

Town Council Meeting  
 Monday, February 12, 2018  
 6:00 P.M. Town Hall

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

President Ervin said next on the agenda were the minutes of the council meeting of January 22, 2018. 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 two claim dockets in their packet. The first was an end-of-month docket for December totaling \$566,750.81 and the second was the regular claim docket for the period totaling \$132,930.08. 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. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was Resolution 2018-2 Bartholomew County EDIT. She asked Mr. Finley to explain.

Mr. Finley said both Resolutions on the agenda are regarding the Economic Development Income Tax (EDIT). 2018-2 is for Bartholomew County and 2018-3 is for Shelby County. The town is required to submit to the county a two year plan for what the EDIT funds will be used for. The Bartholomew County funds will be used for the continued renovation of the new community center and the Shelby County funds will be used for maintenance at Timbergate Golf Course.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-2. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was Resolution 2018-3 Shelby County EDIT. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-3. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the Rumpke Contract Extension. She asked Town Manager Wade Watson to explain.

Mr. Watson said this is the final year of the 5 year contract. The proposed increases are in line with the original contract. Sometime between now and March of next year the town will need to decide what to do with the solid waste removal services in the future. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the Rumpke contract extension. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the property acquisition consideration. She asked Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston to lead the discussion.

Mr. Huddleston said the council had previously allowed him to make an offer on the property adjacent to the water plant for future expansion. The process required obtaining two appraisals. The appraisals came in at \$190,000 and \$275,000. An offer was made of \$190,000. On January 26, 2018 a response was received from the party's attorney rejecting the offer and counteroffering \$255,000. The town cannot accept the offer because statute says the town cannot pay more than the average of the two appraisals which is \$232,500. He said he would be happy to explain that statute to the property owner and the attorney.

President Ervin said she believes it is still worth considering because the cost to move the infrastructure would be far greater than the price of the property.

Councilman Lollar made a motion to allow Mr. Huddleston to make an offer of \$220,000 and any other necessary offers, not to exceed the maximum purchase price allowed by state statute. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the Med-Bill Service Agreement. She asked Mr. Watson to explain.

Mr. Watson said this agreement has been in negotiation for some time. Mr. Huddleston and Med-Bill are both happy with the agreement and are ready to proceed. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the Med-Bill Service Agreement. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to allow President Ervin to sign the Med-Bill Service Agreement on behalf of the council. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the street light consideration. She asked Electric Superintendent Kevin Rubush to explain.

Mr. Rubush said Steve Smith was present with a PowerPoint about possible street lighting on East Main Cross Street.

Mr. Smith presented his PowerPoint and a handout for council. The PowerPoint included design ideas and pictures of possible light poles.

Discussion was held regarding price and payback period for LED lights.

Mr. Rubush said there are a lot of different options. It just depends what direction the council wants to go.

President Ervin asked how the brightness of new lights would affect properties in the area.

Mr. Smith said the lights produce no "up-light." During the design phase adjustments could be made if a particular house was going to have a major issue with excess light.

The council left the decision to the staff and asked that Mr. Rubush present the final design ideas when they are completed.

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

Mr. Gibbs presented a PowerPoint of the financials for 2017. He explained that the expenses and revenues included the \$50,000 inter-fund loan. Also the course made \$158,567.44 extra in bond payments due to the bond refunding. Deducting the bond payments left a profit of \$28,110.63. The second slide showed the revenue sources. The final page showed a budget history from 2011 to current.

The council thanked Mr. Gibbs for his presentation.

### **Council Comments**

President Ervin thanked Parks Director Daniel Teter for his work on the Father/Daughter Dance. There was a huge turnout and the department did an amazing job.

### **Departmental Comments**

Town Manager Wade Watson presented a staff report containing project updates.

Mr. Watson said the Strand Contracts for the East Main Cross Project and the Wastewater Grant Project are both ready for approval by council.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the contract with Strand Associates for the East Main Cross Project. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to allow President Ervin to sign the East Main Cross Project contract on behalf of the council. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the contract with Strand Associates for the Wastewater Grant Project. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow President Ervin to sign the Wastewater Grant Project contract on behalf of the council. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Watson gave a brief update on the community center project. The staff will be obtaining bids for painting, cabinets and trim, floor coverings, and ceiling finishes.

Mr. Watson said the town has been invited to participate in the Johnson County Trails Plan. They would like a commitment from the town to participate in the process and attend quarterly meetings. Grants could be available and it will be great for the town to be a part of the process.

Mr. Watson gave an update on Well 5. The well has been producing 1,000 gallons per minute as expected. The well will be put on automatic cycle after a few weeks. It is currently being ran manually. The landscaping around the well will begin when the area dries out.

Mr. Watson gave an update on the State Road 252 project. It is scheduled to be rebuilt in 2022. He and Mr. Huddleston had a meeting with INDOT to discuss the project and give the town's input.

Mr. Watson said he has several hiring requests to present to the council. The most critical is the Fire and EMS departments had a resignation that needs to be filled. Casey Taylor has accepted a position with Columbus Fire Department. He said he would like approval to post the position internally and externally as both full time and part time to see what interest there might be. Councilman Simpson made a motion to allow the Fire and EMS position to be filled as requested in the staff report. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Watson said the staff will be posting the John R. Drybread Community Center Director position. He will bring the results to the council before the hiring process.

Mr. Watson said the parks department will be losing a part-time front desk person. The position will only work around 10 hours per week. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to fill the part-time desk position for the parks department. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Watson said the final position is to promote DJ Wilhelm from part-time to full time status. He said Assistant Electric Superintendent Steve Clark was present to explain the need for this position.

Mr. Clark presented the council with a report showing similarly sized electric utilities and their staff numbers. The town's utility currently services 667 meters per staff member which is approximately 200 more than the average. Adding another employee would bring that number closer to average. He explained the department has made do but has maybe let some areas of the infrastructure go because they have been shorthanded. He said they are required to have three staff members on a crew and currently cannot have two crews working at the same time.

Further discussion was held regarding the need for the additional full-time employee.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow the promotion of Mr. Wilhelm to full time status. Being no second the motion failed.

Councilman Simpson said he would like more time to review the request. Councilman Lollar made a motion to table the hiring request until the February 26, 2018 meeting. Councilman Simpson seconded. President Ervin and Councilwoman Graham voted nay. With no majority the item was tabled.

Mr. Gibbs presented the council with a request to replace the current carts at the golf course. He explained that the batteries are failing and will not make it through the season. He handed out to the council a list of three bids to replace the carts from EZ Go, Club Car, and Yamaha. The low quote was from Yamaha. The lease amount was \$5,131.29 per month for 5 years with payments being made 6 months per year. This amount is \$2,850.99 less than the current payment.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the golf cart lease from the low quote, Yamaha. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow President Ervin to sign the lease on behalf of the council. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

Parks Director Daniel Teter said the department had a great Father/Daughter Dance. He thanked the Methodist Church for allowing them to use their facility. He said basketball season will be ending and baseball will be beginning. There are 31 tournaments booked this year. He said he should have drawings for the new bathrooms soon to present to the council.


Erin Anderson, the Economic Development & Community Outreach Director from Atterbury-Muscatatuck Center for Complex Operations, said on May 19<sup>th</sup> there will be a Project Hero Honor Run hosted by Atterbury. It will be a long run with a route near Camp Atterbury. The last time it was in the area there were 400 participants and raised over \$60,000.

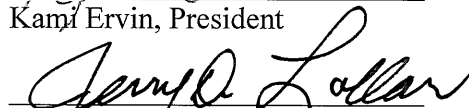
Stoney Vann was present to introduce himself. He said he was a candidate for Johnson County Sheriff and will be around to answer any questions after the meeting.

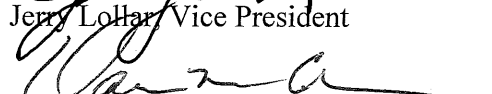
DJ Wilhelm introduced himself to the council and thanked them for their consideration as a full-time employee.

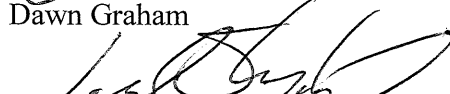
Being no further business or comments, Councilman Simpson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.


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Kami Ervin, President

  
Jerry Lollar, Vice President

  
Dawn Graham

  
Jack Shepherd

  
Jeff Simpson

ATTEST:

  
Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer