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

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

Vice President Dawn Graham 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 Councilman Ryan Piercefield. Also present were Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston, Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley, and Town Manager JT Doane. President Jeff Simpson was absent.

Minutes – Council meeting minutes of July 27, 2020. Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Claims – The council received a copy of the claim docket in their council packets. The total for the claim docket was \$132,714.00. Mr. Finley said he had signed off on the claims in that docket and handed them over to the council for approval.

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

Road Repair Hot Box – Mr. Doane said the council received quotes for the hot box machine. The old machine is from 1999 and when taking it in for repair we were told it was not worth fixing.

Street Superintendent Clark McCollum said the old hot box had been repaired improperly in the past. He spoke with other municipalities to see how they handle hot patch repairs. He said they can repair with cold patch, but it is expensive and does not work as well.

Mr. Finley said he would recommend holding off on this purchase until later in the year as we did not budget for this purchase. There may be some excess funds left in the street department at the end of the year that we could transfer to cover the cost.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to table the hot box discussion until November. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Wastewater Department Truck – Mr. Doane said the staff received another quote from Fletcher's for \$27,328.

Mr. Finley said after reviewing the financial management reports with Baker Tilly, the department does have the cash balance to purchase this vehicle if necessary. The cash balances are, however, projected to decline over the next few years. We will be needing a rate study in the next few years.

Wastewater Superintendent Rebecca Frakes said the Baker Tilly reports include construction costs related to phosphorus removal. The chemical process is going really well, and she does not believe we will need to do the construction project.

Discussion was held regarding the phosphorous removal process.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to approve the purchase of the pickup truck from Fletcher for \$27,328. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

2020 Paving – Mr. Doane said the paving on Walnut has been completed. County Road 900 is still underway. He said there appears to be some savings on the mill and overlay project and he would like to use that towards another street. There should be around \$20,000 to \$30,000 left after the project is complete. He gave a list of streets and asked the council to look at them before the next council meeting.

Town of Edinburgh Personnel Policy – Mr. Doane said after making a few adjustments at the council's request, the policy is now being reviewed by Mr. Huddleston. After his review it will be brought back to the council for review and approval.

EBWC Easement Agreement – Mr. Doane said location was modified for the emergency water connection with Eastern Bartholomew Water. This agreement allows them access to the connection point.

Mr. Huddleston said this has been reviewed and approved by the attorney for Eastern Bartholomew Water. It will be on the agenda of their next meeting for approval.

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

SR 252 Project Coordination Contract – Mr. Doane said this project is still scheduled for 2024. This contract is the next step and after approval will be forwarded to INDOT. Mr. Huddleston has reviewed and approved the contract.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the SR 252 Project Coordination Contract. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Prosser Area Project – Mr. Doane said he met with Wessler and Kenna Consulting for a site visit. They provided a cost analysis and there is another meeting scheduled this week. He said he has received several letters in support of the project including one signed by 17 residents.

Town Surplus Vehicles – Mr. Doane said the town has a few vehicles and equipment that have been taken out of the fleet. He submitted a list to the council (appendix A) to be deemed surplus so they can be sold at a future auction.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the list of surplus vehicles. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Departmental Comments

Water Superintendent Bill Jones said he met Friday with Wessler to discuss ideas for the new water plant. The department is working hard to correct the brown water issue in town.

Ms. Frakes said they recently had the river crossing line cleaned. It had not been cleaned in many years. One line was completely filled with silt and the other was mostly blocked. They are both now cleaned and functioning perfectly.

Parks Director Daniel Teter said the pool is open until Labor Day and fall baseball league will be starting soon.

Mr. Doane said we reviewed the financial management reports with Baker Tilly last week. We will be having further discussion on rate studies for the water and wastewater utilities.

Public Comments

Erin Anderson of Atterbury/Muscatatuck said she wanted to let the council know that Camp Atterbury would not be holding its community day this year due to the pandemic. Last year there were over 1,000 people present.

Debby Vaughan of 1127 Constitution Drive said she wanted to give kudos to the golf course for a successful golf tournament last weekend. They had over 300 golfers play over the weekend.

Ms. Vaughan asked if they pool had a heater.

Mr. Teter said yes, but it broke this year and it cannot be repaired until it is drained.

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

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