

Town Council Meeting  
Monday, July 25, 2016  
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, July 25, 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 July 11, 2016, the executive meeting of July 11, 2016, and the second executive meeting of July 11, 2016. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve all minutes as submitted. Councilman Lollar 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 for the period. The total for the claim docket was \$739,377.90. He said he had signed off on all the claims in that docket and handed them over to the council for approval.

Councilman Lollar asked how many laptops were purchased for the police cars for \$11,000 and if they were budgeted.

Town Marshall David Mann said the laptops were budgeted and 12 of them were purchased on a state bid.

Councilman Lollar asked what period the IMPA payment covered.

Mr. Finley said it was for June 1 to June 30.

Councilman Lollar asked how many meters the water department purchased for \$10,000.

Mr. Finley said he believed it was 5 or 6.

Councilman Lollar asked if the hydraulic motor purchased for the golf course was new or rebuilt.

Timbergate General Manager Wayne Gibbs said it was new. If it is possible to have pieces rebuilt they will but this one was past that point.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the claims as submitted. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the employment agreement for Town Manager. Councilman Lollar made a motion to approve the agreement as submitted. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried 4 to 1 with Councilwoman Graham voting nay.

President Ervin congratulated Wade Watson on his position as Town Manager for the Town of Edinburgh.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the settlement agreement for Horizon/Avenue. She asked Mr. Huddleston to explain.

Mr. Huddleston said this involves the pending litigation in Johnson County Superior Court Number 1 regarding damage of town property by a freight truck hitting a cable line. The town demanded payment of approximately \$22,000 from both Horizon, the owner of the truck, and Avenue, the owner of the cable line. The request was denied and a suit was filed. The proposed settlement pays for two-thirds of the damages including all legal fees incurred. The total was approximately \$18,000. If the agreement is approved it will be circulated to the other two attorneys and they will in turn send the checks. The checks will be held until all funds are received and the case can then be dismissed. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to accept the agreement as submitted. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

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

President Ervin said next on the agenda was Ordinance 2016-7 Amending Traffic Code Chapter 74 Speed Limits at Timbergate. She said Mr. Watson had prepared a staff report based on feedback received from a resident. The council has approved that staff report and Mr. Huddleston has drafted the ordinance based on that staff report.

Mr. Huddleston said the ordinance covers Mr. Watson's staff report and what the council adopted. The placement of the signs is left at the discretion of the town. Because a penalty would be imposed if the ordinance is violated, the ordinance must be published 30 days before the ordinance goes into effect.

Councilman Lollar made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-7. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the East Side Storm Water Project Staff Report. She asked Mr. Watson to explain the report.

Mr. Watson said certain events have occurred which now makes it appropriate for the town to award the bid on this project. The apparent low bidder was Brackney Inc. from Brookville, Indiana. Strand has worked with Brackney on a previous storm water project and found them to be very responsible and capable. The next step is for council to accept the staff's recommendation for Strand to be the engineer of record for the project and proceed with awarding the bid to Brackney. Brackney will submit a contract for the town and Mr. Huddleston to review.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to award the bid to Brackney Inc. of Brookville, Indiana. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow President Ervin to sign the agreement with Brackney Inc. upon approval of the agreement by Mr. Huddleston. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the Amos Hill waiver request staff report. She asked Mr. Watson to present the report.

Mr. Watson said in 2014 Amos Hill applied for a tax abatement. The abatement was approved and the project was completed. This year they discovered they should have filed a form 322/RE with the assessor's office. The form was 3 days late. They have been in substantial compliance with their CF-1's. It was recommended that the town provide through resolution a waiver of non-compliance allowing them to continue to take advantage of the abatement.

Mr. Huddleston said Mr. Watson had alerted him on this matter and he has represented companies who have failed to submit this form. It is a common error in the abatement process. This waiver would not keep them from having to remain in compliance with the SB-1 for the duration of the abatement.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the Amos Hill waiver request. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to allow Mr. Huddleston to draft a resolution for the Amos Hill waiver request. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the Edinburgh entrance sign discussion. She asked Parks Director Daniel Teter to lead the discussion.

Mr. Teter passed out a handout showing options for new entrance signs on Eisenhower and US 31. The options included quotes for a cheaper option of an aluminum faced sign with a plywood center, quotes to replace the signs with what was there previously, and a quote for a brick and limestone sign. He said if the council wants to go with the option similar to what was originally there he is comfortable with the cheapest quote at \$11,115. The company does a lot of signs of that type.

Councilwoman Graham asked what the upkeep of those signs would be compared to the brick and limestone.

Mr. Teter said in the long run the brick and limestone would require less maintenance and would last longer but the ones that were there previously lasted 20 years. He said he did have one other mason get back with him and give him a verbal quote over the phone but it did not beat the one listed on the handout.

Councilman Lollar asked if the cheaper option would be like what was previously on the mound.

Mr. Teter said it would look similar but it would be a plywood sign with aluminum wrapped around it. He said he would not recommend that sign because he does not believe it will last in the elements. The sun would fade the sign and there would be no option to repaint it so new signs would have to be purchased.

Councilman Lollar ask if they would look like the old signs.

Mr. Teter said it would look like it but the old sign was cedar and redwood.

Councilman Lollar said in his opinion if the money is going to be invested it should be discussed about putting signs on the east side of town too. He said he would be in favor of the \$3,000 option.

Town Manager Wade Watson said there is a similar sign to the aluminum option on State Road 252 that has begun to deteriorate and fade as Mr. Teter said. He said he is not sure how long the sign has been there.

Further discussion was held about the types of signs.

Councilman Lollar said he would like to see some examples of signs from each option. Councilman Lollar made a motion to table the entrance sign discussion until the August 8, 2016 council meeting. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the Timbergate update presented by Timbergate General Manager Wayne Gibbs.

Mr. Gibbs handed out a copy of his PowerPoint presentation to the council. He presented the revenues and expenses for the seconded quarter of 2016. Expenses for the quarter were in line with historical numbers but revenues were down over \$40,000 due mostly to weather. He showed a slide with the number of rain days in April, May, and June. There were 42 days of rain in those three months. He also showed the course revenues versus state averages for golf courses and Timbergate was well above the average.

Councilwoman Graham said she has had several people compliment the course on its upkeep and how much they enjoy Timbergate.

Councilman Lollar said he wanted to thank Mr. Gibbs for allowing him to tour the facility. He said he did want to make a comment about the possibility of consolidating vendors between different departments. There is an opportunity for savings if everyone can purchase from the same vendors.

President Ervin thanked Mr. Gibbs for his presentation.

### **Council Comments**

Councilman Shepherd said he was able to attend the open house at the police department. There was a good turnout and he thinks it was a good event for the public.

Councilman Simpson said the new LED bulbs in the downtown lights look great. It really makes the downtown look good at night.

Electric Superintendent Kevin Rubush said he just purchased the last order of the LED lights and he hopes to get them all installed before the holidays. There is a large energy savings on those bulbs as well.

Councilman Simpson said he was not able to make it to the police open house but heard nothing but good things about the event.

Councilman Lollar thanked Mr. Watson for allowing him to tour all the departments. It was a great benefit to get to see how the departments actually run.

President Ervin said she wanted to congratulate Mr. Watson on his position as Town Manager. She thanked everyone for their patience as they went through the process.

Mr. Finley said he had a couple of things. The first was updated budget dates for the 2017 budget. The important dates were budget workshops on August 29, 2016 at 5 P.M. and September 12, 2016 immediately following the regular council meeting, the public hearing would be on September 26, 2016, and the budget adoption would be on October 10, 2016.

Mr. Finley said the second thing was regarding the state bicentennial in Johnson County on September 23, 2016. Each community in the county will need to contribute a set amount to help fund the event. He said the preliminary amount was \$483 per community. All the communities will have an area to display and promote the community. He said Dana Monson of Aspire Johnson County was present and could help answer any questions.

Ms. Monson said the amount for each community could change over the next few weeks. The county plans to have a "Community Showcase" where each community can show what makes them special.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to allow a max of \$500 to be contributed for the state bicentennial celebration in Johnson County. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

### Departmental Comments

Town Manager Wade Watson read a letter he had written to the council thanking them for allowing him to serve the community as Town Manager.

Mr. Watson said the town is in the middle of heavy trash pick-up. He said it has been a combined effort between the departments and he thanked them for their work.

Mr. Watson said the town had a power outage last Wednesday and the electric department employees were working through lunch when the call came in. Without complaint the employees went and had the power back on in just a couple of hours. He thanked all the employees that helped with that situation.

Mr. Watson said he wanted to thank Councilman Shepherd and Councilman Lollar for taking the time to see the departments and actually understand how the town is run. He invited all council members to come out and see what the employees do every day.

Parks Director Daniel Teter said the swimming pool will be closing this Sunday. Fall softball registration has started and the before and after school program will be starting this week.

### Public Comments

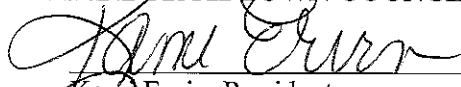
Gail McQueen of 521 High School Drive said there has been a lady driving extremely fast down High School Drive and there are a lot of kids on that corner.

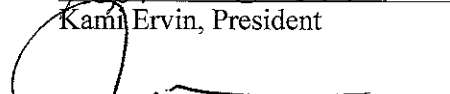
President Ervin asked her to speak with the Town Marshall after the meeting and give him a description of the vehicle so the department can look out for her.

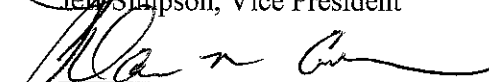
Dana Monson of Aspire Johnson County said she would like to invite the council to a place making conference on August 4, 2016. Attracting talent to Johnson County is vital to the growth of the county. She passed out some fliers for the event. She said she would love to have some people there to represent Edinburgh.

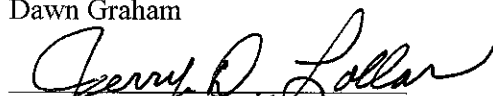
Being no further business or comments, Councilman Simpson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

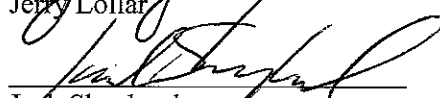
### **EDINBURGH TOWN COUNCIL**

  
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Dawn Graham

  
Jerry Lollar

  
Jack Shepherd

ATTEST:

  
Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer