Special Town Council Meeting Thursday, November 21, 2019 5:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a special session on Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, 107 South Holland Street, Edinburgh, Indiana.

President Jerry Lollar called the meeting to order.

Members answering roll call: Councilwoman Debbie Buck, Councilman Jeff Simpson, Vice President Dawn Graham, Councilman Ryan Piercefield, and President Jerry Lollar. Also present were Town Attorney Dustin, Huddleston and Town Manager JT Doane. Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley was absent.

Ordinance 2019-17 First Reading of Establishing Fire Department – Mr. Doane said this ordinance clears up some vagueness in the fire department by establishing it as an official town department.

Mr. Huddleston said this is a starting point to layout the structure for the department but changes could be made down the road if necessary. It does mention that all members would be under the civilian PERF. If we wanted to participate the 1977 Fund we would need to set up a separate board.

Discussion was held regarding distance firefighters can live from the town.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to waive the first reading of Ordinance 2019-17 and consider it for approval. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-17. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2019-18 First Reading of Establishing Fire Safety Provisions – Mr. Huddleston said this ordinance contains some fines and fees and must be published and will not be effective until 30 days after publishing.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to waive the first reading of Ordinance 2019-18 and consider it for approval. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-18. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

Fire Department 2020 – Mr. Doane handed out copies of a report submitted by Mike Herron and another report submitted by Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley regarding financials for 2020. He said Mr. Finley's report stated that he was comfortable with annual recurring costs of around \$710,000. With Mr. Herron's numbers the total recurring cost were slightly higher than that at \$744,000. The total for the first year including capital costs budget by current chief Allen Smith was \$980,058.22.

Councilman Piercefield asked about the \$236,000 of non-operating expenses.

Mr. Doane said that number was capital costs budgeted by Mr. Smith for 2020.

Further discussion was held regarding funding and staffing for the department in 2020.

President Lollar said there is no action needed on these reports they are just for information and we can get further clarification before the next meeting.

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

President

Dawn Graham Vice President

Debbie Buck

Ryan Riercefield

Jeff Simpson

ATTEST:

Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer