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

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, November 9, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, 107 South Holland Street, Edinburgh, Indiana.

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

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

Minutes – Special meeting minutes of October 23, 2020 and council meeting of October 26, 2020. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilman Piercefield seconded. Motion carried.

Claims – The council received two claim dockets in their council packets. The first was an end-of-month docket for August totaling \$408,400.17 and the second was the regular claim docket totaling \$859,867.20 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 Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2020-23 Authorizing Application Submission and Local Match Commitment – Mr. Finley said this resolution is regarding the application and local match for the OCRA grant for the Prosser Area Stormwater Project. These were drafted by Kenna Consulting and reviewed by Mr. Huddleston. Councilman Piercefield made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-23. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Additional CDBG Documents – Mr. Finley said these documents are also for the Prosser Area Stormwater Project. The documents included the Clerk-Treasurer letter, the Applicant Recipient Disclosure Update Report, and the CDBG signature page.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to approve the CDBG documents as presented. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to allow the corresponding person to sign each document. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2020-24 Allowing One Time PTO Carryover for Police Employees – Mr. Finley said at the previous meeting there was a discussion regarding staffing issues with the new PTO policy. This resolution allows police officers to carryover their extra time through March of 2021. If that time is not used by then, it is lost and not paid out. This resolution will only apply to those employees considered full time police employees in the personnel policy.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve resolution 2020-24. Councilman Piercefield seconded. Motion carried.

Old Dominion Donation – Mr. Finley said Old Dominion made a \$500 donation to the town for the police department assisting with the commercial they shot at the new terminal. They did not designate what they wanted the donation to be used for, so he wanted to bring it to the council.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to accept the donation and use it towards police funding. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Great Plains Pole Attachment Agreement – Building Commissioner Wade Watson said this has been in the works for several weeks. Great Plains, LLC has made some attachments to our poles in the Bartholomew County area. This document was created by Mr. Huddleston and has been approved by Great Plains' legal staff.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to approve the pole attachment agreement with Great Plains, LLC. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow Councilman Piercefield to sign the agreement on behalf of the council. President Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

Other Business

Councilwoman Rooks said she witnessed the EMTs respond to a call just a little bit ago and she wanted to thank them for all they do. That job is very difficult.

Councilman Piercefield said COVID-19 has made a resurgence in town and he wants to make sure we have a plan going forward. Betsy at the health department has been working closely with the town and he thinks the town is doing a good job at containing the virus.

President Simpson said there have been several calls related to the compactor hours. He recommended that the town open the compactor back up to the hours set earlier in the year.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to set the compactor hours to Tuesdays from 8am to 4pm, Fridays from 8am to 4pm, and Saturdays from 8am to 11am. Councilman Piercefield seconded. Motion carried.

President Simpson said Wessler will be on the next agenda to discuss the water plant.

Departmental Comments

Community Center Director SaraBeth Drybread said she wanted to thank the police and fire employees for their work on the chili supper. They raised over \$1,000 for the Cheer Fund that will provide toys and meal baskets during the holidays. She said she has a call with OCRA regarding the peer program projects. The Gobble Trot is still going on with added precautions. All activities will be outdoors, masks will be required before the race, and temperatures will be checked.

Fire Chief Mike Herron said the turnout gear ordered earlier this year should be arriving soon. The department is attempting to expand the bedroom area to allow the employees to spread out more in the sleeping quarters. They are also getting a quote on a new air conditioning unit as the window unit has quit working. There are a few other items the department needs in the near future. A stair chair as the old one broke, new cot batteries, and a thermal camera. The aerial truck repair will be completed after the review of the damage is complete.

Parks Director Daniel Teter said the department had its last tournament this week. The basketball league will start soon with added precautions. The procedures will be sent to the health department for approval.

Mr. Huddleston introduced his father Steve Huddleston to the council. He said he will be attending the next council on his behalf as he will be out of town.

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

EDINBURGH TOWN COUNCIL

Jeff Simpson, President

Dawn Graham, Vice President

Debbig Buck

Rvan Piercefield

Miriam Rooks

ATTEST:

Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer