

Town Council Meeting
Monday, June 12, 2017
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, June 12, 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: Vice President Jeff Simpson, Councilwoman Dawn Graham, Councilman Jerry Lollar, and President Kami Ervin. Also present were Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston and Director of Administrations Mary Patterson sitting in for Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley. Councilman Jack Shepherd was absent.

President Ervin said next on the agenda were the minutes of the council meeting of May 22, 2017. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda were claims and handed it over to Mary Patterson.

Ms. Patterson said the total for the claim docket was \$221,300.41. She said Mr. Finley 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. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the new police officer introduction. She asked Town Marshall David Mann to introduce the officer.

Mr. Mann introduced Officer Nicolas Green. Mr. Green is originally from Columbus. He obtained his certifications as a paramedic. He was also a reserve officer for both Hope, Indiana and Clark County, Indiana. The department is excited to have him and he thinks he will be a great officer for the town.

President Ervin performed the Oath of Office for Officer Nicolas Green and congratulated him on his position.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was Ordinance 2017-3 Adopting an Economic Development Rider. She asked Town Manager Wade Watson to explain the ordinance.

Mr. Watson said this ordinance was brought to the town by the Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA) as an opportunity to allow economic development incentives for potential new business. This does not cost the town anything. Any discounts come directly from IMPA to the customer.

Councilman Lollar made a motion to wave the first reading of Ordinance 2017-3 and consider it for approval at this meeting. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Lollar made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-3 Adopting an Economic Development Rider. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the town insurance package renewal. She asked Mr. Watson to explain the renewal.

Mr. Watson said the staff met with both agents on Friday and there were a few discrepancies so the corrected information was not submitted until today. Zeller opted not to submit a bid for the general liability portion, including the Fire and EMS, and the work comp. Green Owens shopped around for multiple quotes but because the work comp mod increased for the town the rate went up slightly. He recommended the town go with Zeller Insurance for the Fire and EMS work comp and go with Green Owens for the town general liability and town work comp. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the insurance quotes as submitted by the staff. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the staff report on a new tax abatement for Sacoma International, LLC. She asked Building Commissioner Nick Valenzuela to explain the abatement.

Mr. Valenzuela said the town received the new personal property tax abatement from Sacoma last Thursday. The abatement would allow them to increase capacity. The estimated project cost was \$2.2 million and would be completed by April of 2018. They anticipate adding 15 employees. The staff recommendation is for approval of a 10 year abatement starting at 100% abatement and ending at 10% in year 10. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the tax abatement for Sacoma International, LLC as

stated in the staff report and allow Mr. Huddleston to draft the necessary resolution. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was Todd Williams with the Hoosier S.T.A.R.T Deferred Compensation Plan.

Mr. Watson said the town met with Mr. Williams a few weeks ago to discuss the program. This is an opportunity for the town to participate in this program at no cost to the town. In order to participate, the town must pass a resolution. Mr. Huddleston has reviewed the sample resolution and because it is a state plan there are no changes that can be made.

Mr. Williams introduced himself to the council. He said there are about 364 subdivisions in Indiana that participate in this program. He explained the program and how it could benefit the town employees. This would be a supplemental plan to the INPRS plan which the town is required to participate.

Discussion was held regarding the benefits of the plan.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow the staff to prepare the resolution for the next council meeting. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was Janice Burton discussing burn pits.

Janice Burton of 504 Fulford Drive said she has 5 burn pits around her and the council needs to put an ad in the paper reminding people that a burn pit is not a bon fire. Some of the fires around her house get out of control and she does not want her tax dollars spent putting those fires out. She also wanted to know if residents could be fined for having burn pits that were against the ordinance. She continued with her discussion regarding burn pits.

Ms. Burton said she also thinks the town should pass an ordinance that says if property owners have renters constantly causing police calls the property owner should be responsible for removing those renters.

President Ervin said the town does have an ordinance regarding fire pits and she will get with Mr. Watson, Mr. Mann, and Mr. Smith to see what needs to be done.

Councilman Lollar said he is fairly new to the council and would like to request some time to review the ordinance.

Council Comments

Councilman Simpson said the resurface of Eisenhower looks really good. He asked when the project would be completely done.

Mr. Watson said they are working on that now. A portion was not ADA compliant and needed to be fixed.

Councilman Lollar asked if the air conditioner at the golf course has been repaired yet.

Mr. Watson said it has not.

Councilman Lollar said the new signs on 31 still have the supports attached to them.

Mr. Watson said there is also an issue with the paint bubbling on those signs. The manufacturer has agreed to take the signs down one at a time and sand and repaint them.

Councilman Lollar said the walking trail in Irwin Park is getting overgrown and needs trimmed. There is also a lot of alcohol activity in that area. There are alcohol cans littering the whole area.

Councilman Lollar said we had talked in the past about merging vendors. He asked if there were any new updates on that.

Mr. Watson said the town gets municipal pricing from all vendors. The department heads do a great job at shopping for the lowest prices. The town has merged some expenses and will continue to look for any possible savings.

Departmental Comments

Mr. Watson said the staff met with the grant administrators again and have started the process of applying for a Waste Water grant. The project will work on portions of the IDEM approved long term control plan. There will be a public hearing at the next council meeting.

Mr. Watson gave an update on the railroad construction. The crossings were closed for a few days over the past weeks. The next step is putting new ties in and that should be happening June 26th, 27th, and 28th. All crossings will be closed at some point excluding State Road 252.

Mr. Watson said included in the council packets was a letter from Commonwealth Companies. They have made a formal request to purchase a town-owned parcel near the swimming pool. They would invest approximately \$8 million into affordable housing.

Councilman Lollar said the school is excited about the idea so they can possibly increase enrollment. He said he has researched the company and could not find any negative comments.

Mr. Watson said there is a slight issue with the Eisenhower project. The engineering showed the road as 24 feet wide from start to finish. Part of that road was actually 36 feet wide. This added approximately \$17,000 to the project. After discussing the error with the Community Crossing Grant Administrator they agreed that 50% of that could come from grant funds. He asked for approval to pay the additional \$8,500 from the street department's budget.

Councilman Lollar asked if Strand would be helping with this cost since it was their mistake.

President Ervin said if they had gotten the estimate correct the town would still have had to pay that cost.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow the payment to Robertson from the street budget for \$8,500. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Allen Smith said he had been over to the houses Ms. Burton was referring to several times. They burn things that are not allowed by ordinance. He said the staff needs to have a meeting to get everyone on the same page regarding open burns.

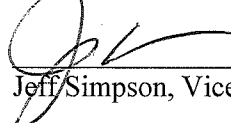
Mr. Smith said the department has a 1995 fire truck in excellent shape. However the rear brakes have gone bad. He said there is some extra money in the maintenance budget so he will be looking into that cost.

Mr. Mann said he wanted to thank the council for the consideration of the Hoosier S.T.A.R.T. 457 Deferred Compensation plan.

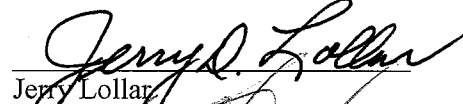
Being no further business or comments, Councilwoman Graham made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

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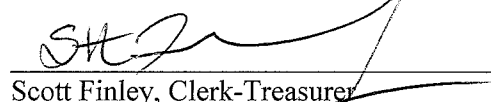

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