Town Council Meeting Monday, November 26, 2018 6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, November 26, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, 107 South Holland Street, Edinburgh, Indiana.

Vice President Jerry Lollar 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, and Vice President Jerry Lollar. Also present were Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston and Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley. President Kami Ervin was absent.

Vice President Lollar said next on the agenda were the minutes of the council meeting of November 13, 2018. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

Vice President Lollar said next on the agenda were claims. The council received a copy of the claim docket in their packet. The total for the claim docket was \$76,975.76. Mr. Finley said he had signed off on all the claims in that docket 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.

Vice President Lollar said next on the agenda was Ordinance 2018-10 Public Safety Fund. He asked Mr. Finley if he had anything to add.

Mr. Finley said this had been tabled while legal researched the applicable code. Mr. Huddleston found the Indiana Code that needed to be inserted into the ordinance so the ordinance is now ready for approval. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve ordinance 2018-10. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

Vice President Lollar said next on the agenda was Resolution 2018-12 Approving the 2019 Holiday Schedule. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-12. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

Vice President Lollar said next on the agenda was Resolution 2018-13 Approving the 2019 Council Meeting Schedule. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-13. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Council Comments

Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston said Mr. Ridpath has not sent him the information needed to draft the consent letter to park at the aquatic center. When he receives that information he will get the letter drafted.

Vice President Lollar said he would attempt to contact Mr. Ridpath.

Mr. Huddleston gave an update on the TIF District process. He said the final approval is set for December 10, 2018 at 7:00 PM following the regularly scheduled council meeting. One of the requirements is for the town to have a tax impact statement prepared and submitted to all the taxing units involved. Umbaugh has completed that statement and sent the draft today.

Departmental Comments

Town Manager Wade Watson said Larry Mayfield of Zeller Insurance came back with 7 different Health Insurance options from 5 companies. He said renewing with SIHO is the most affordable plan that gives the employees the same coverage and deductible. There was a slight increase of about 6% from 2018.

Mr. Watson gave a brief update on the Community Crossings Grant. He said he has a meeting with Strand on December 3, 2018 to start the conversation about phase 2 of the East Main Cross Project. The town must have a fully executed contract by April 14, 2019. There will be a change in the scope of work based on the findings in phase 1. There will be an early coordination meeting for the grant in Seymour this coming Thursday.

Mr. Watson said at the previous meeting there was discussion about the sculptures in the outlet mall area. He said he found out that they were paid for through a grant initiated by the Columbus Visitors Center. He will be having a meeting with Karen Iverson of the visitors center to discuss the sculptures and the lack of communication with the town.

Vice Present Lollar asked when the town first learned about the sculptures.

Mr. Watson said he had a meeting about drawing visitors to the area back in April but there was no mention of the sculptures at that meeting. The town was unaware there were sculptures going up in that area.

Vice President Lollar said Mr. Watson closing response in the email called this issue a "bump in the road" but he thinks this is more of a "pothole." He said he thinks Columbus wants a mall since they lost the Commons and Fairoaks Malls and they are targeting the outlets. He asked Mr. Huddleston if he had a chance to review the towns options.

Mr. Huddleston said he has done some research but should have a better answer at the next council meeting.

Vice President Lollar said he would like Mr. Huddleston to attend the meeting with Ms. Iverson as well.

Further discussion was held regarding the sculptures.

Mr. Watson handed out a packet from ADA Consulting of Indiana regarding the establishment of the ADA transition plan. They will be present at the next council meeting requesting the council pass some resolutions to meet the deadlines for the transition plan. A public meeting about the transition plan will be held on December 10, 2018.

Mr. Watson said a letter was received today from the Johnson County Council inviting Mr. Finley and President Ervin to attend a meeting on December 6, 2018 to discuss taxation for a possible correction center remodel or addition.

Mr. Watson gave an update on the current projects. The cemetery and park bathroom projects are schedule to have foundations this year. The community center is almost complete and should be open for the Holiday of Lights. The East Main Cross project has had a host of delays but is still progressing. We should have binder asphalt done before the Holiday of Lights. Most of the curbs are completed. They probably will not complete the intersection of Kyle and East Main Cross this year and will most likely not get the final layer of asphalt down. They will finish that early next year. There is a progress meeting scheduled for Wednesday.

Councilman Simpson asked about the penalties for the delays.

Mr. Huddleston said the amounts are in the contract but he had need to review it for the exact amounts.

Discussion was held regarding the delays.

Mr. Watson said the Long Term Control project has had legitimate weather delays. There is a cost overrun on that project and Ashley Getz of Strand is present to explain the reason for that overrun.

Ms. Getz gave the council a copy of the change order with the cost overrun. The reason for the overrun was there was significantly more sludge in the lagoon to be removed than was anticipated. She gave an explanation of how the lagoon works. The total of the overrun was \$61,984.25. There were also some deductions but they do not offset the amount sludge removal. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the change order of \$61,984.25 for the Long Term Control project. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Vice President Lollar asked about 3rd quarter Timbergate Presentation.

Mr. Watson said he would talk to Mr. Gibbs about getting that information.

Vice President Lollar asked if SIHO's insurance quote was the lowest.

Mr. Watson said it was the lowest bid for equal coverage.

Public Comments

Gail McQueen of 521 High School Drive said she was upset about the sculptures and thinks the Town of Edinburgh should at least be included.

Don McQueen of 521 High School Drive said a neighbor of his said she called the Electric Department and left a message because a line was laying on a tree in her back yard and no one called her back.

Mr. Finley said he can check the phone records and see if there is record of her call.

Councilman Lollar said he wanted to thank Mr. McQueen for running for council as a citizen showing interest in the town.

Bill Jones of 7795 East State Road 252 said he wanted to thank the Electric Department for their quick response on repairing an electric pole that fell near his house.

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

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Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer