Town Council Meeting Monday, March 27, 2017 6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, March 27, 2017 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 Jeff Simpson, Councilwoman Dawn Graham, Councilman Jerry Lollar, and President Kami Ervin. Also present was Clerk Treasurer Scott Finley. Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston was absent.

President Ervin said next on the agenda were the minutes of the council meeting of March 13, 2017. Councilman Lollar made a motion to approve the 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 a copy of the claim docket in their council packets. The total for the claim docket was \$625,657.44. He said he had signed off on all the claims in that docket and handed them over to the council for approval. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the claims as submitted. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the staff report on water filter maintenance. She asked Town Manager Wade Watson to present the staff report.

Mr. Watson explained that years ago before the town installed the filtration plant a hotel near the mall complained the water was turning the sheets yellow. The town then installed filters in two of the hotels. Up to twelve times per year the water department goes into those hotels and changes the filters. This poses a liability issue for the workers of the department. The town now has a filtration plant which should resolve the issue and the department does not provide the same service to the other hotels in the area. He suggests that the town stop this service as of January 1, 2018. Councilman Lollar made a motion to approve the staff report recommendation and discontinue the service of changing the hotel water filters. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the EMS billing contract renewal. She asked Mr. Watson to explain the contract.

Mr. Watson gave a brief background on what Med-Bill does for the town. He said we have received a notice of a rate increase. Based on other quotes, Med-Bill will still be the cheapest and best option for the town. He said he would like to have Mr. Huddleston review and update the contract with Med-Bill. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow Mr. Huddleston to review the contract with Med-Bill and update it with the appropriate language. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

Council Comments

Councilman Shepherd asked if there was any update on the Eastern Bartholomew Water connection project.

Mr. Watson said we are looking to obtain hard numbers before moving forward.

Councilman Lollar said on a couple of the budget reports he received there were zeros in the budgeted column. He asked if that was a mistake.

Mr. Finley said that was probably a mistake in the way the report was run. He and Mr. Watson would look into that and get correct reports out.

President Ervin said she had a letter in her mailbox from a citizen who had received a notice about their property. She asked Mr. Watson to give the letter to Building Commissioner Nick Valenzuela.

Mr. Finley said he had passed out a copy of the board appointment sheet and an internal contact sheet. He asked that the council members look over it and see if there is anything that needs changed. He said Becky Wilhelm will need to be replaced on the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Edinburgh Redevelopment Authority as she has recently moved from town.

President Ervin asked the council to think about people who might be interested in those positions.

Departmental Comments

Town Manager Wade Watson gave an update on the railroad crossing work. There have been some complaints about how rough the crossings are since they have temporarily laid the new rails. He said he will be contacting the railroad to try to get those areas fixed. Through the month of April, all of the crossings in town will be rebuilt excluding the State Road 252 crossing which was done last year.

Mr. Watson said the water department will be flushing water mains starting on April 17th and running through April 30th. Residents could notice some discoloration in the water. If they do, they should run the cold water for a few minutes and that should fix the issue.

Mr. Watson gave an update on the new well. Applications for the construction and site of well five have been submitted. He expects to hear something back this week. After the site is approved a test well will be drilled to test the area. There is a 30 day delay on construction after approval. Well three and four are still running well in tandem to meet the needs of the town.

Mr. Watson said the town has been working with Lisa Rooney to collect supplemental Medicare and Medicaid money for the EMS. The 2016 report is due by the end of May. The staff has looked at other companies that provide the service and found that Ms. Rooney charges the same or lower rate than other companies. The staff will continue to allow Ms. Rooney to compile and submit these reports for the town.

Mr. Watson said the town has continued its progress on the community center downtown. One major issue is the uneven floors. The town has found one company in the area that will level the floors. They gave a quote of approximately \$12,000. The town will do some work on the floors in-house and then obtain another quote.

Fire Chief Allen Smith said the training facility is about 90% complete. There had been discussions in the past about not allowing these cargo containers in town. He said he would like to put siding on the facility to make it match the surrounding buildings and not be an eye sore.

Parks Director Daniel Teter said Little League practice has started. He said at the next meeting he hopes to have quotes for the fireworks for the 4th of July festival.

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

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ATTEST:

Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer