson said he had several things to bring to the council's attentions. First, he met with a representative from Louisville Indiana Railroad and they have put together a request to vacate the railroad crossing at Naomi Street. He said he would like to contact businesses in that area to hear their thoughts on vacating that crossing. Councilman Lollar made a motion to allow Mr. Watson to contact business owners in that area and find out the impact it would have on those businesses. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Watson said he was approached today by a property owner of a parcel on US 31 and the Southeast corner of 800 North. The property owner would like to gift this parcel to the Town of Edinburgh however the property is a mile south of the town's municipal boundaries. Councilman Simpson made a motion to allow Mr. Huddleston to review possibility of being gifted a piece of land outside the municipal boundaries. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Watson said the kick-off meeting for the storm water project is scheduled for Thursday, March 31, 2016 and 2:00 PM. The meeting will include Strand Associates and the department heads. He said he would like to publically compliment Street Superintendent Curtis Rooks and his department for the work they have done organizing and cleaning up the department. He also had a call from a manager from SAPP and they wanted to compliment the Edinburgh Police Department on the wonderful job they do in town.

Fire Chief Allen Smith said there was a \$9,000 claim in the docket to Columbus Regional Hospital. He wanted to explain what that claim was for. Columbus Regional does not allow the town to bring in patients with chest pains. Instead they must transfer the patient to their ambulances. When these are billed, an advanced life support fee is added and collected. That money has been collected but not paid out to Columbus Regional. This claim takes care of what is owed to them.

Parks Director Daniel Teter said the first softball tournament of the year brought in a little over \$2,200 in concessions. Little League practices started today and all 24 teams have a sponsor. Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and the egg hunt went very well and had a great turnout. He said at the next meeting he will have a presentation on replacement signs for the mound entrance of the town.

Public Comments

Matt Prine said he wanted to stop by the council meeting and introduce himself. He is running for House District 47 and wanted to ask for any feedback on what he could do to make Edinburgh a better place than it already is.

Ron Hazelgrove was present on behalf of the Edinburgh Lions Club. He said he would like to ask the town for the same help with the Fall Festival as it has provided in the past. The festival would be September 14, 2016 through September 17, 2016.

President Ervin asked Mr. Finley what amount the town has provided in the past.

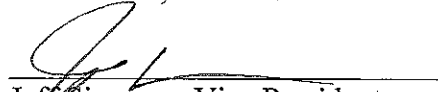
Mr. Finley said \$3,000.

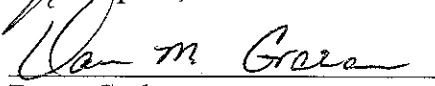
Councilman Simpson made a motion to donate \$3,000 to the Edinburgh Lions Club for the 2016 Fall Festival. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

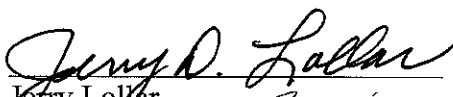
Being no further business or comments, Councilman Simpson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.


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ATTEST:


Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer