

Special Council Meeting  
Monday, August 29, 2016  
5:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a special session on Monday, August 29, 2016 at 5:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, 107 South Holland Street, Edinburgh, Indiana.

President Ervin called the meeting to order.

Members present were: Councilman Jack Shepherd, Councilwoman Dawn Graham, Councilman Jerry Lollar, and President Kami Ervin. Also present were Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston and Clerk Treasurer Scott Finley. Vice President Jeff Simpson was absent.

President Ervin said the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the 2017 budgets with the department heads. She asked Mr. Finley to lead the budget workshop.

Clerk Treasurer Finley said he handed out a packet to the council members with all of the department preliminary 2017 budgets as well as a worksheet showing the town's overall budget. The forms will show the 2016 adopted amounts compared to the 2017 preliminary budget estimates. He said he will let each department head explain their budget and note any increases or decreases from 2016. He explained that there would be several funds in this budget process that were not in the budget process for 2016 including the Rainy Day fund, LOIT Special Distribution, Park & Recreation NRO, Bartholomew County EDIT, and Shelby County EDIT.

Mr. Finley showed the council the estimated revenues for 2017. He said the way the budget is at this point, the town can fund the budget but the budget is out of balance. This means the town is spending more than it is bringing in and will begin to eat into cash reserves. Appendix "A" shows totals for each fund and each department within the fund.

Wastewater Superintendent Glenn Giles began by presenting the Sanitation budget. Overall the budget will decrease by just over \$12,000 for 2017.

Street Superintendent Curtis Rooks presented the Motor Vehicle Highway budget. He said the overall budget only changed by about \$60. The main goal was to move appropriations to the correct line items to more accurately align the appropriations with actual spending. He explained the differences by line item. He said with board approval he would like to look into the option of purchasing a new dump truck in 2017. He showed 3 quotes he had obtained.

Discussion was held regarding the need for a new dump truck.

Mr. Finley presented the budget for Local Roads and Streets. He said for advertising purposes the town is budgeting the entire cash balance and the revenues that will be brought in for 2017. Those numbers can be adjusted before adoption.

Mr. Finley presented the LOIT Special Distribution budget as well. He explained that this was a one-time distribution and the amount budgeted is the cash balance in the fund. If that money is used for the community crossing grant it does not need to be appropriated.

Timbergate General Manager Wayne Gibbs presented the Golf Course Redevelopment budget. The budget only differed by \$470 from 2016 to 2017. He gave the council a handout showing the spending so far in 2016 and also the budget history over the years.

Cemetery Sexton John Hoskinson presented the budget for the cemetery. He explained that he had a full time employee resign recently but his 2017 budget does account for replacing that employee. The main increase in the budget was \$450,000 for a new office building. He said he wanted to get the conversation started about the need for a new building for the cemetery.

Discussion was held about funding options for a new cemetery building.

Town Marshall David Mann presented the police department budget. The overall budget increase was less than .005%. He explained the differences by line item to the council. The budget allowed for the purchase of two new police vehicles. The department has been on a schedule of replacing two every year.

Parks Director Daniel Teter presented the next six budgets. They were the swimming pool, buildings and grounds, parks and recreation, and the three different departments under the parks and recreation NRO fund.

The swimming pool budget stayed about the same. The main difference was the lease payments were added back to the pool budget. In 2016 the leases were paid from the CCD fund. Those leases will pay off in 2017.

Mr. Teter then presented the buildings and grounds budget. Overall the budget decreased by just over \$2,000. He said he tried to reallocate funds to better align with previous year's spending.

Discussion was held regarding what areas the buildings and grounds maintain.

Mr. Teter presented the parks and recreation budget. He said the overall budget increased by 25%. The reason for that was the department has under budgeted for several years in an attempt to replenish the operating balance. That objective has now been achieved so the budget was increased. The biggest increase was the addition of another employee. He explained the other increases by line item.

Discussion was held about need for a new employee for the parks department.

Councilman Lollar said he believes this is a budget that should be looked into because 25% is a large increase from one year to the next.

Mr. Teter presented the concessions budget under the park and recreation NRO fund. He said this is the first year these departments have been budgeted. The town was told during the most recent audit that this fund must be budgeted through the DLGF process.

Mr. Finley said even though this fund did not go through the budgeting process it was actually monitored very well. It has maintained a steady, healthy operating balance over the past three years. This fund is over budgeted slightly but it does have a sufficient cash balance to cover the costs. There are quite a few one-time costs in this budget.

Discussion was held regarding the increases in the 2017 budget.

Mr. Finley said he would do his best presenting the Fire and EMS budgets. Fire Chief Allen Smith had taken ill and could not attend the meeting. He said Mr. Smith had told him there would be a few changes that would decrease the budget but he was not aware of what those changes would be. Overall the fire budget decreased by just over \$1,000. The EMS budget increased by just over \$5,000.

Mr. Finley presented the Town Council budget. He explained what salaries were included in the council's budget. They included one quarter of the town manager's wages, one quarter of the director of administration's wages, and the wages for the town mechanic. Overall the budget decreased by approximately \$16,000.

Mr. Finley presented the Clerk-Treasurer budget. He said for the most part this budget is similar to 2016. Overall the budget increased by about \$5,500.

Mr. Finley explained that the CCD, CCI, Rainy Day, Riverboat, Shelby County EDIT, and Bartholomew County EDIT budgets. He explained that of these only the CCD fund affected the property tax rate. He said for advertising purposes the town is budgeting the entirety of the cash balance but those numbers can be changed prior to adoption.

Mr. Finley showed the council the variance between the receipts and disbursements and explained this was the amount the budget was out of balance. He said as the budget sits, the town can fund the budget. The town has built a healthy operating balance and any expenses above the amount of revenues brought in would just eat into the cash balances.

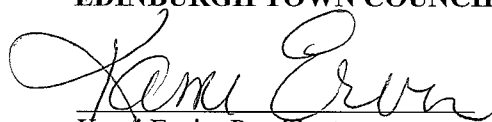
Discussion was held regarding the ways to lower the tax rate for 2017 and economic development in Edinburgh.

Mr. Finley said he plans to schedule another budget workshop immediately after the September 12<sup>th</sup> council meeting. The notice to taxpayers has to be submitted by September 16<sup>th</sup>. That notice is published online through the Gateway website. The public hearing will be held at the September 26<sup>th</sup> council meeting and the budget adoption will be at the October 10<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to accept the advertised budget numbers as presented. Councilman Lollar seconded. Unanimous.

Being no further business or comments, Councilwoman Graham made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Lollar seconded. Unanimous.

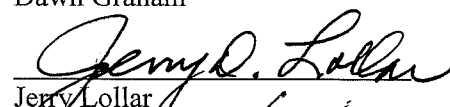
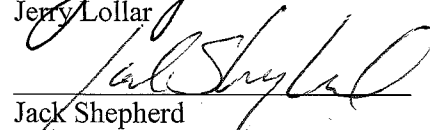
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Dawn Graham  
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ATTEST:

  
Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer