

Town Council Meeting
Monday, September 26, 2016
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, September 26, 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, Councilman Jerry Lollar, and President Kami Ervin. Also present were Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston and Clerk Treasurer Scott Finley. Councilwoman Dawn Graham and Councilman Jeff Simpson were absent.

President Ervin said next on the agenda were the minutes of the special meeting of August 29, 2016, the council meeting of September 12, 2016, and the special meeting of September 12, 2016. Councilman Lollar made a motion to approve all minutes as submitted. Councilman Shepherd 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 the regular claim docket for the period in their council packet. The total for that docket was \$804,760.70. 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 what the \$19,000 was for maintenance of street lights and the \$7,000 for LED lights was for.

Electric Superintendent Kevin Rubush said the \$19,000 was for the last phase of converting the downtown street lights. The \$7,000 was for converting lights around town, specifically in the industrial park, to LED.

Councilman Lollar asked about the \$2,300 in phone cable damage.

Mr. Rubush said the department was replacing a pole in Talberton addition and hit a line that was mismarked. By law the department was required to pay for repairs.

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

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the public hearing for the 2017 budget.

Mr. Finley said the council received a copy of the advertised amounts in their packet. State statute no longer requires advertising in the newspapers and the notice to taxpayers can only be viewed through the Gateway website or in the town offices. The final budget adoption will be at the October 10th meeting.

President Ervin opened the public hearing. Being no questions for comments from the public she closed the public hearing.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was Ordinance 2016-8 Amending Ordinance 1998-6 Town's Purchasing Agency. She said it might be appropriate to table this again until all council members can be present. Councilman Lollar made a motion to table Ordinance 2016-8. Councilman Shepherd seconded.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was Bill White with an ordinance discussion. Mr. White was not present so the item was skipped.

Council Comments

Councilman Lollar asked if there was an update on the vehicle decals.

Mr. Watson said they have received one quote and are awaiting quotes from 2 other vendors. The prices will be for both vinyl and magnetic. The numbers should be ready by the next meeting.

Councilman Lollar asked if the railroad crossing on State Road 252 was going to be repaired.

Mr. Watson said that crossing is set to be completely redone next year. All of State Road 252 is also scheduled to be repaved. The crossing has been repaired twice already this year but continues to be an issue.

Councilman Lollar asked if Mr. Watson had an update on the status of the new Copple building.

Mr. Watson said they have been given a temporary occupancy permit because the landscaping has not been completed. A permanent permit will be issued when the landscaping is completed.

Councilman Lollar asked when the council could expect the vendor consolidation report.

Mr. Watson said some initial work has been done. The department heads are compiling a list of their vendors. Many vendors are already using U.S. Communities which offers government pricing. The town's uniforms also qualify under U.S. Communities so he is in the process of renegotiating that contract with Cintas. The new contract should save about \$103 per week.

President Ervin said she wanted to thank all those involved in the Bicentennial Celebration. The town was well represented and the booth looked great. She also thanked those who worked on cleaning up after the fall festival.

President Ervin said the council needs to set Halloween Trick-or-Treat hours. The hours are usually 6-8 P.M. Councilman Shepherd made a motion to set Trick-or-Treat hours from 6 P.M. to 8 P.M. on October 31, 2016.

Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston said at the last meeting a gentlemen from Woda asked the council to amend the comprehensive plan so they could apply for a grant to rehabilitate Country Place Apartments. He said he had done some research on that process. The council would need to pass a resolution asking the planning commission to amend the comprehensive plan. The planning commission would meet and draft that amendment. A public hearing must be advertised and held. The planning commission would meet again and adopt and recommend the amendment to the council. The council would then adopt the amendment. The deadline for the application is November 7, 2016 so this process could be done with 2 additional meetings.

President Ervin asked if there was any reason they shouldn't go through this process.

Mr. Huddleston said the council is not required to take any action on this. The only downside of proceeding is spending money on additional meetings and legal fees.

President Ervin said it is not very often someone comes in and wants to spend \$50,000 per unit to rehabilitate low income housing. She said she thinks it is worth the time and effort.

Councilman Lollar said he is not for proceeding at this meeting. He did receive a response from Nick Surak and he would like to share that with the whole council.

Mr. Huddleston said waiting until the next scheduled meeting could make the process impossible.

Mr. Watson said the grant is highly competitive and the council's resolution to amend the comprehensive plan gives them additional points in the process. He said his assumption is that if they don't get the grant they may back out of the purchase.

Departmental Comments

Town Manager Wade Watson thanked the staff that worked on the Bicentennial Celebration. He said he was very pleased with the outcome of the event.

Mr. Watson gave the council a hard copy of the rate study done for the water department by Umbaugh. He said he would like to request from council that he have Scott Miller of Umbaugh come to a meeting and present the rate study at the next meeting.

Mr. Watson said he wanted to update the council on the health care plan renewal. Rates have gone up slightly based on the same plan as last year. The staff will be looking into other options for health benefits. The staff will also seek quotes from the other two carriers.

Mr. Watson said he wanted to give the council an update on the storm water grant. He said mobilization should start by the end of the week. The initial plan was to keep one lane open during the construction but that may not be possible. The public will be notified of any road closures.

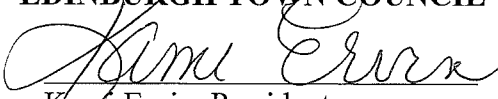
Parks Director Daniel Teter said fall ball league is still going on. They had another good tournament last week and brought in about \$4,000. There will be some new swings going in at Irwin Park this week.

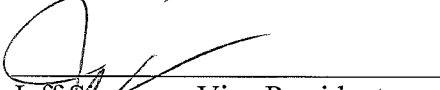
Police Chief David Mann said the Fall Festival went great from a law enforcement stand point. The department did not make a single arrest during the festival.

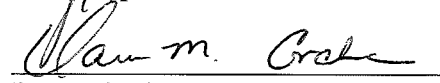
Street Superintendent Curtis Rooks complimented Daniel Teter for the work he does at the Parks and Recreation. He does a lot and he is happy he gets to work with him.

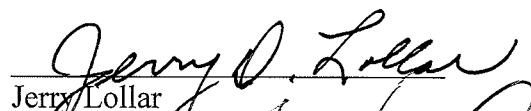
Being no further business or comments, Councilman Shepherd made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

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Jerry Lollar


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ATTEST:


Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer