

Town Council Meeting
Monday, October 8, 2012
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, October 8, 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, Councilman Simpson, Councilwoman Kami Ervin, Vice President Curtis Rooks and President Ron Hoffman. Also present was Clerk Treasurer Jackie Smith and Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston.

President Hoffman presented the minutes of the September 24, 2012 Council Meeting and the October 3, 2012 executive meeting. Councilwoman Ervin asked if we got the minutes of the executive meeting. President Hoffman said just that it has been held. Councilman Rooks made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilwoman Ervin 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 Simpson made a motion to approve the claims. Councilman Drybread seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was Ordinance 2012-13 budget adoption ordinance for 2013. Ron said you all got a breakdown of the budgets.

Councilman Drybread gave the council a copy of the breakdowns. John said this breaks it down line item by line item for each department and account number and the money. Mary put this together today and there is also an Edinburgh Police Department budget summary.

Councilman Rooks asked if this is how much we reduced them?

Councilman Drybread said yes a little over \$300,000.

President Hoffman said \$300,000 is the number that Umbaugh recommended we get to and we did a little better.

Councilman Rooks made a motion to approve Ordinance 2012-13. Councilwoman Ervin seconded. Unanimous.

John Rondot asked what impact was on the number of employees with the \$300,000 cut?

President Hoffman and Councilman Drybread both said none.

John Rondot asked if this was an across the board cut department by department?

Councilman Drybread said yes.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was ordinance 2012-12 amendment to fair housing ordinance. Ron said contact with the department that is suppose to call back has been made and we have not been called back, so we can remove this from the agenda and not vote on it tonight. It doesn't make sense because this is the law of the land.

Councilwoman Ervin asked if it is tabled?

President Hoffman said yes it is tabled. Ron said next on the agenda is the Timbergate update and turned it over to Wayne Gibbs.

Wayne said he had two reports one for August and one for September. Wayne said we would go over August first. Revenue was \$141,704.14 and this is the first month we fell short of last year and we had a profit of \$82,199.42. Wayne said green fees and memberships were down a little bit and everything else was up. Wayne said for September revenues were \$117,632.43 and estimated expenses were \$42,652.34 and a profit of \$74,980.09.

Councilman Simpson asked why the numbers vary?

Wayne said the weather mostly, then we pre order chemicals for next year. Wayne said alcohol and green fees were up from September. Wayne said the report for January through September shows that the revenue is the best since 2006 and he thinks it's the best we have ever had, but we have no records prior to 2006. Expenses are in line with the past and if you deduct the yearly bond payment of \$463,000 we would have a profit of \$247,000.

Councilwoman Ervin said fantastic.

Councilman Drybread said this is a huge turnaround from where we were.

Wayne said the revenue of \$872,848.88 as of September 18th we passed last year's total revenues for the year.

President Hoffman thanked Wayne.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Drybread said the haunted house is in full swing on the weekends through October. We started work at the school with some curbs and concrete work. Curtis will be out due to some surgery on his leg and he will be back in a week or so. We are getting ready for winter and Wade is going to go through some things on our bids. We met with Salin and we worked on the Timbergate bond issue on the percent.

President Hoffman asked if it was for lowering the rate?

Councilman Drybread said yes.

President Hoffman asked if that would reduce our payment?

Councilman Drybread said yes actually working with Salin and Umbaugh we would end up with \$50,000 profit. Dustin did some research on it for us and there are some language issues and things look good.

Councilman Rooks said he wanted to thank the people who worked on the budgets to get the \$300,000 cuts. It's a good thing that we can do this without cutting employees.

Councilman Rooks said we would like to thank everyone who worked on the budget cuts and getting to where we needed to be and thanked Wayne for the job he is doing at the golf course. It's nice to see us headed in the right direction. Curtis thanked Daniel and his crew for the work they do for the recreation that is offered for the people in Edinburgh. The haunted house takes a lot of work and a lot of volunteers to help us. Curtis said he really appreciates all the work everyone has done in the whole community.

Councilwoman Ervin said the noise ordinance is now in Dustin's hand. Wade and Chief Lutz have reviewed it and it has been passed on to Dustin. Hopefully we will have something in the future and keep your eye out for it on the agenda it's still in the works.

Town Attorney Huddleston said he just got the noise ordinance.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Building Commissioner Watson said he would like to review the bids of the Amos-Hill project. Everyone should have a copy of the bids, we had 11 companies interested and nine of them submitted bids that range from \$65,105.62 to \$192,000. The four lowest bids are within \$8,000, which indicates they are good bids. Wade said he reviewed the bids, the financial page and the scope of work and my information is that any of the bidders are more than qualified to do the project. Lawyer Excavating Inc. was the lowest bidder and they have just completed a similar project. Wade said he had been in contact with Mike Bell from Amos-Hill and if the town doesn't have the funds we are going to explore the possibility and see if there are funds available from the public sector.

Councilwoman Ervin said she appreciates everything that Wade did and this is one of the best presentations we have had on bids and understanding it. With all the budget cuts we have now my opinion is if there is a way to find public funding I am all for the project, but at this point I don't feel that we should spend that amount of money for something that is okay standing where it has for the last umpteen years. I would pass on it right now and recommend we look for the money elsewhere and then revisit it to see where we are at and see what budget issues we have next year.

Councilman Drybread said we have a real narrow window here; we have about 2 to 3 weeks.

Building Commissioner Watson said if we delay it a couple of weeks we are probably looking at next spring because of the weather.

Councilman Drybread said I think this time frame would give us some time and I would like to look at some payment schedules.

President Hoffman said that a payment schedule is a good idea and not have to pay them all at one time. We have all kinds of things to work out.

Councilwoman Ervin asked Wade how long the bids were good for?

Building Commissioner Watson said most would expire before the spring. Most company's bid is good for 30 days. If we don't act on this one we probably will have to put it up for bids again.

Councilman Drybread said if we could figure this out over the next month we could award the bid and it wouldn't be done until spring.

Building Commissioner Watson said that is right.

Town Attorney Huddleston said if you award a bid with the lowest company you could write a contract which has certain terms and conditions that will affect us and a schedule of payments. That gives you guys a way out if they don't want the terms. My point is if you award a bid it would be tied to a contract we have with the company.

President Hoffman asked if that would incorporate that it starts in the spring with good weather?

Town Attorney Huddleston said we would have start dates, completion dates, payment schedules and liability.

President Hoffman said we have 3 years to take this down by our contract with Amos-Hill.

Councilman Rooks said working with contractors at school there are a lot of things you can put in the contract to protect us, especially the payment schedule and then we have a lot of flexibility we can work with.

Councilwoman Ervin said if we award the bid do we vote on the contract also.

Town Attorney Huddleston said if you want to accept the lowest bid, then you say you want to award that money however it will be subject to the terms of the contract. If you want me to I will be happy to draft a contract that you guys can review before I send it to them. They would have to agree to it and you would have to vote to ratify the contract.

John Rondot said you probably have an agreement with the railroad and the state highway, are they impacted by delays?

Building Commissioner Watson said they would be the same now or two years from now. Wade said one thing I would add to the condition of that is we had excellent response from a large numbers of contractors due to two elements. One being companies are looking for winter projects and the price of scrap metal. One of the individuals that I spoke to said he thought the prices were down now, but at midsummer it was \$400 a ton and they are estimating around 100 tons or more of scrap steel. Some were apprehensive because they thought they would have to sit on the steel until prices go up.

Councilman Rooks asked if we knew how much steel is in there?

Building Commissioner Watson said one of the contractors contacted Kroots and had them help estimate the tonnage and it is 100 tons.

President Hoffman said most of us want it down as do most of the people who live in this town, but money is the issue and if we can work out a good deal with whoever does it by spreading out the payments or get public funding.

Councilwoman Ervin said she doesn't feel comfortable spending \$65,000 after we just asked the departments to cut on their budgets.

Councilman Simpson said what would be wrong with us awarding a bid and doing a contract to see what we could work out? Prices are cheaper now than they will be in the spring because larger jobs open up in the spring.

Town Attorney Huddleston said if you award the bid tonight your payment would be \$65,000 and the only variable would be drawn up in the contract.

President Hoffman said how about as a board we ask you to draw up a contract that we can review. Are you opposed to that Wade?

Building Commissioner Watson said he was not.

Town Attorney Huddleston said another suggestion I would talk with Mr. Bell about some alternative funding that may be something you want to know.

Councilwoman Ervin said she would like to know if we could table this until our next meeting. We might have more information on funding and that we could look at.


Councilman Drybread said we don't want to commit \$65,000 until we know. John made a motion for Dustin to draw up a contract and talk to Mr. Bell with Amos-Hill. Councilman Rooks seconded. Unanimous.

Councilwoman Ervin thanked Wade for all the work he did on this.

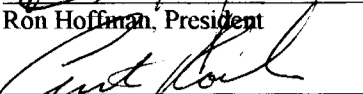
Parks Director Teter said we have the haunted house on Friday and Saturday nights in October. We had 40 to 45 volunteers this weekend and took in close to \$1,000 after being rained out on Friday. Fall leagues have 2 more weeks and the last softball tourney is the last weekend of this month. Zumba is going on and we will be having line dancing before long.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

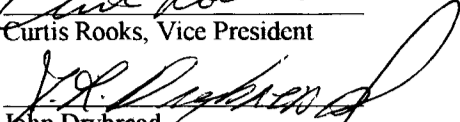
Being no further business or comments, Councilman Simpson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Drybread seconded. Unanimous.



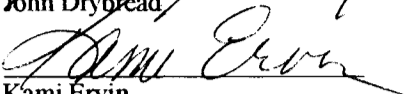
Ron Hoffman, President



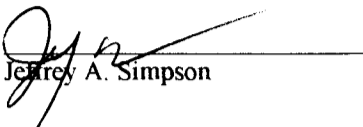
Curtis Rooks, Vice President



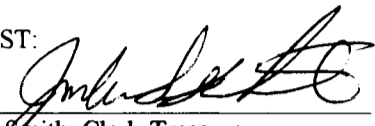
John Drybread



Kami Ervin



Jeffrey A. Simpson

ATTEST: 

Jackie Smith, Clerk-Treasurer