

Town Council Meeting
Monday, January 22, 2018
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, January 22, 2018 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, Vice President Jerry Lollar, and President Kami Ervin. Also present were Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston and Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley. Councilwoman Dawn Graham was absent.

President Ervin said next on the agenda were the minutes of the council meeting of January 8, 2018. Councilman Simpson 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 a copy of the claim docket in their packet. The total for the claim docket was \$955,937.94. 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 second reading of Ordinance 2018-1 Fee Schedule. She said all the changes were highlighted on the document sent to the council.

Councilman Lollar said he knows the council has already approved the increases for the youth baseball leagues but he was curious as to why the fees needed to be raised.

Parks Director Daniel Teter said the fees brought in do not fully support the youth baseball leagues. The increase will get them closer to breaking even.

Mr. Lollar said if the town has surplus funds somewhere else he believes they should be used to offset those costs rather than increasing the fees. He said the town has lower household incomes than surrounding areas and those increases are a lot to some families.

Mr. Watson said Edinburgh's prices, even with the increase, are half of the prices of surrounding communities and most of the revenue comes from out of town tournaments.

Mr. Teter said his intention was not to raise fees to turn away children who could not afford the fee. In his time as Parks Director a child has never been turned away.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-1. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda were the Official Bonds for Scott Finley, Wade Watson, David Mann, Dave Lutz, and the Redevelopment Commission. She asked Mr. Finley to explain.

Mr. Finley said these bonds are all required by state statute. He explained that his bond was for \$300,000, Mr. Watson's was for \$50,000, Mr. Mann and Mr. Lutz were both \$15,000, and the Redevelopment was for \$15,000 per member. There was some administrative issues on the carriers side that prevented these from being presented earlier but the bonds will be retroactively effective back to January 1, 2018.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the Official Bond for Scott Finley. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the Official Bond for Wade Watson. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the Official Bond for David Mann. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the Official Bond for David Lutz. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the Official Bond for The Redevelopment Commission. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

Council Comments

Mr. Finley said the town received the Budget 1782 Notice from the DLGF. He said he has reviewed the notice and everything appears to be correct. He said the response has to be returned by February 1, 2018 but he will hold onto the notice for a few days in case any council members have any questions.

Departmental Comments

Parks Director Daniel Teter presented a request to hire seasonal staff for the parks department. He explained that there were no changes in the number of staff members except for the baseball tournament staff and that increase was due to the two additional diamonds. Councilman Lollar made a motion to approve the request for seasonal staff per the staff report submitted by Mr. Teter. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Teter presented to the council a staff report for drywall for the new community center. He explained that this is the next step in the process. Four companies have been contacted and he would like approval to select the lowest quote when all quotes are received.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to allow the staff to select the lowest quote for drywall once all quotes are obtained, not to exceed \$18,000. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

Town Manager Wade Watson gave an update on the repair at the wastewater plant. The repair came in lower than expected at \$3,200. The plant is aging and is starting to have component failures.

Mr. Watson gave a brief update on the capital projects plan for 2018. The plan included the following:

- Connection to Eastern Bartholomew Water
- 252 East Gateway Entrance
- Sports Complex Bathrooms
- Rest Haven Cemetery Building
- Water Plant Property Acquisition
- Utility Back-up Generators
- East Main Cross Reconstruction Project
- John R. Drybread Community Center Building

Mr. Watson said the State has authorized an engineering firm to start investigating a complete rebuild of State Road 252 in 2022. All property owners effected have been notified by the state.

Mr. Watson said the town has had an intern from Franklin College working on a tourism and local business project. The internship was for the month of January and Kelsey Bowling has done great work on the project. She has produced two brochures for the town. One brochure promoted the town and the other was a business directory of all the businesses in the area. Her last task in the project is to get three bids for printing the brochures. The program has been a great success thanks to Ms. Bowling.

Mr. Watson presented the council with a 2017 revenue overview for the town. He said it is a lot of information so the council will probably want to take it home and digest the info.

Councilman Lollar thanked Mr. Watson for the great report.

Fire Chief Allen Smith said the repair for the ambulance came in lower than expected at about \$1,700.

Andy Roesener was present and said he is a Judge in the juvenile court and wanted to introduce himself as he will be running for Judge of the Circuit Court of Johnson County. He said he will be hanging around after the meeting if anyone has any questions.

Mr. Huddleston said he fully endorses Judge Rosener's candidacy and thinks he is a great candidate for the Judge position.

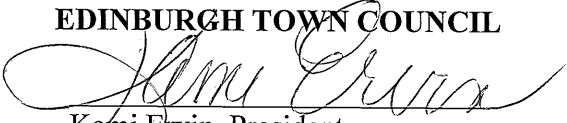
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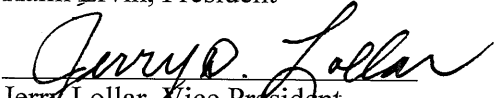
Janice Burton of 504 Fulford Drive asked if the Town Marshall could run an article in the paper regarding scammers using police phone numbers to get information. She said a similar article was run in the Columbus newspaper.

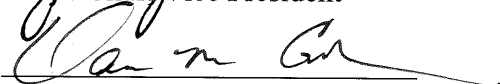
President Ervin said she will send the article to Paul Hoffman to run.

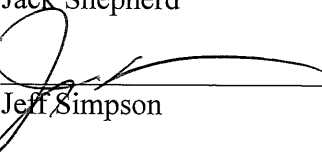
Being no further business or comments, Councilman Simpson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

EDINBURGH TOWN COUNCIL



Kami Ervin, President


Jerry Lollar, Vice President


Dawn Graham

Jack Shepherd

Jeff Simpson

ATTEST:



Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer