

Town Council Meeting
Monday, June 25, 2012
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, June 25, 2012 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 John Drybread, Councilman Jeff Simpson, Councilwoman Kami Ervin and President Ron Hoffman. Vice President Curtis Rooks was absent. Also present was Clerk Treasurer Jackie Smith and Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston.

President Hoffman presented the minutes of the June 11, 2012 Council Meeting, June 20, 2012 Executive Meeting, June 20, 2012 Special Meeting. Councilman Drybread made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Simpson seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said claims were next on the agenda and turned in over to Clerk Treasurer Smith. Clerk Treasurer Smith said he had signed all claims presented to him and turned them over to the council for approval. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the claims. Councilwoman Ervin seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda is the town's property and liability insurance renewal. Ron said John and I sat in a meeting with Larry Mayfield and the basic increase is an across the board increase on property insurance due to CHUBB and this affects not only the town property but all commercial property. This is due to the nationwide severe weather damage over the years. When this comes up next year Larry is going to look into some other companies.

Councilwoman Ervin asked if we have anyone that actively looks into this and does accident investigations?

Councilman Drybread said we work with Larry Mayfield and part of the problem is the frequency of small incidents as opposed to major ones. We have identified them and are working on them.

President Hoffman said Bliss-McKnight is here a lot.

Councilman Drybread said they do safety training, films and all that stuff.

Councilwoman Ervin asked if we do inspections for loss control?

Councilman Drybread said yes since they have taken over they have done inspections and it's the basic stuff that gets you all the time.

President Hoffman said no insurance company makes money on workman's comp.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve Bliss-McKnight's property and liability renewal. Councilman Drybread seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was Ordinance 2012-8 amending Open Burning Ordinance 2008-5. Ron said the changes we discussed last week which are highlighted in red are allowing the fire pits within 15 feet of the residence and violators are at the discretion of the chief or who ever is designated and will be fined as appropriate as on the schedule and there is an exception for grills.

Councilwoman Ervin asked what the ordinance number was?

President Hoffman said 2012-8.

Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to approve Ordinance 2012-8. Councilman Drybread seconded. Unanimous.

Councilman Drybread said he had talked with Wade about the people selling fireworks out here.

Building Commissioner Watson said they are very educated and compliant with the laws and they volunteered to meet with the fire department on July 3 to educate them on how to detect injuries that may result from fireworks and how fireworks work. Wade said the combustible material in fireworks is not a fire hazard, it's usually from the explosion or the combustible housing on the fireworks. Wade said they are in compliance.

Councilwoman Ervin asked if we were going to limit the use of personal fireworks?

Councilman Drybread said no. John said that the two brothers one of them is a fire fighter and trainer was offering their expertise on fire works safety to the town.

Councilwoman Ervin asked if the fire ban included fireworks?

Councilman Drybread said it does not.

John Rondot said by state law you can't from June 30 to July 8.

Councilwoman Ervin said the weather conditions were her concern.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was Ordinance 2012-9 an ordinance adopting and implementing a nepotism & contracting unit policy and turned it over to Town Attorney Huddleston.

Town Attorney Huddleston said at the second meeting in May we discussed the new law that mandates we pass this policy. If you do not the State Board of Accounts will not approve our budget. Dustin said it is a two part policy with the first part being you cannot employ one relative who is in direct supervision of another relative and the second part is when contracting with a third party if there is a relative in that third party you can contract with them, but that person or elected official has to publicly disclose that. There is an exception to that if any current conditions existing now they remain status quo and it says if there is a conflict prior to July 1 it is exempt unless there is a break in employment. Dustin said this pertains to future employment and if there are any questions send them to me and I will look at them and see if it is a violation.

Councilman Drybread said he thought this pertained to elected officials only.

Town Attorney Huddleston said it is elected officials, but also employees.

John Rondot asked if we have any situation in the town now of relatives reporting to relatives?

Councilman Drybread said we have some, but none report to their relatives.

President Hoffman said we have several who don't report to the board, but to John as their immediate supervisor.

John Rondot asked if it defines direct supervision?

Town Attorney Huddleston said defining direct supervision does not mean if you sit on the council or some executive position and then you approve the annual budget that's not direct supervision. It means if I work for the street department and my Dad is the street commissioner that is direct supervision, but being on the council isn't.

John Rondot said it's a performance relationship.

Wayne Gibbs asked if it defined relative?

Councilwoman Ervin said: spouse, parent, stepparent, child, stepchild, brother, and half-brother, sister, half sister, stepbrother, stepsister, niece, nephew, aunt, uncle, daughter-in-law or son-in law.

Town Attorney Huddleston said a lot of times legislation is passed and you will see an amendment or two in the future to water it down.

Councilman Simpson asked if you know what brought this about?

Town Attorney Huddleston said not specifically, but sometimes it's an experience that the legislation has had.

Councilwoman Ervin said they talked about eliminating it because it could become an issue.

Councilman Drybread said things across the state where perhaps a trustee department put family on the payroll.

John Rondot said at some of the discussion at the statehouse that this could possible put a burden on a small town rather than a large city and he thinks Dustin is right that they will put some type of amendment to this.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2012-9. Councilwoman Ervin seconded. Unanimous.

Town Attorney Huddleston said there is an annual report requirement that are certain forms you have to submit and I have those forms ready and I will make sure all of you fill them out and I will take care of submitting them to the right people.

Councilwoman Ervin asked if this is something we will have to do in the future?

Town Attorney Huddleston said yes and he would be glad to do it if they designated him.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Drybread said Wade has a report on the Amos-Hill project and I will let Wade go over it with you.

Building Commissioner Watson said all details are included in the report. We have safety issues including traffic and we have opened up conversation with Amos-Hill for their expectations and communications as well as all utility companies, the highway department and the railroad. We need to gather all the information to help us get the building down safely in the parameters we have to work in. We have to make sure all bids are in compliance.

President Hoffman asked Wade if he knew how far in the future do you see it before it starts?

Building Commissioner Watson said he would like to see it underway by the fall and because of the complexity of the building it will take a while to obtain all of the information. There is a lot of steel, there are tight quarters and not very little staging and

and very little space for staging material. It has to come down from the top and in stages and there is not much space on the ground for equipment. It's a complicated project and my goal is to have it underway by fall.

Councilwoman Ervin asked if there were any estimates on the cost to take the building down?

Building Commissioner Watson said that Mike should include that in his report and he thought shutting down traffic in fifteen-minute intervals could do it.

Councilman Simpson told Wade that was a good report.

Councilwoman Ervin said they had a benefit ride at the Legion Saturday for Colton Wright and Allen escorted them out of town. Kami thanked Allen for that and Daniel for providing a couple of pool passes.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Parks Director Teter said their little league season was over and three Edinburgh teams won their tourney and the three sponsors would get sponsorship trophies. Daniel said the Firecracker Festival was on the 4th and there would be live music, fireworks, corn hole tourney, a car show and different carnival games going on and it started at 3:00.

Councilwoman Ervin said on the championships she had received one e-mail from the Reds. Kami said she would like to get the names and pictures of the other teams to put in the courier. She said if she got them today she could get them in the courier. She asked Daniel if he would have the coaches send her the information.

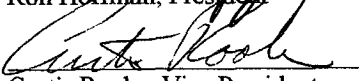
PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Carol Hartman said the flowers look beautiful.

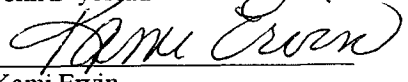
Being no further business or comments, Councilman Simpson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Councilman Drybread seconded. Unanimous.

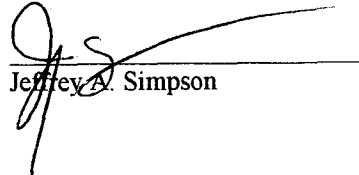
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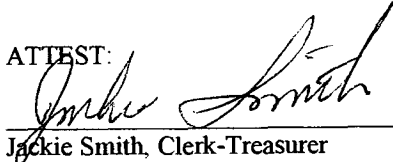

Curtis Rooks, Vice President


John Drybread


Kami Ervin


Jeffrey A. Simpson

ATTEST:


Jackie Smith, Clerk-Treasurer