

Town Council Meeting  
Monday, July 23, 2012  
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, July 23, 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, Vice President Curtis Rooks, and President Ron Hoffman. Also present was Clerk Treasurer Jackie Smith and Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston.

President Hoffman presented the minutes of the July 9, 2012 Council Meeting. Councilman Rooks made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilwoman Ervin seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said claims were next on the agenda and turned it over to Clerk Treasurer Smith. Clerk Treasurer Smith said he had signed all claims presented to him and he turned them over to the council for approval. Jackie said he had an additional claim for Allen's transfer of funds.

President Hoffman asked what this was in regards to?

Clerk Treasurer Smith said it is to transfer funds from his NRO account to make an ambulance and turnout gear payment and the additional appropriations have been made.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve all claims submitted. Councilwoman Ervin seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was the Redevelopment Commission Appointment. Ron said Mr. Kellams has some issues and cannot participate any more and Wayne had spoke with Bill West who has agreed to take Mr. Kellams position. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve Bill West. Councilman Rooks seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was Ordinance 2012-10 amending Ordinance 2010-5 designating depositories and asked Clerk Treasurer Smith to explain.

Clerk Treasurer Smith said that state law requires that every two years we designate who will use for our deposit investments. This list includes Salin Bank, Mainsource Bank and Mutual Savings Bank.

Town Attorney Huddleston said he checked and these are statutory requirements.

Councilwoman Ervin asked why the nepotism policy was attached to this?

Town Attorney Huddleston said it should not be attached and removed it.

Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to approve Ordinance 2012-10. Councilman Drybread seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was the fee schedule amendment and turned it over to Town Attorney Huddleston.

Town Attorney Huddleston said that occasionally we need to change the fee schedules and since we have one ordinance that includes those fees we can periodically change those. Dustin said one was the copy fee schedule was increased and I didn't notice that there is a requirement in the Indiana Statutes that states you can only charge so much for a copy and our fees exceed that, so what needs to be done is to have a formal motion to change the fees to the state statute which is 10 cent per page and 25 cent a page for color.

Councilwoman Ervin said she had talked to Wade about the swimming pool permit fee that is \$75 and the state law has changed and now we have a lot of people with swimming pools and they have to pay a \$ 75.00 fee. Kami said she thinks we can look at lowering the fee because you can spend \$ 100 on a pool and then you have to pay a \$ 75 fee. Kami said she thought this should be lowered for a cheaper pool to make sure it gets inspected. Kami said this is something she would like to visit.

Councilman Rooks asked if it was determined by the size of the pool?

Building Commissioner Watson said it is by the depth of the water and any pool that holds 42" of water is considered a pool by the statutes.

Councilwoman Ervin said you could go to Wal-Mart and buy a 42" pool for \$ 150 or buy them for less at a garage sale. Kami said she agreed with the safety issue, but thinks the fee is too high.

President Hoffman asked Building Commissioner Watson if he had any comments?

Building Commissioner Watson said he didn't have anything prepared but his feelings would be to lower the fee to make it easier to obtain the permit and to get it inspected. Wade said he would lower the fee to \$ 10 for above ground pools to make sure they got inspected.

Councilman Rooks said he understood that a portable pool was one you blew up and put the water in it.

Councilwoman Ervin said the state law says pools over 42" must have a four foot fence around it.

President Hoffman asked if that was height or capacity?

Councilwoman Ervin said that is capacity, the one I have is 48" and portable.

Councilman Drybread said he had talked with Wade and the \$ 10 would make sure that they got inspected.

Councilman Rooks said to check with Johnson County and see if they have any guidelines about pools and fences,

Councilwoman Ervin said that is a state law and the state law changed last August.

Councilman Drybread made a motion to change the copy fee costs to what is required by the state. Councilman Rooks seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman asked if that included the \$ 10 fee for the pool?

Town Attorney Huddleston said we need a separate motion for that.

Councilwoman Ervin asked if that is something we could do tonight?

Town Attorney Huddleston said he can draft an ordinance to change the fee and make sure it incorporates the state statutes.

Building Commissioner Watson said the \$ 10 would be for above ground pools and state law distinguishes between above ground pool and in ground pools.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Drybread said this Saturday is the Turkey Buzzard Festival and water and power has been provided. John said we have had some concerns with the draught about our water supply and our water table is stable so we are okay. John said we have been working on budgets and need to schedule a workshop prior to the August 3 meeting.

President Hoffman said we need to schedule that.

After some discussion it was decided to have the budget workshop on Wednesday at 5:00 pm.

Councilman Drybread said Smithville Communications out of Evansville is running fiber optics and we are working with their engineers on this. John said he was not familiar with Smithville Communications.

John Rondot said they do all of Bartholomew County.

Councilman Drybread said they have a workshop scheduled December 4 with the Johnson County Water Quality and are trying to have it at the Pixy. The meeting will be more for storm water.

Councilman Ervin asked if it is open to businesses?

Councilman Drybread said if they have professional storm water folks yes, but we have not sent invitations to the industries.

Town Attorney Huddleston said to make sure Mary publishes the meeting and that it needs 48 hours notice so we will have to have it on Thursday unless it is an emergency.

The council agreed to have the workshop on Thursday at 5:00pm.

#### DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS:

John Rondot asked what it costs to have the heavy trash pick up?

Councilman Drybread said we budget \$ 20,000.

John Rondot said if its not too expensive have it twice a year because it helps clean up the town.

President Hoffman and Councilwoman Ervin said they thought the cost was about \$ 8,000.

Councilman Drybread said we used to do it one week twice a year and now we do it once a year for two weeks.

Councilwoman Ervin said she has had several people ask her to go back to twice a year.

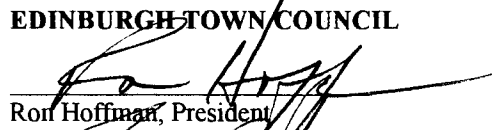
John Rondot said it needed to be advertised better.

Councilwoman Ervin said we could do some signage.

Councilman Drybread said everyone knows what the schedule is that it is the last two weeks in July every year.

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

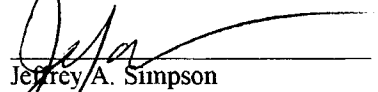
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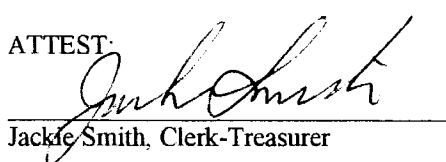
  
Curtis Rooks, Vice President

  
John Drybread

  
Kami Ervin

  
Jeffrey A. Simpson

ATTEST:

  
Jackie Smith, Clerk-Treasurer