

Town Council Meeting
Monday, August 8, 2016
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, August 8, 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 25, 2016 and the executive meeting of August 4, 2016. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve both sets of 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 three claim dockets in their council packet. An end-of-month docket for May, and end-of-month docket for June, and the regular docket for the period. The total for the May claim docket was \$272,747.37. The total for the June docket was \$84,996.95. The total for the regular claim docket was \$118,778.91. He said he had signed off on all the claims in those dockets and handed them over to the council for approval.

Councilman Lollar said when he added the June docket up he came up with more than the \$84,996.95.

Mr. Finley said it was possible there was an addition error since the end-of-month dockets have to be added manually. He suggested not approving the June docket until he could check the math.

Councilman Lollar asked about the membership dues to Sam's Club for each department.

Mr. Finley said the way the Sam's Club membership works is the town has one main business account which it pays an annual fee for. All the other departments are sub accounts under the main account which the town pays a much smaller annual fee for.

Councilman Lollar said when he added the expenses from both Timbergate accounts he came up with \$14,143. He said he wanted to show an accurate representation of what the course spends each month.

Mr. Finley said that is correct. A large majority of that was the lease payment on the golf carts which is paid 6 months out of the year.

Councilman Lollar made a motion to approve the end-of-month docket for May and the regular claim docket for the period but table the June end-of-month docket for the next meeting. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was Resolution 2016-10 Board Appointments for Joint Planning Commission and the Redevelopment Authority. There have been openings on these boards and there have been volunteers to fill those openings. Jack Shepherd will be on the Joint Planning Commission and Paul Burton will be on the Redevelopment Authority. Councilman Lollar made a motion approve Resolution 2016-10. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Finley administered the swearing in for Jack Shepherd and Paul Burton.

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

Mr. Teter presented a PowerPoint with information about the three options of replacement signs. The first option was aluminum wrapped plywood signs for approximately \$3,000. The biggest downfall of this type was there would be a seam down the middle where the two pieces of metal connect. The second option was wooden and high density urethane signs much like what was there before for approximately \$12,000. The company said the signs would probably need repainted every ten years or so but the signs should last much longer than that. The last option was brick and limestone signs for approximately \$23,000. The PowerPoint had pictures of signs of each type.

Councilman Simpson said he would prefer the second option that looks similar to what was there previously.

Councilwoman Graham and Councilman Shepherd agreed.

President Ervin said the biggest issue with the aluminum sign is the obvious seam down the middle of the sign.

Councilman Lollar thanked Mr. Teter for his presentation. He said personally he wants the town to look nice as much as anyone but Edinburgh is not Carmel. \$12,000 is a lot for signs to attract people to town when sidewalks are buckling and some streets do not have sidewalks.

President Ervin asked Mr. Finley where the funds would come from.

Mr. Finley said there are a few options including CCD, CCI, Riverboat, and Marketplace. He said Marketplace may be the best option since that money comes from the Bartholomew County side of town and that is where the signs will be placed.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to proceed with the second option of the high density urethane sign including the protective clear coat. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried 4 to 1 with Councilman Lollar voting nay.

Council Comments

Councilman Lollar said the council needs to look at ways to cut costs and control spending. He recommended a temporary hiring freeze requiring all hiring come through council until the council is confident that the new town manager has control over the hiring process and the council has looked at the labor budgets.

Discussion was held.

Councilman Lollar made a motion to require all hiring, including full time, part time, and seasonal employees, be approved by the town council until further notice. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried 3 to 2 after a roll call vote with Councilwoman Graham and President Ervin voting nay.

Councilman Lollar said he also would like to propose that the spending limit for non-budgeted items be set at \$3,000. Anything \$3,000 or over would require council approval.

Mr. Finley said if he would like the policy to be permanent he would recommend revising the purchasing policy to reflect the amounts recommended.

Councilman Lollar said he would like to put the issue on the agenda for the next meeting.

Councilman Lollar said the flowers from the pool were all put on Main Cross after the pool closed. He said he has had some complaints from other business owners about why they were not spread out throughout the town.

Mr. Teter said the department has always just put them downtown because that is on their normal watering route. It is possible they could spread them out.

President Ervin said she has a quote and an agreement from Umbaugh regarding a rate study for the water department. A rate study has not been done since 2008. There is also the possibility of saving up to \$287,000 over the next few years with a bond refunding. The cost of the rate study would be between \$10,000 and \$12,000.

Discussion was held.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the agreement for Umbaugh to work on a rate study and bond refunding for the water department pending approval of the agreement by the town attorney. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow President Ervin to sign the agreement pending approval by the town attorney. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

Departmental Comments

Parks Director Daniel Teter said the before and after school program was starting, ball tournaments would be running through November, and fall league will be starting soon.

Street Superintendent Curtis Rooks gave the council a handout showing the cost of heavy trash pickup to the town. The cost included trash removal, manpower, and fuel.

The council thanked Mr. Rooks for the information.

Public Comments

Betty Lollar of 210 West Campbell Street asked why the pool closes so early now.

Mr. Teter said the pool used to stay open through August but when the school changed its schedule and started going back earlier it did not make financial sense to keep the pool open for just a few people to swim.

Paul Burton of Christ Fellowship Church said he knows the council gets a lot of negative comments but he wanted to let them know that he has heard a lot of positive things about the town. He said all the town employees he has worked with have been stellar people.

Don McQueen of 521 High School Drive said he disagreed with the purchase of the new signs. He said the signs were not going to do anything to bring more revenues to the town. In 47 years he said he has not seen much improvement in the town and believes the town should force downtown merchants to rehabilitate their buildings. The council needs to clean up the town.

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

EDINBURGH TOWN COUNCIL

Kami Ervin, President

Jeff Simpson, Vice President

Dawn Graham

Jerry Lollar

Jack Shepherd

ATTEST:

Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer