

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

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, November 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 were Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston and Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley.

President Ervin said next on the agenda were the minutes of the executive meeting of November 13, 2017 and the council meeting of November 13, 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 the council received a copy of the claim docket in their council packet. The total for the docket was \$598,321.07. He said he had signed off on all the claims in that docket 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 the Proclamation declaring January 21, 2018 through January 27, 2018 Town of Edinburgh School Choice Week. She read the proclamation aloud. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the proclamation. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the second reading of Ordinance 2017-7 Amending Ordinance 1989-6 Regarding the Marketplace Fund. Being no discussion or questions Councilman Lollar made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-7. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the second reading of Ordinance 2017-8 Acceptance of Roads of the Timbergate Development. Being no further questions or discussion Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-8. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was Resolution 2017-9 Expressing Interest in Real Estate and Appointment of Appraisers. She asked Mr. Huddleston to explain the resolution.

Mr. Huddleston said there has been an opportunity to purchase some property near the water plant for future expansion. Mr. Watson presented that report and requested two appraisals be done to move forward with the process. This resolution memorializes the council decision to move forward and selects the two appraisers. Councilman Lollar made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-9. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Council Comments

Councilman Shepherd said he was disappointed to see that some of the holiday lights downtown had been vandalized.

President Ervin asked about cameras in the downtown area.

Town Manager Wade Watson said the town is looking in to upgrading cameras in the downtown area.

Mr. Huddleston said Ordinance 2017-8 will need to be recorded in Johnson and Shelby counties. He said he would take care of those recordings. Councilman Simpson made a motion to allow Mr. Huddleston to file Ordinance 2017-8 in Shelby and Johnson counties. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Departmental Comments

Fire Chief Allen Smith said they have started the Good Cheer Program. The Fire Department delivered 260 Thanksgiving Dinners and a total of 305 were delivered thanks to volunteers.

Town Manager Wade Watson said the town will be placing stickers on all town vehicles promoting railroad crossing safety. The stickers say, "See Tracks, Think Train."

President Ervin asked if the railroad had any literature for children.

Mr. Watson said he and Town Marshall Mann have been working on getting something to hand out to the schools. He said his fear is that with the trains being quieter it makes it more dangerous to kids who might be distracted by headphones and cell phones.

Councilman Shepherd asked if it was up to the town to install crossing arms.

Mr. Watson said yes. The railroad has the right-of-way by federal law and to bypass a signal is a federal offense. The cost of those arms are approximately \$220,000 per crossing and still half of all accidents occur at crossings with arms. The best defense is public awareness.

Mr. Watson said we have received the 2018 rates from IMPA and the electric rates decreased by 5%. The town rates to our customers will remain the same and the additional funds will be used to fund capital projects.

Mr. Watson presented the council with the proposed Capital Project Plan. He asked for approval to obtain pricing for the projects listed. Councilman Simpson made a motion to allow Mr. Watson to proceed with obtaining pricing for the projects on the Capital Projects Plan. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Watson presented the council with his staff report for engineering on the East Main Cross Project. His recommendation was to authorize Strand Associates to proceed with the engineering. Strand has already done a lot of engineering work for the project as they were the engineers for the Storm Water Project in the same area. Mr. Watson said the project will be broken down into two phases. Councilman Simpson made a motion to authorize Strand Associates to proceed with the engineering work for the East Main Cross Project. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Watson said the town has received the electronic documents for the wastewater grant from OCRA. The document needs to be signed by the president. Mr. Huddleston has reviewed the document and agrees it is ok to be signed. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the wastewater grant agreement from OCRA. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow President Ervin to sign the wastewater grant agreement on behalf of the council. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Watson said the appraisals have come in on the property adjacent to the water plant. The appraisals came in higher than expected. He recommended making an offer equal to the low appraisal.

Councilwoman Graham said she would like an opportunity to review the appraisals.

Public Comments

Ray Walton of 309 Lincoln Street said he is glad to see the town is leaving the cemetery gate open at night. He asked if there was any plan to repair the fence that was damaged.

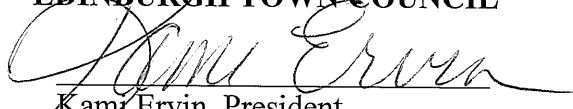
Mr. Watson said he believes that was damaged by mowing equipment and they are working on getting a cost to repair the fence.

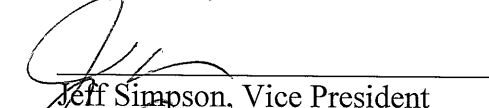
Janice Burton of 504 Fulford Drive recommended putting white rumble strips before each of the railroad crossings to warn vehicles of the crossing.

Mr. Watson said the town received a grant to upgrade the railroad crossings and that will include markings on the ground near the crossings.

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

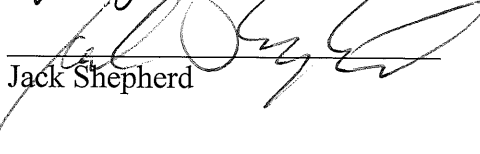
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