

Town Council Meeting
Monday, April 10, 2017
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, April 10, 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 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 March 27, 2017. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilman Simpson 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 regular claim docket as well as an end-of-month claim docket for February in their council packets. The total for the end-of-month docket was \$127,567.82 and the total for the regular claim docket was \$109,856.34. He said he had signed off on all the claims in those dockets and handed them over to the council for approval. Councilman Lollar made a motion to approve the claims as submitted. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was Bill White discussing ordinance violations. Bill White of 521 Middle Park Dr. was present.

Mr. White said Ordinance 2015-4 discusses control of animals. He read the portion of the ordinance regarding noisy dogs and animals as well as the portion stating the fines. He said there have been eight tickets written for 519 Middle Park Dr. and they have yet to pay any of them.

Mr. Watson said tickets have been written and the town has invoiced the property owners via certified mail.

President Ervin said she did not know a lot about the situation so the council will have to look into the issue. She told Mr. White he was welcome to come back to the next council meeting and hopefully the council will have some resolution.

Council Comments

Councilman Lollar said he had a few questions regarding the monthly reports submitted to the council. He asked why the bracing on the Blue River Building had to be modified.

Mr. Watson said the bracing had to be moved up slightly so that they would not interfere with the windows on the building.

Councilman Lollar said the water department did rereads and had 49 bad ERTS.

Bill Jones of the water department gave an explanation of the ERTS and the process of collecting reads and rereads.

Councilman Lollar asked about the status of the potential cemetery office building.

Mr. Watson said the building will be a major project and will have to go to public bid. The staff is just waiting for time to be able to start on the project.

Councilman Lollar asked about the work to be done on the rental bathroom.

Mr. Finley said the town owns a house adjacent to the cemetery and the bathroom is in need of some repair.

Councilman Lollar said the police department had 64 calls to the outlet mall. He asked if that was normal for a month.

Town Marshall Dave Mann said it is a pretty average number. Last week the department arrested 7 from the mall in the matter of a few hours.

Councilman Lollar said that Timbergate's revenues were about \$13,000 less than the previous year but they had recently purchased almost \$12,000 in merchandise. The revenues for the year in merchandise sales is about \$4,000.

Mr. Watson said the course buys merchandise for the entire year in the spring which is why those expenses are higher this month. He said he looked at the hours worked at the golf course compared to last year and they were down significantly. The town is responding and staffing the course accordingly for the amount of business it is getting.

President Ervin congratulated Bill Jones of the water department on his new job. The town is losing a great worker and some valuable knowledge. She said he will be missed and she appreciates all the work he has done for the town.

Mr. Jones thanked the council for the opportunity to work for the town for the past 13 years. He said he is looking forward to the future but has no problem helping out if the department needs any help.

Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston said at the previous meeting the council had asked him to review the Med-Bill agreement. He said he has reviewed the proposed agreement. Every section has changes compared to the agreement that has been used since 2010. In his opinion the agreement is totally unacceptable. He recommends proposing changes that would be more in line with what has been done for the past 7 years. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow Mr. Huddleston to submit his proposed changes to the agreement to Med-Bill. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to allow President Ervin to sign the aforementioned agreement when it has been reviewed and agreed upon by both parties. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

Departmental Comments

Town Manager Wade Watson gave an update on the Blue River Building. The town is still progressing on the interior work. Materials have been purchased to stabilize the floor and holes need to be cut for doors in the masonry. That work will be done this week.

Mr. Watson said he would also like to hire a temporary employee to be dedicated to working on the Blue River Building project. The employee would assist John Burton of the electric department and would work 40 hours until the work was done.

Discussion was held regarding the need for this employee.

Councilman Shepherd made a motion to allow Mr. Watson to hire an employee to work specifically on the Blue River Building. With no second the motion failed.

Councilwoman Graham said she would like to see a report outlining what the employee would do and an overall estimated salary.

Councilman Lollar said he agreed and did not believe the town needed any more employees.

Mr. Watson said he would present the request in writing at the next council meeting.

Mr. Watson said he also would like permission from council to fill two vacant full time positions. The first is a Water/Wastewater Technician to replace Bill Jones and the second is a full time EMT to replace Tim Bryant. Councilman Simpson made a motion to allow Mr. Watson to fill the two vacant positions. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Watson read a letter from a citizen thanking the council for installing the handicap swing at Irwin Park.

Parks Director Daniel Teter said a coach for the basketball program has volunteered to run a basketball camp for kids. The camp would utilize the Methodist Church's gym. It would run from June 26th to June 30th. It would be run by volunteers. He said he would like to charge \$25 per child to cover the cost of t-shirts and food.

Discussion was held regarding background checks for volunteers working with children.

Councilman Lollar made a motion allow Mr. Teter to charge \$25 per child for the basketball camp in June. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

Town Marshall Dave Mann said he is moving forward with the process of hiring a new officer. He hopes to be able to introduce that officer at the next council meeting.

Fire Chief Allen Smith said he had obtained quotes for the siding on the training center. The low bid was \$4,850 from Tennell Construction, LLC. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the quote for siding from Tennell Construction, LLC. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith said he had budgeted for an overhead door in 2017. He said recently the spring on the old door broke so he has ordered the new door and it will be replaced soon.

Public Comments

Bill Jones of 7795 East State Road 252 asked if the council has found anything out about the Jake Brake issue on 252.


President Ervin said she and Mr. Watson have discussed the issue and will continue to try to find a resolution.

Ron Hazelgrove was present on behalf of the Edinburgh Lion's Club. He said he would like to ask for the same donation from the town to help with the cost of the Edinburgh Fall Festival that will be held from September 13th through September 16th this year. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the \$3,000 donation to the Edinburgh Lion's Club to assist with the cost of the 2017 Edinburgh Fall Festival. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.


Eddie Harrison of 519 Middle Park Drive said the dogs Mr. White was referring to would not be barking if people were not beating on the fence and antagonizing the dogs making them bark. The dogs do have bark collars on now. There are other dogs barking in the neighborhood but Mr. White only has issues with these specific dogs.

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

EDINBURGH TOWN COUNCIL


Kami Ervin, President

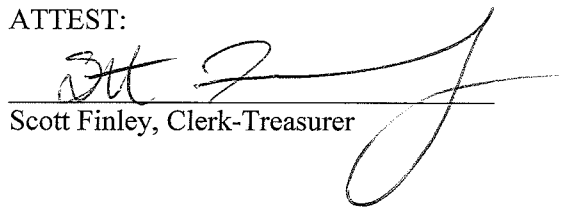
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Jack Shepherd

ATTEST:


Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer