

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

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, October 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, Councilwoman Dawn Graham, Vice President 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 council meeting of October 8, 2018. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilman Shepherd 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 claim docket for the period totaling \$749,902.72 and the second was the end-of-month docket for September totaling \$196,572.44. Mr. Finley said he had signed off on all the claims in those dockets and handed them over to the council for approval. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the claims as submitted. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the second reading of Ordinance 2018-9 Amending the Town's Code Pertaining to Sewers. She asked Town Manager Wade Watson if he had anything to add regarding the ordinance.

Mr. Watson said the ordinance has not been changed since the council saw it at the previous meeting. The staff recommends approval of the ordinance.

Councilman Lollar made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-9. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the first reading of Ordinance 2018-10 Public Safety Fund. She asked Mr. Finley to explain.

Mr. Finley said this is simply an ordinance to establish a fund for depositing public safety funds received from the counties. After speaking with the town's financial advisors we originally believed those funds could be put into the general fund and used in a first-in, first-out manner. However, after further discussion it was decided that these funds must be put into a separate fund to be used for public safety. He said he has asked Mr. Huddleston to review the ordinance to input applicable Indiana Code.

No action was taken as this was a first reading.

Council Comments

Mr. Finley said he noticed in the budget reports given to the council that there was an error on the council budget. He said the workers compensation and general liability were not split correctly so the expenses are overstated. Those errors should be corrected on the next reports the council receives.

Departmental Comments

Parks Director Daniel Teter said he is going to have some excess funds in salaries and insurance and would like to use those funds for some projects at some of the smaller parks.

Mr. Finley said he can have a transfer of appropriations ordinance drawn up for the next meeting. This kind of transfer only takes council approval and does not require DLGF approval.

President Ervin asked Mr. Teter to get numbers to Mr. Finley for the ordinance and have it ready to present at the next council meeting.

Mr. Teter said basketball registration has started and the department is working on the Holiday of Lights and Trunk-or-Treat.

Mr. Finley said the council also needs to approve Trick-or-Treating hours. The hours are usually 6 to 8 PM on October 31. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to set Trick-or-Treating hours for 6 to 8 PM on October 31, 2018. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

Town Manager Wade Watson handed out a packet of updates to present to the council. He said a resident has submitted a request to park his commercial semi-tractor in the pool parking lot after hours. He has been parking there for several years with no issues with verbal permission from the previous town manager. His company now wants a written statement from the town saying the tractor can be parked there. Mr. Watson said he had no issues allowing him to continue to park there but since he needed a written statement he thought it should be a council decision.

Discussion was held regarding the location in question and the hours it would be parked.

Councilwoman Graham said if we allow one person to park on town property will it set a precedent.

President Ervin said she thinks it could be handled on a case by case basis.

The council asked if Mr. Watson could get in contact with Mr. Ridpath and have him attend the next meeting to answer questions from the council.

Mr. Watson said he would see what he could do.

Mr. Watson said there is another parking issue from Salin Bank since the council amended the parking on Walnut Street. Since the parking has been limited on the south side of the intersection vehicles are now parking indefinitely on the north side next to the bank and the community center. The request is to change the parking schedule similar to what was done on the south side of the intersection. The staff recommendation is to draft an ordinance amending parking in that area. Councilman Simpson made a motion to allow Mr. Huddleston to draft an amendment to the parking schedule as submitted by Mr. Watson. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Watson said he also has three quotes for crack sealing. The town's equipment is very old and we are having a difficult time finding a part to fix the equipment that is currently down. He explained the crack sealing process. Including the hours we would have to pay our staff to do the repairs the quotes are very similar to what our cost would be anyway. The low quote was from Robertson Paving for \$14,140.00.

Discussion was held regarding future crack sealing and determining factors for which streets get crack sealed.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the quote for crack sealing from Robertson Paving for \$14,140.00. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Watson said he has received a counter offer in response to the \$15,000 offer on the property adjacent to the cemetery. He said there are some issues with the property. There are utilities running through the property which means it cannot be built on and it probably cannot be used as burial land either.

The council agreed not to proceed any further on the purchase of this property.

Mr. Watson presented a landscape design for the side of the utility and administrative offices. He explained that it is difficult to know where town hall is unless you have been here before. Mr. Finley showed a rendering of the landscape on the screens. Mr. Watson said there would be greenspace, flowers, a flagpole, and a sign for the administrative offices. The design would also help the building become ADA compliant. The estimate for the project was between \$7,000 and \$8,000 without the sign. The staff only has one estimate for a sign and it was between \$6,000 and \$11,000 depending on materials.

Discussion was held regarding the project and sign costs.

Councilman Lollar made a motion to proceed with the administrative office landscape project excluding the sign. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Watson gave an update on the East Main Cross Project. The main hold up has been with the gas utility. That issue should be cleared up today and work should start again. We hope to have an updated work schedule this week. The project should be down around thanksgiving.

Mr. Watson gave an update on the LTCP project. It should be completed in 3 to 4 weeks.

Mr. Watson said Mr. Huddleston is in the process of developing contracts for the two new construction projects.

Mr. Watson introduced the new building commissioner to the council. Lance Baker started on October 15th and has plenty of experience in the construction business. He should make a great addition to the town.

Community Center Director SaraBeth Drybread said the parks department is selling tickets for the showing of The Shining at the Pixy Theatre. It has been over 40 years since movies have been shown there. She said she spoke with some downtown landlords and merchants who they wished they had been notified of the parking changes downtown. Downtown Development week went well and we obtained over \$200 worth of prizes from downtown merchants. Bill Jones was the lucky winner of the gift basket.

Ms. Drybread said there is also a new landlord in the old Walter’s building. They hope to restore the building and have done similar buildings in the past. There will be a Bicentennial planning meeting at the library on October 23rd at 6 PM.

Public Comments

Gail McQueen of 521 High School Drive said High School Drive is getting a lot of potholes.

Mr. Watson said the street superintendent is aware and it is on the repair list.

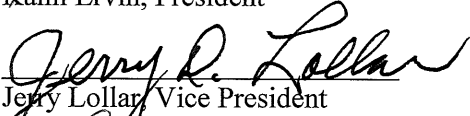
Andrew Thames and Jeff Schwartz of Leadership Johnson County were present and said they are encouraged to attend a council meeting. He said they would be open to hearing anything the council has to say about economic development in the town. He encouraged everyone to do some research on Leadership Johnson County.

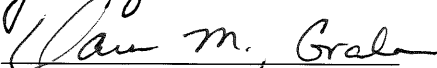
President Ervin thanked them for attending.

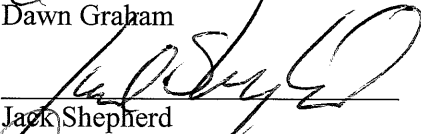
Being no further business or comments, Councilman Simpson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

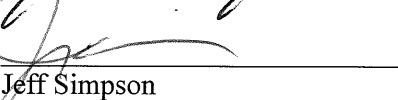
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