

Town Council Meeting
Monday, September 10, 2018
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, September 10, 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 special council meeting of August 27, 2018 and the council meeting of August 27, 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. The council received two claim dockets in their packet. The first was the regular docket for the period totaling \$112,033.12 and the second was an end-of-month docket for July totaling \$411,527.31. Mr. Finley 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 the public hearing for the 2019 budget appropriations and tax rate. She asked Mr. Finley if he had anything to add before she opened the public hearing.

Mr. Finley said at the previous budget workshop the council had discussed transferring some levy from the general fund to the MVH fund. He said the adoption ordinance will reflect that transfer of \$750,000 from general to MVH. He explained that the Notice to Taxpayers (Form 3) has been advertised online 10 days prior to this hearing.

President Ervin opened the public hearing for the 2019 budget appropriations and tax rate. Being no public comments she closed the public hearing.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the first reading of Ordinance 2018-8 Budget Appropriations and Tax Rate.

Councilman Lollar said the ordinance shows a rate of 2.9180. He asked what the rate was for this year.

Mr. Finley said this year's tax rate 2.4606. However, we advertise an inflated budget to give flexibility. Last year at this time the adopted rate was in the 2.9 range. He said when we get the 1782 notice back he expects the actual tax rate to be very similar to this year's tax rate.

President Ervin said next four items on the agenda were Resolutions 2018-7, 2018-8, 2018-9, and 2018-10 to establish Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Districts within the town. She asked Town Attorney Huddleston to give a brief overview on these documents.

Mr. Huddleston said this is the third step of the process. The first step was for the Redevelopment Commission to identify areas for TIF districts. The second was for the Planning Commission to approve those districts. The fourth and final step would be final approval again by the Redevelopment Commission. He gave an explanation of how TIF districts work.

Carl Crider of 800 East Thompson Street said he knows a little about TIF districts and has seen issues because the schools get none of the taxes from the increased assessed value in TIF areas. He said the council also has the ability to give tax abatements. In his opinion this gives the council too much power over the funds.

Councilman Lollar said the money from TIF districts goes to the Redevelopment Commission, not the council. He said as a community working toward the same goal the commission should point those funds to the areas in need of development.

Town Manager Wade Watson said the majority of school funding comes from enrollment and not from property tax dollars. TIF districts do not lower the amount of taxes the schools will receive.

Councilman Lollar made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-7 US 31 Economic Development Area. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Shepherd made a motion to approve resolution 2018-8 I-65 Economic Development Area. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve resolution 2018-9 Downtown Economic Development Area. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion Carried.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve resolution 2018- 10 Center Cross Street Economic Development Area. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Huddleston said the documents would go back before the Redevelopment Commission for a final vote.

Council Comments

Councilman Lollar asked if the numbers were finalized for heavy trash pick-up yet.

Mr. Watson said they should have those at the next meeting.

President Ervin reminded the public that this week would be the Edinburgh Fall Festival.

Departmental Comments

Mr. Watson said at the previous meeting a citizen had asked about the property for sale adjacent to the cemetery. He said the property is a ¾ acre lot owned by Dale Whitley and is listed at \$49,900. They are marketing it for a business office. He said if they town was interested we would have to have two appraisals done to determine the price the town could pay.

Mr. Huddleston said there is an exception in the statute for properties under a certain threshold. He said he could research that statute to see what the process would be.

Mr. Watson said Carl Crider has raised a concern regarding the homeowners association at Timbergate. The covenants of the association are not in town ordinances and therefore are not enforceable by the town. Mr. Watson said he would like to see Timbergate continue to be the premier housing area in Edinburgh. He proposed that the town adopt the covenants of the Timbergate homeowners association so the town can assist in enforcing those covenants.

Discussion was held regarding the process the homeowners association takes to enforce covenants.

Mr. Crider said travel trailers are becoming an issue in the area.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to allow Mr. Huddleston to research an ordinance enforcing covenants on a certain geographical area. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Watson said there was a lightning strike on a tornado siren and the siren will need to be repaired. The council will see a claim for those repairs in the next couple of meetings.

Mr. Watson said bid advertisements are going out for the sports complex restroom facility and the Rest Haven Cemetery building. The bid opening will be October 4, 2018 and will be presented to council for a recommendation on October 8, 2018.

Mr. Watson said he was notified by a compliance officer from INDOT that the Town of Edinburgh is not compliant relating to an ADA Transition Plan. This plan was discussed in 2012 but no action

was taken. The town now has until October 19, 2018 to get the plan in place. He has received two quotes both around \$60,000 and an estimated 6 months of work. The town will have to file for an extension for the plan but needs to get the plan completed as soon as possible.

Public Comments

William Jones of 7795 East State Road 252 asked how much longer the town had on the golf course bond payment.

Mr. Finley said maturity date is in 2022 but the final payment should be made in December of 2021.

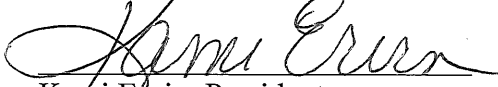
Janice Burton of 504 Fulford Drive asked who to contact about trash cans being left on the side of the road for 4 to 5 days at a time.

Mr. Finley said he believes there is something stating that the totes are to be removed from the street within a certain amount of time. He said he would look into the policy.

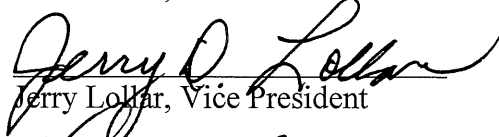
Betty Lollar of 304 North Walnut Street said transparency has been a big issue with town councils and she sees transparency in this council. She encouraged them to keep up the good work.

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

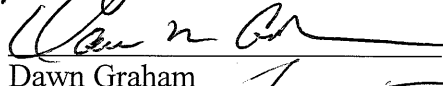
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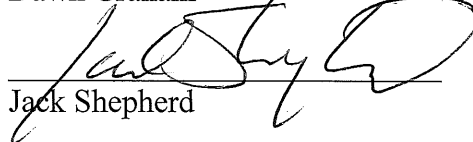
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Jeff Simpson

ATTEST:



Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer