

Town Council Meeting
Monday, April 24, 2017
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, April 24, 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, Councilwoman Dawn Graham, and President Kami Ervin. Also present were Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston and Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley. Councilman Jeff Simpson and Councilman Jerry Lollar were absent.

President Ervin said next on the agenda were the minutes of the council meeting of April 10, 2017 and the minutes of the executive meeting of April 10, 2017. Councilwoman Graham 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 \$928,233.75. He said he had signed off on all the claims in that docket and handed them over to the council for approval. Councilman Shepherd made a motion to approve the claims as submitted. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was Town Marshall David Mann introducing the newest police officer.

Mr. Mann said he is pleased to introduce Officer Nathan Sell. Mr. Sell is from the Clayton area so he is familiar with the small town concept. He has 5 years of experience in the correctional field. He also has some specialized training he will be bringing to his position with the town. Mr. Mann said he believes he will be a great addition to the department.

Mr. Finley performed the swearing in of the Nathan Sell and congratulated him on his position.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was Resolution 2017-1 Board Appointments for Zoning Board of Appeals and Edinburgh Redevelopment Authority. She explained that this resolution appoints Ron Hoffman to both of those boards to replace Rebecca Wilhelm. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-1. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the Timbergate update presented by Golf Course General Manager Wayne Gibbs.

Mr. Gibbs handed out a copy of PowerPoint presentation. His first slide showed the revenues and expenses for the first quarter. He said the first quarter revenues and expenses are historically all over the place. It really just depends on the type of weather in the early months of the year. After deducting the bond payment there was a loss of \$66,353.27 for the first quarter. The last slide showed what generated the revenue. All areas were level with 2016 numbers aside from memberships being down \$4,576.00. Mr. Gibbs said he knows of several members who have not paid for their membership yet but will most likely do that in the coming months.

The council thanked Mr. Gibbs for his presentation.

Departmental Comments

Town Manager Wade Watson handed out copies of his report of possible locations for the food pantry. The report showed several of the town facilities. He said he has not found a feasible option for the food pantry.

Mr. Watson also handed out a copy of his report requesting a part time employee to help work on the Blue River Building. He said because he was late getting that to the council and two members were absent he did not expect any action on that at this meeting. He explained the importance of having employees at the ready for the electric department because of the time it takes to become a lineman.

Mr. Watson said he had a letter from Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA) he would like to discuss. Through IMPA the town can award certain incentives for business development. This would require a resolution from town council. His recommendation was to allow Mr. Huddleston to draft that resolution.

The program has no cost to the town. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow Mr. Huddleston to draft the resolution as recommended by Mr. Watson. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Watson said he was approached by a company called Common Wealth and they would like the town to consider selling them a piece of property west of the swimming pool. It would then be used for affordable housing.

President Ervin asked if Bantam Football still used that area.

Parks Director Daniel Teter said they use the area when Irwin Park is unavailable.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow Mr. Watson to pursue the opportunity to sell this piece of real estate. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Watson said he also had a letter from Louisville and Indiana Railroad regarding closing the Naomi Street crossing. L&I has committed in writing that they will close the Naomi Street crossing at their expense with no cost to the town. They also state that they will assist the town with obtaining grant moneys to make other crossings safer. He said before the council agreed to close the crossing he would like to see a diagram of what the crossing would look like. Discussion was held regarding a possible railroad spur near that crossing.

Parks Director Daniel Teter presented the council with three quotes for 4th of July fireworks. He said the town currently uses Sky Magic and has for 9 years. He consistently gets compliments about the quality of the fireworks. Their quote for the same show they have in done in the past was \$10,600. The other two companies, Melrose Pyrotechnics and Circle City Pyros, simply asked for a dollar amount and said they would make a show for that price. Because of that you could pay the same thing year after year but the quality of the show may go down. His recommendation was to stay with Sky Magic. Councilman Shepherd made a motion to continue using Sky Magic for \$10,600. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comments

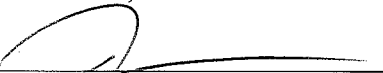
Bill White of 519 Middle Park Drive asked the council if they had any information on the ordinance violations he discussed at the previous meeting.

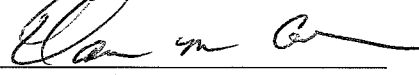
President Ervin said the appropriate notifications have been sent out and if the violations are not paid they will be sent to collections as the town sees fit.

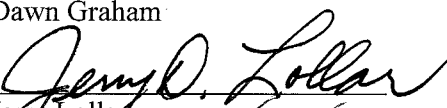
Being no further business or comments, Councilwoman Graham made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

EDINBURGH TOWN COUNCIL


Kami Ervin, President


Jeff Simpson, Vice President


Dawn Graham


Jerry Lollar


Jack Shepherd

ATTEST:


Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer