

Town Council Meeting  
 Monday, August 28, 2017  
 6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, August 28, 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, Vice President 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 August 14, 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 Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley.

Mr. Finley said the council received two claim dockets in their council packet. The first was the regular claim docket for the period and the second was an end-of-month docket for July. He gave the council a list of three additional claims from the Parks and Recreation that had been added to the regular docket since the packets went out. The total for the regular docket with the additions was \$845,136.78 and the total for the July docket was \$668,043.92. 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. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was illegal diversion of electricity. This was discussed at the previous council meeting and tabled so that all members could review the information. Electric Superintendent Kevin Rubush gave a brief review of his discussion from the previous meeting. This would impose a fee for tampering with electric meters and for residents turning their electricity back on after being shut off. He gave the council a sample sticker that would be put on each of the department's meters. Councilman Shepherd made a motion to allow Mr. Huddleston to draft an ordinance regarding the illegal diversion of electricity. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the waiver of non-compliance request staff report presented by Building Commissioner Nick Valenzuela.

Mr. Valenzuela said he had received a request from Brian Wink of Macbeath Hardwood for a waiver of non-compliance because Macbeath failed to timely file abatement forms with the Johnson County Auditor. The abatement was approved by council through Resolution 2015-7. He gave a brief explanation of the abatement. The staff recommendation was for the council to adopt a waiver of non-compliance for Macbeath Hardwood and file with the Johnson County Auditor. A public hearing would need to be held for the waiver of non-compliance.

Brian Wink of Macbeath was present and explained that this was an oversight on their part. He said they have added 4 total jobs thanks to this abatement.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to allow Mr. Huddleston to draft a resolution for consideration of a waiver of non-compliance for Macbeath Hardwood. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was Betty Bailey with a cemetery discussion.

Betty Baily of 177 Tracy Ridge Boulevard, Whiteland, IN 46184 said her brother's stone has been damaged at Rest Haven Cemetery and the cemetery said it is a defect in the stone. She believes it was hit by a mower. She showed pictures to the council showing the crack in the headstone. She also had a letter from the monument company stating they did not believe it was a defect. She said it upsets her that her brother's stone has been damaged in this way.

President Ervin asked Town Manager Wade Watson if he had looked into this situation.

Mr. Watson said he has not completed his investigation but he has been out to look at the stone. He said the crack is difficult to see and almost impossible to photograph. He saw no evidence that the stone had been hit by anything. The stone is polished marble and if it were hit hard enough to cause a crack it surely

would have chipped the polish and that does not appear to be the case. He would like to call a couple of monument companies to come and look at the stone and give their professional opinion.

Patricia McElroy of 184 Butner Drive, Hope, IN 47246 said she drove out to see the stone and could see the crack before she got out of the car.

Discussion was held regarding gates in the cemetery and people watching softball games from the cemetery.

President Ervin asked Mr. Watson to finish his investigation and let the council know what he finds.

### **Council Comments**

Mr. Huddleston said the contract for the demolition of the buildings at 106 and 108 South Holland will be sent to the contractor for review tomorrow. He said the council may want to consider allowing someone to sign on behalf of the council once the contract is approved by the contractor. Councilman Simpson made a motion to allow President Ervin to sign the demolition contract with Gosman on behalf of the council. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley said he was approached by two girls from the high school requesting a donation for the year book. These donations make the year books more affordable for the students. He gave the council a sheet showing the different ad sizes the town can get for their donation. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve a \$100 donation to the school year book for a one quarter page ad. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

### **Departmental Comments**

Building Commissioner Nick Valenzuela said he is in full support of the illegal diversion of electricity ordinance. He works with frustrated landlords who are required to obtain a permit for electrical upgrades after a tenant has illegally tampered with the meter.

Town Marshall Dave Mann said he had budgeted for new computers this year. He had the town's IT professional look at the computers and give his opinion. The old computers are 8 to 10 years old. He obtained 3 quotes. The lowest was from HP who holds the state bid for \$4,294. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the purchase of new computers for the police department from HP. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

Parks Director Daniel Teter said the department will have a car show this Saturday. There will be a one day tournament on Sunday. He said the fall league will be starting this week as well.

Town Manager Wade Watson said the platform for Well # 5 has been ordered. He said the town should know before the next council meeting the results of the grant award to repave East Main Cross. Also the Wastewater grant application should be ready for submittal very soon.

### **Public Comments**

Bill Jones of 7795 State Road 252 asked about the status of Jake Brake discussion.

Mr. Watson said because it is a state highway it must go to the state for review. There have been a couple of proposals. One was to post a sign with their permission prohibiting the use of Jake Brakes in that area. However the need to slow those vehicles down still exists. The second proposal was to decrease the speed limit to 45 sooner eliminating the need to slow down so abruptly.

Mr. Jones said he would also like to see the council look into the heavy trash pick-up. The process is getting out of hand and the town is paying to get rid of people's trash from out of town.

Street Superintendent Curtis Rooks said he and Mr. Watson are looking into options including using a voucher system.

Mr. Watson said it is a great service to the town but it is obvious there is trash coming in from out of town. There needs to be a monitoring system of some kind.

Janice Burton of 504 Fulford Drive said the stop sign on State Road 252 and Main Street gets ran constantly and cars barely slow down.

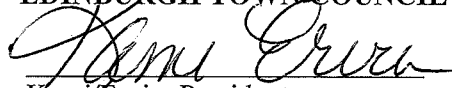
President Ervin said Town Marshall Mann will look into that intersection.

Mr. Rooks said engineers from the state are looking into redoing State Road 252 from Highway 31 to I-65. He said he has asked that flashing lights be put up at that intersection and several others. This project may not take place for 4 to 5 years.

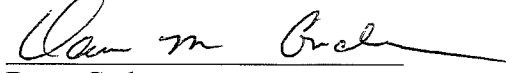
Nancy Belser of 516 Fulford Drive said she lives near the cemetery and there is traffic in and out of the cemetery constantly. She believes the gates should be closed at night to cut down on traffic and crime in the cemetery.

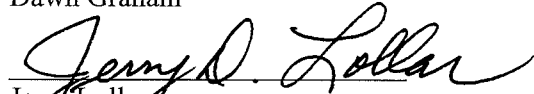
Being no further business or comments, Councilman Simpson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

**EDINBURGH TOWN COUNCIL**

  
Kami Ervin, President

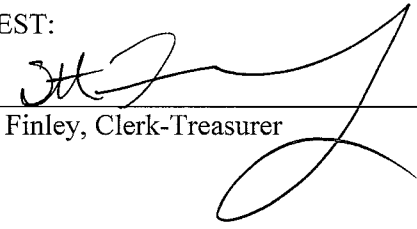
Jeff Simpson, Vice President

  
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Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer