

Town Council Meeting
Monday, February 10, 2020
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, February 10, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, 107 South Holland Street, Edinburgh, Indiana.

President Simpson called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes – Executive meeting minutes of January 27, 2020, council meeting minutes of January 27, 2020, and executive meeting of January 27, 2020. Councilman Piercefield made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Claims – The council received two claim dockets in their council packets. The first was an end-of-month docket for December totaling \$358,311.49, and the second was the regular claim docket for the period totaling \$115,866.55. Mr. Finley said he had signed off on the claims in those dockets and handed them over to the council for approval.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to approve the claims as submitted. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Edinburgh Redevelopment Authority 2019 Annual Report – Mr. Huddleston said the ERA is required to submit a report regarding their activities to the town council each year. The report was approved at the most recent ERA meeting. No action is necessary.

Public Official Bonds – Mr. Finley said these were on the previous meeting's agenda but were tabled due to some clerical errors. He explained the amounts of each bond and the position covered. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the public official bonds as submitted. Councilman Piercefield seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2020-3 Amending Ordinance 2006-3 Mileage Reimbursement – Mr. Doane said the staff is looking at the town's dated personnel policy and have noted some things that need changed. One of which is the mileage ordinance. With this ordinance, the mileage rate for the town would follow the state adopted rate.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to waive the first reading of Ordinance 2020-3 and consider it for approval. Councilman Piercefield seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-3. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2020-4 Travel Policy – Mr. Finley said the town has procedures in place for business travel, but the State Board of Accounts requested that a formal policy be adopted by the council.

Councilwoman Buck said she does not see where it states a certain distance where an employee would be allowed to stay overnight for training or conferences.

Mr. Finley said practice has been 50 miles, but he can do some research and put that language in before the second reading.

No action was taken.

Ordinance 2020-5 Credit Card Use Policy – Mr. Finley said the current ordinance is very dated. This ordinance sets clearer procedures for credit card use.

Being a first reading, no action was taken.

Ordinance 2020-6 Vehicle Use – Mr. Finley said this applies mostly for employees who use vehicles during business hours but also has a section regarding the few employees that still have a take home vehicle.

Councilman Piercefield said he would like to see a section prohibiting civilian passengers in town owned vehicles.

Mr. Finley said he will make those changes, but we will have to make an exception for emergency vehicles and possibly the Town Manager's vehicle.

Being a first reading, no action was taken.

MS4 – Wessler Engineering – Mr. Doane said the council received an agreement for services from Wessler Engineering regarding MS4 services. The requirements have become quite cumbersome to the staff and Wessler has more expertise in the procedures and requirements.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the MS4 agreement with Wessler Engineering. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Peerless Midwest Agreement for Well – Mr. Doane explained that well #1 is failing. Peerless has been working with the town to determine a location for a new well. The agreement for \$24,600 is to drill a test well to determine the location for a permanent well.

Discussion was held regarding the need for a test well and requirement for a new well.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to approve the Peerless Midwest Agreement. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Cemetery Personnel – Mr. Doane said as the previous cemetery supervisor retired, he would like to appoint Daniel Teter as Interim on a test period. He also would like to get permission to hire a third full-time cemetery laborer position.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the full-time position at the cemetery. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Parks and Recreation Personnel – Mr. Doane said he would like to get permission to hire an additional full-time employee at the parks department to help with weekend tournaments.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the parks and recreation full-time position. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

2020 Paving – Mr. Doane said because of ADA requirements for accessible ramps, the paving bids came in higher than expected. The council can reduce the bid by 25%, reject all bids, or fund from another source.

Mr. Finley said the town does have some LOIT Special Distribution funds left over that would require additional appropriations. He explained that they would need to do additional appropriations for the Fire Department anyway and he could submit them at the same time.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to award the bid to Robertson Paving for \$784,785.80. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Mosquito Prevention Informational Program at Community Center – Mr. Doane said Chris Novak of Clarke would be at the community center on Wednesday, February 12th at 6 PM to share information on what homeowners can do to help control the mosquito population.

Police Vehicles – Mr. Doane said this discussion had been tabled at the last meeting. The council received information regarding pricing for new police vehicles.

Town Marshall Doyne Little said he would like to do three vehicles next year and two vehicles each year following. That would turn the fleet over every 6 years. Police vehicles have heavy

wear around the 80,000- and 90,000-mile mark. Those vehicles are often passed on to other departments whose reliability needs aren't as crucial.

Discussion was held regarding Durangos versus Chargers.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to approve the quote for Dodge Durangos from Fletcher Chrysler. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2020-3 Edinburgh Recycling Depot – Mr. Doane said Ray's has ordered the container for the depot and training has been held for the employees. A letter will be sent out with utility bills informing citizens of hours and what will and will not be accepted. This resolution establishes the rules and parameters of the recycling depot.

Mr. Huddleston said the resolution does state a fine for violations that is unenforceable through resolution. The fine will need to be passed by ordinance.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-3. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Career Fire Department Personnel – Mr. Doane said the fire department still has one career position open. The staff held interviews for that position and based on those interviews he recommended hiring Cody Melton as full-time EMT/Firefighter at \$44,100.

Councilman Piercefield asked if he would be on the standard 1-year probationary periods for firefighters.

Fire Chief Mike Herron said yes.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to hire Cody Melton at a salary of \$44,100. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Roosevelt Substation – Mr. Doane said Alpha Engineering submitted a letter to Electric Superintendent Kevin Rubush explaining there was an error with the breaker quote. The breakers quoted were insufficient and the required ones will be \$2,000 more each for a total increase of \$18,000.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to approve the increased breaker quote. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Departmental Comments

Mr. Doane said both appraisals have been received on the Phillips building and he would like to proceed with a letter of willingness to sell.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow Mr. Doane to proceed with a letter of willingness to sell on the Phillips property. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Doane said he would like to invite everyone to attend the State of the Town Address at the High School on February 20, 2020 at 6:30 PM.

Water Superintendent Bill Jones thanked the council for approving the test well agreement. He said after the test well is drilled it will be 2 to 3 years before a new well is ready to operate.

Town Marshall Little said the police department has been doing some cross training with the fire department. They will be doing some Lifeline training soon.

Parks Director Daniel Teter said the department has started Little League signups. The Father/Daughter Dance had about 300 people in attendance. They will be holding a Valentine's Day event for senior adults at the community center next Thursday. The department is still working on the concession stand remodel and hope to be completed by the Little League season.


Public Comments

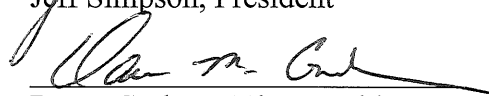
John Burton of 515 Walnut Street asked if the council was aware of what has happening at the old Christian Church at the corner of Perry and Walnut. He said they are building sleeping rooms to house reformed convicts working in the industrial park.

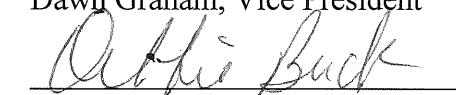
Mr. Doane said there have been several rumors about this property. Building Commissioner Wade Watson has spoke with Paul Burton regarding the rumors and if they want to change the use of the building it would need to go before the Zoning Board of Appeals. A stop work order has been issued. Paul Burton plans to be at the next meeting to give a statement regarding the use of the property.


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


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 Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer