

Town Council Meeting
Monday, March 9, 2020
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, March 9, 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, and President Jeff Simpson. Also present were Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston, Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley, and Town Manager JT Doane. Councilman Piercefield was absent.

Minutes – Executive minutes of February 19, 2020, special minutes of February 19, 2020, and council meeting of February 24, 2020. Councilwoman Graham 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 January totaling, \$383,362.09, the second was the regular docket for the period totaling \$128,426.76. Mr. Finley said he had signed off on the claims in those dockets and handed them over to the council for approval.

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

Public Hearing on Resolution 2020-5 Sacoma International Waiver of Non-Compliance – Town Attorney Huddleston said the public hearing was advertised in all three papers 10 days prior to the hearing per state statute.

President Simpson opened the public hearing.

With no questions or comments, President Simpson closed the public hearing.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-5. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2020-4 Travel Policy – Mr. Doane said the requested changes from the council were made to the ordinance.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-4. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

2005 Vactor Truck – Mr. Doane said the old vactor truck is having some transmission issues that need to be repaired before they can evaluate the rest of the vehicle. He presented quotes for repair.

Water Superintendent said the PTO went out during inspection. His recommendation is to rebuild the old transmission for \$6,000. Once that is complete it is possible there will be other repairs needed.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the transmission rebuild at \$6,000. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Street Signs – Mr. Doane said after a meeting with Mr. Finley they have decided to table this discussion until a later date when the cost for road projects is solidified.

Edinburgh Recycling Depot – Mr. Doane said opening day for the Recycling Depot will be on March 17th at the old electric department building. There will be a mailing with April's utility bill stating hours of operation and explaining the items accepted and the process for dropping of recycling material. There will be a Recycling 101 event at town hall on April 6th. He said Jessie Biggerman was present from the Johnson County Recycling District (JCRD) to further explain the process.

Ms. Biggerman said she is ecstatic to be opening the depot in Edinburgh. She gave an overview of what items would and would not be accepted. She said they would not be accepting glass because the cost of transportation is too high. It is possible that it could be available in the future but until then it would need to be taken to Franklin. The JCRD staff will be available to help with any questions citizens or staff may have.

Discussion was held regarding the glass transportation and separation process.

Vietnam War Veteran's Day – Mr. Doane said on Sunday, March 29th at 1:00 PM there will be an event celebrating Vietnam War Veteran's Day. There will be lunch and entertainment provided.

Resolution 2020-6 Authorizing Agreement with EBWC – Mr. Doane said this is regarding the Eastern Bartholomew Water Corporation connection that has been discussed previously. This agreement memorializes the agreement between Edinburgh and EBWC Board. This is basically an emergency water connection in case Edinburgh would need to purchase water from Eastern Bartholomew or vice versa.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-6. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

EBWC Emergency Connection Agreement – Mr. Huddleston said the agreement provides rates that will be charged for the purchase of water in an emergency.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the EBWC agreement. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Notice of Offering of Sale of Real Estate – Mr. Doane said this is a formal notice that must be published by statute to sell town owned property. Mr. Huddleston prepared this document.

Mr. Huddleston said anyone can bid on the property, not just the interested party. At the last meeting the council set a starting price of \$48,000. The building is being sold as-is, where-is. All expenses will be paid by the buyer. Mr. Finley will provide notice and the time period will start once the notice is sent out.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the notice of offering of sale of real property. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Road Projects – Mr. Doane said there are preconstruction meetings set for March 16th to set expectations of the projects. The engineers will also be present during that meeting.

NRA of America at Camp Atterbury – Mr. Doane said the NRA will be holding the national pistol and rifle championships at Camp Atterbury and they are seeking volunteers for the event. He left information for anyone interested on the council table.

Old Rest Haven Cemetery Office – Mr. Doane said Robertson will begin demolition on the old Rest Haven building in the near future. Robertson will then give a price for additional parking.

Paul Burton and Tim Dillingham – 1887 Center Discussion – President Simpson said this discussion is for information only to clear rumors floating around the community. Any action would require other meetings and/or variances.

Tim Dillingham introduced himself and gave a brief overview of Ditech, Inc. where he works. He wanted to explain the ideas for the old Christian Church on Walnut Street. His company saw a need to help people who could not get traditional employment. In particular, people fighting addiction. They noticed that there seemed to be a step missing in the recover process before returning home. They refer to it as the ¾ step. They would like to use the center as a short-term home for employees on the road to recovery. This could be a great thing for the community. The vision for the part of the building would be a community center that could house concerts or other social gatherings. He has heard the rumors himself but wanted to stress that they do not intend to bring outside offenders into the community. There would be a formal application process and the program would be faith based.

Paul Burton said he understands that in the absence of information rumors can spread quickly.

John Burton of 515 S. Walnut Street asked if the people housed in the building would be recently out of jail.

Mr. Dillingham said no. It is possible they could have a criminal record, but it will simply be for people struggling with addiction. Stereotyping these people as criminals is a misrepresentation.

John Burton said this program will be bringing people with drug problems into our neighborhoods.

Paul Burton said he does not mean this unkindly but there are already people in our neighborhoods struggling with addiction. The center is meant to help those people with addiction.

President Simpson said no decisions are being made on this tonight. There is a lengthy process including public hearing if this was to go forward. This meeting is for information only.

Building Commissioner Wade Watson said to use this building as suggested requires a change of use. This would require a variance by the zoning board and a state design release.

Paul Burton said the idea is to preserve this historic building and make it something the community can enjoy. There does need to be some source of revenue to operate the building. He said they do not want to push this on anyone and he would not let anyone bring something into his community that would be detrimental to his friends and community members.

Councilwoman Buck asked how long people would be staying at a time.

Mr. Dillingham said longer than 30 days but less than a year.

Janice Burton of 504 Fulford Drive asked if the people they bring in would be facilitated at all times.

Paul Burton said these people are not restricted by law in anyway. They have been through a treatment process and are free persons. They would do what they were asked to do or they would not be a part of this program.

Mr. Dillingham said these people are not in custody of the department of corrections. He is also having issues with the phrase "bringing them in" to the community. The people in this program could possibly all be from the Edinburgh area.

Patty Hazlegrove of 307 S. Walnut Street said it has been sad to see such a vibrant church go downhill. She has mixed feelings. They live across from the church and just need more information on the process.

President Simpson thanked Mr. Dillingham and Mr. Burton for presenting information to the council.

Departmental Comments

Mr. Doane said the town will be hiring for part time staff at the parks department, the golf course, and the cemetery.

Mr. Doane said he has a meeting set on March 18th with the railroad company regarding the accidents that happened last week.

Fire Chief Mike Herron said there will be meetings soon regarding the Phillips building and the aerial truck.

Public Comments

John Burton thanked the council for allowing the public to ask questions. He asked that they keep a close eye on the project.

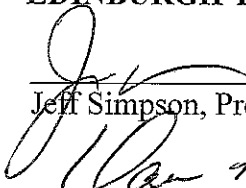
Jackie Oltman of 500 East Main Cross Street asked if there would be bins provided to citizens for recycling and what is the best way to get recycling to the depot.

Ms. Biggerman said bins will not be provided and the process will be laid out in depth at the Recycling 101 meeting.

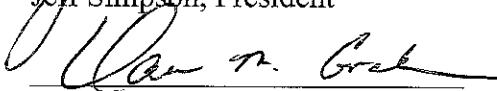
Ms. Oltman said there will be a prayer at the flagpole for Carla who was involved in the train accident. Donations will be accepted to support her family during her recovery.

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

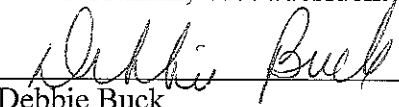
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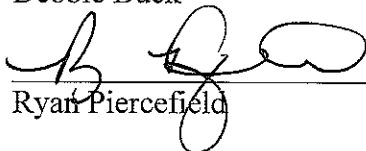
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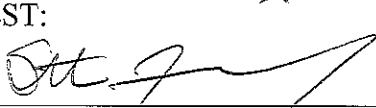
Debbie Buck



Ryan Piercefield

Miriam Rooks

ATTEST:



Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer