

Town Council Meeting
Monday, May 9, 2016
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, May 9, 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 April 25, 2016. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilman Shepherd 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 two claim dockets in their council packets, an end of the month docket for March and a regular docket for the period. The total for the end of month docket was \$223,200.78 and the total for the regular docket was \$107,983.45. He said he had signed off on all the claims in those docket and handed them over to the council for approval. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the claims as submitted. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the 2016 Street Materials and Services Bid Award. She asked Town Manager Wade Watson to give the staff recommendation.

Mr. Watson said the staff does not believe the town received a broad enough participation from bidders to make a fair judgement. Only two bidders had everything required in the bid documents and no bidder completed the entire bid tab. The staff recommendation is to reject all bids and bid out projects individually for the remainder of the year. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to reject all bids as suggested by the staff. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Lollar made a motion to require at least three bids for future work in 2016. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the American Legion Memorial Day Proclamation. She said the proclamation is done each year to declare Memorial Day as American Legion Memorial Day. The proclamation is presented at the Memorial Day service at the legion. She said John Drybread has read the proclamation in the past but she will be reading it on that day. She read the proclamation aloud. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the American Legion Memorial Day Proclamation. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the proposed agreed order from IDEM. She asked Mr. Watson to explain the order to the council.

Mr. Watson said the town received an order from the Indiana Department of Environment Management (IDEM) which was in response to the town's long term control plan. They asked the town to sign the order agreeing to certain criteria. Mr. Huddleston reviewed the document and they both agreed the document is not egregious but they are, however, asking the town to sign an open ended document. At this point IDEM has not accepted or rejected the town's long term control plan. He said he contacted IDEM and there is a "settlement conference" scheduled on May 26, 2016 at 1:00. The staff suggestion is to not sign the document and table the order until after the settlement conference. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to table the proposed agreed order from IDEM until the June 13, 2016 council meeting. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda were the board appointments for the Joint Planning Commission, the Edinburgh Redevelopment Commission, and the Economic Development Board. She said she spoke with a couple of council members with ideas on who could fill the vacant positions. It was found however that the economic development boards requires the county to appoint a member. Her recommendation was to wait until the town has a permanent town manager to make those

appointments. Councilman Simpson made a motion to table the board appointments until a permanent town manager is hired. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the staff report regarding tax abatement CF-1's for Penway Inc., Ditech Inc., and LB Mold Inc. She asked Mr. Watson to explain the forms.

Mr. Watson said each year companies with tax abatements are required to submit a compliance form (CF-1) for each active tax abatement showing their compliance with the original statement of benefits (SB-1). Mr. Watson explained that each of these companies was in substantial compliance with the original SB-1.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the CF-1's as submitted for Penway Inc. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the CF-1's as submitted for Ditech Inc. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the CF-1's as submitted for LB Mold Inc. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to allow President Ervin to sign the CF-1's on behalf of the council. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the staff report and tax abatement applications for Sacoma International and Ditech Inc. She asked Mr. Watson to explain the requests.

Mr. Watson said Sacoma has submitted two applications, one for real property and one for personal property. For the personal property abatement they are anticipating an investment of about \$6 million and adding 8 additional jobs. For the real property abatement they are anticipating adding up to 40,000 square feet to house the new equipment at an estimated cost of \$2.9 million. The staff recommendation is for approval of both abatement requests. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the personal property abatement for Sacoma and allow Mr. Huddleston to draft the necessary resolution. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Shepherd made a motion to approve the real property abatement for Sacoma and allow Mr. Huddleston to draft the necessary resolution. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Watson said the last abatement request was submitted by Ditech Inc. The company plans to invest \$2 million in personal property. They anticipated adding 5 new positions. The staff recommendation is to approve the abatement and allow Mr. Huddleston to draft a resolution. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the personal property abatement for Ditech Inc. and allow Mr. Huddleston to draft the necessary resolution. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the sign discussion presented by Parks Director Daniel Teter.

Mr. Teter said the town still does not have as many quotes for the signs as it would like. He asked the council to table the discussion until more quotes have been obtained. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to table the discussion indefinitely. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the vacating an alley request. She said the contract has been completed and sent to Duane and Marcia Terry for review.

Mr. Terry said they have looked over the agreement and asked if the terms are negotiable.

President Ervin said they could make any suggestions they would like.

Mr. Terry requested that the council table the discussion.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to table the vacating an alley request until the May 23, 2016 council meeting. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was receiving property. She asked Mr. Huddleston to explain this item.

Mr. Huddleston said a few meetings ago Mr. Watson had brought up that a party had approached the town about gifting a piece of property on South U.S. 31 and the council requested that he look into the legality of receiving that property. He said he had done the research and found that the town can legally accept the property. His recommendation if the council chose to proceed was to allow him to contact the estate attorney, draw up a purchase agreement, and make sure there are no liens associated with the property. The only fees associated would be legal fees and title fees. Councilman Simpson made a motion to allow Mr. Huddleston to proceed with contacting the estate owners and drafting a purchase agreement. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Council Comments

Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley said he had a student from the high school present to him a request to donate \$50 to the school yearbook to help reduce the cost of the yearbook to the students. He said he wanted to ask the council if that was something they would like to do. Councilman Simpson made a motion to allow a one-time donation of \$50 to Edinburgh High School for the school yearbook. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Finley said he also had a gentleman contact him regarding the car auction the council will have at the May 23, 2016 council meeting. He wanted to know if he could bid via telephone for the vehicles up for sale. Councilman Simpson made a motion to not allow bidding via telephone for the auto auction at the May 23, 2016 council meeting. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

Departmental Comments

Golf Course General Manager Wayne Gibbs presented the council with a packet showing a breakdown of the expenses for the course which was requested at the previous council meeting. He explained that the golf course operates on two different funds; a non-reverting operating fund and a budgeted department under the general fund. The packet showed the breakdown of the expenses from both funds. The back pages showed the net profit over the past years. He explained that the course does profit over the course of the year after deducting the bond payment.

Town Manager Wade Watson said he would like to commend the police department on how well they handled the high speed chase that came through the town over the weekend. The department did a fantastic job and nobody was injured during the chase.

Nate Dillingham of Ditech Inc. said he also would like to commend the department on ending that chase without issue. He said the car involved in the chase nearly hit his son-in-law on Walnut Street. The police department does a wonderful job in the community.

Police Chief David Mann said he has received a resignation from Officer Rick Wilson so the department will start the hiring process to find a replacement.

Street Superintendent Curtis Rooks said the South Walnut Street is starting to deteriorate so he has started to look in to the cost associated with that project.

Parks Director Daniel Teter said Little League baseball has started. The first tournament of the year brought in about \$4,000 in concessions and diamond rental. Flowers will start going in this week as well and should make the town look beautiful this spring. Also, the town profited about \$1,000 from the circus and that money will help offset the cost of the youth club program.

Public Comments

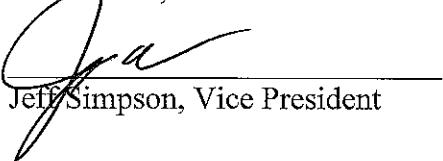
Duane Terry, owner of Cliff's Bar and Grill, said Cliff's Ride would be coming up soon and the ride benefits Edinburgh Community Schools. The ride takes place on June 11, 2016.

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

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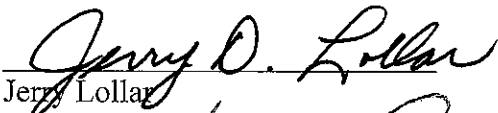


Kami Ervin, President

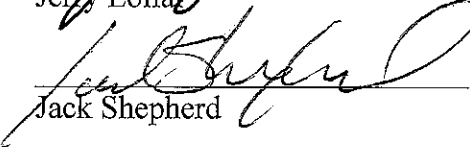


Jeff Simpson, Vice President

Dawn Graham

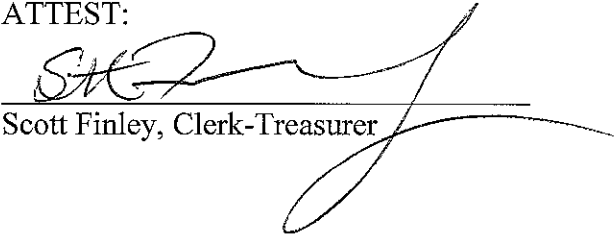


Jerry Lollar



Jack Shepherd

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Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer