

Town Council Meeting  
Monday, May 14, 2018  
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, May 14, 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 April 23, 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 two claim dockets in their packet. The first was an end-of-month docket for April totaling \$193,757.38 and the second was the regular docket for the period totaling \$178,828.61. He said he had signed off on all the claims in those dockets and handed them over to the council for approval. Councilman Shepherd made a motion to approve the claims as submitted. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the American Legion Memorial Day Proclamation. She said this is done each year and is presented by the council president during the Memorial Day service. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the American Legion Memorial Day Proclamation. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was Resolution 2018-4 Authorizing the Purchase of Real Estate. She asked Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston to explain the resolution.

Mr. Huddleston said this resolution memorializes what the council has already approved through motions. It goes through the history of appraisals and shows the agreed purchase price. It does not approve any type of purchase agreement. He said the next step would be to present a purchase agreement to the council for approval.

Councilman Lollar made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-4. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was a request to hire a community center director. She asked Parks Director Daniel Teter to present the request.

Mr. Teter said this position has been discussed in the past and would be the director of the new community center. The position has been budgeted through the parks and recreation budget. He explained the interview process and said that all six interviewers agreed on the top candidate. That candidate is willing to accept the position and would start in June.

Discussion was held regarding the duties, objectives, and salary of the position.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the hire of Sarabeth Drybread for the Community Center Director at a salary of \$40,000 per year and to re-evaluate the position after 6 months. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the staff report regarding 2018 tax abatement CF-1 forms presented by Building Commissioner Nick Valenzuela.

Mr. Valenzuela said companies with tax abatements are required to submit to the town and the county a compliance form (CF-1) showing that they are in compliance with the original statement of benefits (SB-1) for the abatement. He said the town has received 6 CF-1 forms as of today. He said the staff recommendation is for approval of all abatements listed in the staff report.

Councilman Lollar asked about the abatement for Hisada America. He said he believes there may be an error regarding employment numbers and asked if the staff had followed up with the company.

Mr. Valenzuela said he had not followed up.

Councilman Lollar said he does not want to hold these abatements up but he would like to see the staff follow up with companies in the future.

Councilman Shepherd made a motion to approve the CF-1 for Amos Hill Associates referencing the abatement approved by Resolution 2014-10. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Shepherd made a motion to approve the CF-1 for Copples Wrecker Service referencing the abatement approved by Resolution 2015-14. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the CF-1 for Ditech Inc. referencing the abatement approved by Resolution 2014-6. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the CF-1 for Ditech Inc. referencing the abatement approved by Resolution 2016-5. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Shepherd made a motion to approve the CF-1 for Hisada America referencing the abatement approved by Resolution 2013-3. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the CF-1 for Hisada America referencing the abatement approved by Resolution 2011-3. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Shepherd made a motion to approve the CF-1 for LB Mold, Inc. referencing the abatement approved by Resolution 2014-5. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to allow President Ervin to sign all approved abatements on behalf of the council. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was Building and Zoning Department Memorandum – Ordinance Violation Legal Authorization. She asked Mr. Valenzuela to explain.

Mr. Valenzuela said the department is in charge of code enforcement for garbage and trash as well as other prohibited items. 713 South Walnut Street has violated and is violating statutory language in Chapter 93 of the town code by harboring automotive materials, building materials, appliances, and/or old furniture outside the premises. He is asking that the town council authorize legal proceedings to seek to enforce the fines that have accumulated on the property. The property owner of record is deceased and has been for several years. There is an agent for the property that says there is a new owner but the county has no record of that being the case. Notices have been sent to all parties but there has been no substantial compliance.

Councilman Lollar asked how far back this issue goes.

Mr. Valenzuela said he believes the first notice to this property went out in November or December of 2016. There was some abatement but the property continued to be in violation of town code.

Discussion was held regarding the process after the council approves legal proceedings.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to allow Mr. Huddleston to begin legal proceedings on 713 South Walnut Street. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

### **Council Comments**

Councilman Simpson asked what the status of the collections policy for collection unpaid utility bills.

Mr. Finley said he needs to get with Mr. Watson and put together what the policy needs to contain and then have Mr. Huddleston put together an ordinance. He said he would do his best to have that to the council in June.

Councilman Lollar said Timbergate has had another rough month and asked if there were any plans to increase revenues.

Town Manager Wade Watson said they expect memberships to come back up when the weather stabilizes. The course is looking at new programs with the new golf pro. He is very focused on getting youths into the sport and having new youth programs.

Councilman Lollar asked that General Manager Wayne Gibbs give a presentation at the next meeting for plans for the rest of the year.

### **Departmental Comments**

Fire Chief Allen Smith said he is still in the process of obtaining new defibrillators for the department. He said he would also like to ask for permission to replace four sets of turnout gear for approximately \$10,000. The items were budgeted to be purchased this year. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the purchase of four sets of turnout gear. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

Town Manager Wade Watson said SAPP will be bringing a manufacturing process from Ford Motor Company to the Edinburgh facility. This will bring new jobs to the community and they will be doing a lot of upgrading to the facility to bring it up to Ford standards.

Mr. Watson said the Long Term Control Plan project has gone to public bid and the East Main Cross project will advertise for public bids tomorrow. The plans for the restroom project for the sports complex have been sent to the state for approval and the new cemetery building plans have also been submitted.

Mr. Watson said the rehab work on State Road 252 is mostly done and is ready for the complete rebuild in 2022.

Parks Director Daniel Teter said they will finally be playing on the new baseball fields this weekend. There will be 61 teams in the tournament. Little league has also started and the department will be putting water in the pool to get it ready for the summer.

Kim Bieker of Ditech Inc. was present and had two comments on behalf of President Nate Dillingham. The first was to thank Mr. Valenzuela and the utility department for their work on the project with Christ Fellowship Church and the second was to thank the town with their help on the flood plain issue with his building on Kyle Street.

### **Public Comments**

Jerry Deloach of 903 South Main Street said he noticed the council approved a new employee for the community center and put them under review for six months but did not do the same for the new golf professional.

President Ervin said the golf professional was an existing position that needed to be filled and the community center is a new position with the town. The council will be re-evaluating that position within the town and not necessarily the individual in the position.

Janice Burton of 504 Fulford Drive said she would like to see an article run in the paper regarding golf cart safety since the weather is warmer and more people are getting them out on the streets.

Ms. Burton asked how much it was to take trash to the compactor.

Mr. Finley said it is based on the yard but there are certain items that have specific fees. All of those fees can be found in the towns fee schedule.

Discussion was held regarding the heavy trash pickup process.

Don McQueen of 521 High School Drive said the neighbors behind him let their grass get knee high and it causes mice in the area. It is becoming a disaster. He said when the water department flushed hydrants they only flushed one on High School drive.


Mr. Watson said the department does not flush every hydrant in town. They only flush one hydrant on each of the lines.

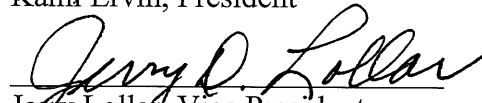
Mr. McQueen said he also does not understand why it takes two people to drive around and pick up yard waste.

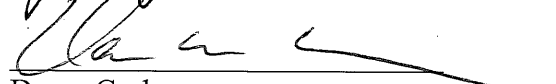
President Ervin said the council would look into those comments.


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

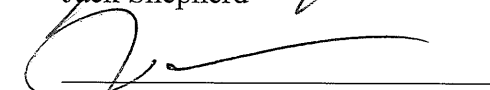
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