

Town Council Meeting
Monday, October 26, 2020
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, October 26, 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 Debbie Buck (e), Councilwoman Miriam Rooks, Councilman Ryan Piercefield (e), Vice President Dawn Graham, and President Jeff Simpson. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley and Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston.

Minutes –Council meeting of October 12, 2020. Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Claims – The council received a copy of the claim docket in their council packets. The total for that docket was \$764,942.55. Mr. Finley said he had signed off on the claims in that docket and handed them over to the council for approval.

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

Resolution 2020-22 Appointing an Acting Town Manager – Mr. Huddleston said this resolution memorializes the council decision to appoint President Simpson and Councilman Piercefield as acting town managers. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-22. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Advertisement for New Town Manager – Mr. Finley said in the past we have advertised this position to approximately 30 days. He and Mary Patterson would sort the resumes and provide them to the council for review. After that time, the council would hold a meeting to interview potential candidates. He said he will get the advertisement to the paper as soon as possible and run the ad through the end of November. He said the ad would run in all three local papers, the Indy Star, Indeed, and on our website.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to advertise for the Town Manager position as stated. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Public Sale of Surplus Items – Mr. Huddleston said before we start, anyone purchasing a police car is required to paint the vehicle a solid color per statute. All items are being sold AS-IS.

Mr. Finley said the winning bidders would need to bring cash or certified funds to the Edinburgh Administrative Offices no later than 7 days after the auction. Titles will be given at that time.

- 2011 Dodge Charger VIN 2B3CL1CG7BH539945 – Sold to Roger Bense for \$600
- 2008 Dodge Charger VIN 2B3KA4338H216441 – Sold to Roger Bense for \$850
- 1997 Chevy Dump Truck C8500 VIN 0067 – Sold to Roger Bense for \$500
- Stihl Demo Saws (2) – Sold to Roger Bense for \$50
- Road Pole Trailer – Sold to Roger Bense for \$100
- Tow Motor – Sold to Roger Bense for \$100
- 2 Ton RL Spaulding Hot Box Machine – Sold to Roger Bense for \$100

Prosser Area Stormwater Project – Kent Anderson of Kenna Consulting said they will be providing a resolution, a Clerk-Treasurer letter, and a few forms that will need signatures. They sent out 160 survey forms to residents in that area. The application is due on November 20th. A public hearing will be held on November 5th at 6 P.M.

Linda Sanders or Wessler Engineering said it would be beneficial for some members of the council could be present at the public hearing.

Street Signage – Street Superintendent Clark McCollum said in 2019 we approved new street signs, stop signs, and posts. He compiled a list of all intersections and street signs. There are 226

street signs and 159 stop signs. To complete the entire town, it would cost approximately \$46,000.

Mr. Finley said he would like to review the budget and cash balance after the road paving costs are paid out before he says yes or no to this amount.

Historic Preservation Discussion – This discussion was tabled.

Other Business

Mr. Huddleston said Parks Director Daniel Teter had discussed the Friends of Edinburgh 501c3. After review, it does not appear that the town has any ownership over this entity. It was created by a former employee but not under the town's ownership. He advised that the address be changed from town hall to a different address and no one employed by the town should be associated with that entity.

Mr. Finley said former Town Manager JT Doane had been the contact on the Community Crossings Matching Grant (CCMG). As he is no longer with the town, we need to appoint a contact for that grant process. He said he received an email today asking the town to prioritize one of the project applications submitted. He said he does not mind being the contact for that project, and he will work with Building Commissioner Wade Watson who has worked on these grants in the past.

Discussion was held regarding which project to prioritize.

Mr. Watson said the only thing he would add is the High School Drive Project is contingent upon the stormwater grant. If we do not get the stormwater grant, we do not want to rebuild the road just to have to tear it out again.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to appoint Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley as the contact for the CCMG projects and prioritize the South Walnut application. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Departmental Comments

Water Superintendent Bill Jones said they received bids on the Eastern Bartholomew Connection project, but they came in much higher than expected. He will be having discussions with Eastern Bartholomew Water to see if there is any work that can be done in house.

Mr. Jones said the number for iron and manganese have been much better and he has had very few dirty water complaints.

Fire Chief Mike Herron said he wanted to thank the community for their support during the tragic fire that occurred last weekend. He asked everyone to keep the families of those involved in their thoughts and prayers.

Town Marshall Doyne Little said he has an issue involving the new PTO policy put in place after the passage of the personnel policy. He said his staff's PTO had already been scheduled and the officers are not going to be able to use all their time before end of the year. He asked that the council consider allowing those officers to carry a few days over to be used by March of next year.

Mr. Finley said the only issue is that it is technically outside the policy passed by council. He would want the council to take action to allow the temporary carryover of those days. He said he would like to take some time to think about the action that needs to be taken so that we do not inadvertently omit something.

Parks Director Daniel Teter said the department is holding registration for youth basketball leagues and the Gobble Trot is being advertised. The department is working on possibilities to still have a modified Holiday of Lights Festival.


Community Center Director SaraBeth Drybread said Friday evening was the OCRA public forum for the peer program. Everyone was very engaged. Next week OCRA will be attending a board meeting soon to explain the next steps.

Ms. Drybread said this Friday will be the chili supper put on by the fire and police stations. That will be pre-order and pick-up only.

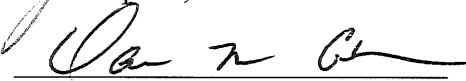
Ms. Drybread thanked Kathy Hamm for volunteering to lead historical walking tours through town.

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

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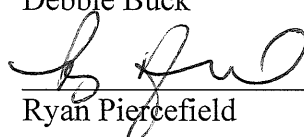


Jeff Simpson, President



Dawn Graham, Vice President

Debbie Buck



Ryan Piercefield

Miriam Rooks

ATTEST:



Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer