

Town Council Meeting
Monday February 8, 2021
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, February 8, 2021 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: *Due to the COVID-19 public emergency and per Executive Order 20-09, members may have attended electronically (e).* Councilwoman Miriam Rooks, Councilwoman Debbie Buck, Vice President Dawn Graham, and President Jeff Simpson. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley and Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston.

Minutes – Council meeting of January 25, 2020. Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Claims – The council received two claim dockets in their council packet. The first was the end-of-month docket for December totaling \$204,626.58, and the second was the regular docket for the period totaling \$121,952.26. Mr. Finley said he had signed off on all the claims in those dockets and submitted them to the council for approval.

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

Employment Agreement for Town Manager – Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston said the council held interviews for Town Manager and an offer has been made contingent upon council approval. The offer is to Daniel Cartwright. He has reviewed and signed the agreement and it is before the council for approval. Mr. Cartwright wanted the council to know he has a planned vacation from April 27th to May 2nd and he also has a few duties he needs to complete with the Johnson County Commissioners that he would like until the end of February to complete.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the employment agreement with Daniel Cartwright. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Cartwright thanked the council and said he is excited to be involved with the Town of Edinburgh and looks forward to meeting and working with the staff and his door is always open.

President Simpson welcomed Mr. Cartwright and said it was great to see someone who had done so much research on the town prior to being interviewed.

Resolution 2021-1 Limiting Access Due to COVID-19 – Mr. Huddleston said this was discussed at the previous council meeting. He explained the changes and said the parks department will require a waiver for participants of parks activities. This limitation will be in effect through March 22, 2021.

Discussion was held regarding the waiver process.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-1. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

COVID-19 Waiver Form – Mr. Huddleston said this is the waiver form just discussed for the parks department. Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the COVID-19 Waiver Form. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2021-2 Food Pantry – Mr. Huddleston said the town has an arrangement with the Food Pantry to assist with utilities for the facility. This resolution fills the gap between the expiration of the last resolution and carries the assistance through the end of 2021.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-2. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2021-2 Establishing a TIF Fund for US 31 Allocation Area (First Reading) – Mr. Finley said this ordinance as well as the next three on the agenda establish funds to deposit tax dollars from the TIF districts established by the town and the Redevelopment Commission. We recently received the first distributions from Bartholomew County.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to waive the first reading of Ordinance 2021-2 and consider it for approval. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-2. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2021-3 Establishing a TIF Fund for I-65 Allocation Area (First Reading) - Councilwoman Graham made a motion to waive the first reading of Ordinance 2021-3 and consider it for approval. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-3. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2021-4 Establishing a TIF Fund for Downtown Allocation Area (First Reading) - Councilwoman Graham made a motion to waive the first reading of Ordinance 2021-4 and consider it for approval. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-4. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2021-5 Establishing a TIF Fund for Center Cross Allocation Area (First Reading) - Councilwoman Graham made a motion to waive the first reading of Ordinance 2021-5 and consider it for approval. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-5. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Rooney & Company Agreement – Mr. Finley said Lisa Rooney has handled our additional Medicaid money for our EMS runs. We have not applied for these funds for the last two years because the amounts were not large enough to justify the time or cost. However, Ms. Rooney believes we will be able to obtain approximately \$6,000. She has been able to collect almost \$60,000 to date and the town has paid her approximately \$12,000. Her fees are \$4,000 or 25%. We do not pay Rooney & Company until we received our funds.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the Rooney & Company Agreement with the 25% fee. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Rest Haven Fees – Parks Director Daniel Teter said the fees for the cemetery have not been updated since 2015. He proposed an increase on burial rights and opening/closing of \$100 and cremation to go up \$150. Costs associated with these processes have gone up over the last 6 years.

Councilwoman Graham asked about the 10-year flower basket program.

Mr. Teter said the people can pay for the department to maintain a flower basket at a grave site.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the cemetery rates as presented. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Rest Haven Excavator – Mr. Teter provided the council with quotes to repair the department's current excavator as well as quotes to replace the excavator. The machine is functioning but needs the slew ring repaired. The low quote was \$11,275.58. The cost of a new machine is \$48,382.44 with a trade in value of the current machine of \$10,000. Both companies quoting the repair said the machine was worth approximately \$40,000 after repair.

Councilwoman Buck asked if he just had the one quote for a new machine.

Mr. Teter said yes because they were not initially going to go the replacement route, but Councilman Piercefield wanted to look into the Bobcat Lease program.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the repair of the excavator by Company Wrench. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Quotes for New Police Vehicles and Lights – Town Marshall Doyne Little said he would like to request the purchase of two new Durangos to replace two older Chargers. He gave a list of mileage and engine hours on the current vehicles. He said he received 3 quotes and Bob Poynter was the low quote.

Councilman Simpson asked why Fletcher's Chrysler did not present a quote.

Mr. Little said he did not ask them as he has had several issues with Fletcher's recently.

Discussion was held regarding past issues.

Councilman Simpson said Fletcher's has property in town and pays local property taxes and always donates vehicles to be used in the parade. He said he would at least like to get a quote from a local company.

Mr. Little said he will hold off on the light quote until the vehicle quotes are in.

Council Comments

Councilwoman Rooks said she wanted to thank Bobby Simpson for his work on the roads this past week.

Public Comments

Calvin Davidson (e) of Ray's Trash Service was present electronically to discuss the town's trash removal contract. The town has a 5-year agreement with rate adjustments each year. Ray's did not bill on the adjusted rate for the second year and would like to submit an invoice for the difference. He said the previous Town Manager and previous Ray's representative added an addendum for large item pickup. He said he is not sure how that amount was determined but they will not be able to renew the contract at that rate going forward. He said he also noticed the sludge box at the wastewater plant was hauled three times in 2019 but was hauled 50 times in 2020.

Wastewater Superintendent Rebecca Frakes said the department should have one load per week. We no longer produce class A sludge. The town was contracted at 20-yard containers but have only been getting 15-yard containers.

President Simpson asked Mr. Davidson to put his request in writing and submit it for review and the town will draft a response.

Departmental Comments

Water Superintendent Bill Jones said he submitted a contract from Wessler to Mr. Huddleston for review. He asked for approval for Mr. Huddleston to draft an agreement for wellhead protection with Wessler. The contract amount was \$13,585. He explained that there is about 5 years' worth of work to complete before August.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow Mr. Huddleston to draft an agreement with Wessler for wellhead protection. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow President Simpson to sign the agreement on behalf of the council after it is acceptable to legal counsel. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Teter said the department has plans approved by the health department for basketball. They have had no issues with people signing the waiver so far. They are in the process of getting plans for banners for the East Main Cross light poles.

Electric Superintendent Kevin Rubush said he has a 1974 bucket truck that he would like to sell. An online auction would bring more money and eliminate liability.

Mr. Huddleston said the town would have to advertise and draft a resolution to sell the vehicle as-is, where-is.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow Mr. Huddleston to draft a resolution regarding disposal of the 1974 bucket truck. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Rubush said he would also like to proceed with advertisement for the work to be done on Walnut Street before the paving project. The advertisement has been drafted by Alpha Engineering.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to issue the advertisement for bids for the electric work on Walnut Street. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Community Center Director SaraBeth Drybread said Aspire Johnson County will be at the community center with their group on teen homelessness. There will be office hours at the center once a month for people to stop in and talk with them.

Ms. Drybread said the United Way would like to set up payroll deductions for the town employees to donate to their cause.

Mr. Huddleston said employees would need to sign up individually with deduction forms. The United Way would meet with employees or department heads to get people to sign up.

Building Commissioner Wade Watson passed out monthly notes regarding the water project, stormwater project, the Walnut Street project, and the SR 252 project. The Walnut Street project is underway, but the town will be required to relocate some utility poles as well as move some fire hydrants. The estimate to move the hydrants is about \$17,000.

Golf Course General Manager Wayne Gibbs said he would like to get approval to re-hire a mechanic at the golf course as the previous mechanic took the superintendent position. He said he would also be changing the title of mechanic to Assistant Superintendent.

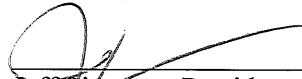
Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the hire of the Assistant Superintendent (mechanic). Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

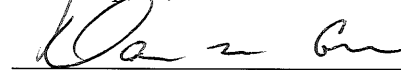
Mr. Gibbs said he would like to get approval to hire his part time seasonal help for the summer. The hours are the same as the last few year. Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the hiring request as submitted. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

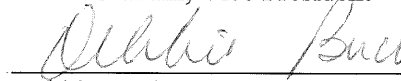
Mr. Gibbs said he would like to replace some items like signage and course markers using the Shelby County EDIT Funds. The total was \$6,825. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the purchases from the EDIT Fund as presented. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

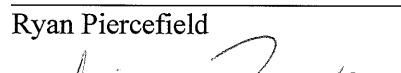
Being no further business or comments, Councilwoman Graham made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

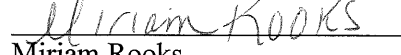
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