

Town Council Meeting
Monday, September 24, 2012
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, September 24, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, 107 South Holland Street, Edinburgh, Indiana.

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

President Hoffman thanked everyone for coming.

Members answering roll call were: Councilman John Drybread, Councilwoman Kami Ervin, Vice President Curtis Rooks and President Ron Hoffman. Councilman Simpson was absent. Also present was Clerk Treasurer Jackie Smith and Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston.

President Hoffman presented the minutes of the September 10, 2012 Council Meeting. Councilman Rooks made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Drybread seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said claims were next on the agenda and turned it over to Clerk Treasurer Smith.

Clerk Treasurer Smith said he had signed all claims presented to him and turned them over to the council for approval. Councilman Drybread made a motion to approve the claims. Councilman Rooks seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was Ordinance 2012-12 the amendment for fair housing ordinance. Ron said he didn't understand this because it is the law of the land according to the civil rights act passed in 1968 and I will ask Dustin to check with the state and see if it is accurate if everyone agrees. It was given to us by the people who write our grants and if we don't pass it according to the state we won't get any grants.

Councilman Drybread said we were contacted and said we had to have this to be eligible for grants.

Councilman Rooks asked if Dustin was going to check this out?

President Hoffman said yes and we will table it until we hear from Dustin.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Drybread said we have been working with AT&T on our internet to get some costs and quotes and now we are working with New Wave on that and that is the way we may go down the road. We like the wireless, but it is not as reliable and there are some cost issues.

Councilman Rooks asked is this communications technology?

Wade Watson said yes.

Councilman Drybread said we have worked through a lot of numbers on the budget since b the last meeting and it looks like we can take \$323,000 out right now and then button down on our spending through the end of the year. We will have a meeting on October 3rd to follow up.

President Hoffman said for the record there will be a budget workshop October 3 at 6:00.

Councilman Drybread said we are putting outlets and shelving in the food pantry. They need the space and Johnny Burton has been working fixing them up.

Councilman Rooks thanked John and the town for the fall festival and said everyone did a real nice job cleaning up and getting it ready.

Councilman Drybread said to pass that on to Daniel

President Hoffman said speaking on behalf of Kami the noise ordinance we discussed has been finalized by Kami in a form that has been looked at by Dave Lutz and Wade has it now. When he is done with it he will forward it to Dustin to review and we will have a final look at it and make changes if necessary and if not we will be ready to vote on the noise ordinance.

Ron said the towns new website is up and working and just google the Town of Edinburgh and it will pop up. It has a link to the Timbergate Golf Course. It has a lot of information and documents on it and it is going to keep growing. The superintendents of the departments have put a lot of effort into getting the information. It has the agendas and the meeting minutes and the minutes could not be put on the old website. I encourage you to look at it.

Councilman Drybread said last week wade had contractors in to look at the Amos-Hill building. It went real well and the comment from all the contractors was that it was one of the most professional presentations they have ever had on site. We had forms from Dustin for liability and the engineer we contracted with. They were very impressed with it. John said it is very complicate and will have to come down from the top. The estimate is 30 days to take the building down it is all steel.

President Hoffman said Wade did an outstanding job and it was professionally handled.

John Rondot asked who owns the scrap when this is taken down?

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President Hoffman said whoever takes it down and its part of the bid and hopefully we will get some reductions on it.

John Rondot said he thinks since it is all steel there should be some value there.

President Hoffman said the problem is the location and that will add costs.

Councilman Drybread said it will be taken down from the top in 15 minute intervals on traffic stops.

President Hoffman said it is going to come down Mr. Miller.

Councilman Rooks asked if this is going to be coordinated around the train schedules?

Councilman Drybread said there are some underground fiber optics so we are going to do some boring and move things. It's not a cheap operation and from some conversations it will be any where from \$100,000 to take this down and they are saying the scrap is worth maybe \$20,000. We will have Dustin sit in with us for negotiations to talk to Amos-Hill on who pays for what.

President Hoffman said he thinks Amos-Hill should kick in a little bit and that is his opinion.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Clerk Treasurer Smith said he had lost 4 good friends this year and he has decided to retire at the end of the year. He said he had talked with John last week about it and wanted to everybody else know

Parks Director Teter said the haunted house would be every Friday and Saturday night in October from 8 to 11pm and it should be fun.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jackie Burton said she wanted to wish Jackie a great retirement and in the end when he gets done she knows someone will have to pick up where he left off and is there anything else you need from me or do you want to ask me any questions or what else do I need to do?

President Hoffman said my only reply to that is we haven't even talked about that. I wish I could give you an answer, but I can't.

Jackie Burton said if you have any questions you know how to reach me and if you want to meet as a group and talk with me I am willing to do that.

President Hoffman said are options are because Jackie is an independent it is up to us and I don't know if there are any other options.

Town Attorney Huddleston said because he is an independent and not affiliated with a party the Town Council will make that decision.

President Hoffman said for those of you who didn't hear because of the train Mr. Huddleston said because he is an independent and not affiliated with a party the Town Council will make that decision.

Councilman Drybread said he wanted to thank Officer Lutz and the force for the last few weeks when we made a few meth lab busts and they also recovered our stolen dump truck. It will be operational as soon as they do a little work on it. The found it in Jennings County in a corn field and they did some damage to it.

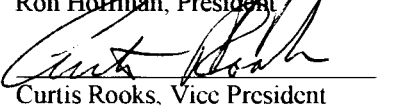
President Hoffman said that is an insurance claim.

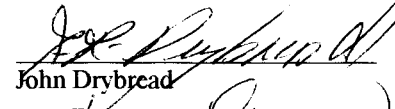
Councilman Drybread said probably not since our deductible is so high and thanked Dave.

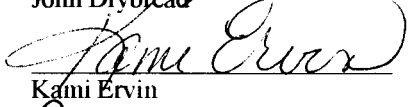
Being no further business or comments, Councilman Rooks made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Councilman Drybread seconded. Unanimous.

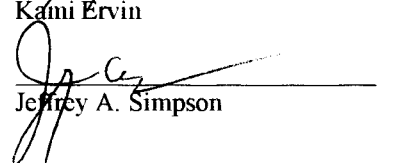
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Ron Hoffman, President

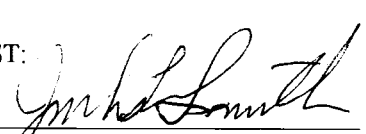

Curtis Rooks, Vice President


John Drybread


Kami Ervin


Jeffrey A. Simpson

ATTEST:


Jackie Smith, Clerk-Treasurer