

Town Council Meeting
Monday December 13, 2021
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, December 13, 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 ((e) represents virtual attendance): Councilwoman Debbie Buck, Councilwoman Miriam Rooks, Councilman Ryan Piercefield, and President Jeff Simpson. Also present were Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston, Director of Administrative Services Mary Patterson, and Town Manager Dan Cartwright. Vice President Dawn Graham and Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley was absent.

Minutes – Council meeting of November 22, 2021, and executive meeting minutes of December 10, 2021. Councilwoman Buck 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 October totaling \$256,202.61 and the second was the regular docket for the period totaling \$469,655.47. Ms. Patterson said Mr. Finley reviewed the claim docket before his vacation and submitted them to the council for approval.

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

Ordinance 2021-24 Granting Extension for PUD for Timbergate (First Reading) – Mr. Huddleston said the Edinburgh Planning Commission met on October 19, 2021, to consider two requests from Gradison, Inc. The first was for a five-year extension of the PUD set to expire this year. This was unanimously approved at that planning commission meeting. The second request is the next ordinance on the agenda regarding what Gradison wants to change in the development. As the PUD is set to expire, he recommended waiving the first reading of the PUD extension.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to waive the first reading of Ordinance 2021-24 and consider it for approval. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-24. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2021-25 Amending PUD for Timbergate (First Reading) – Mr. Huddleston said this ordinance encompasses the changes Gradison is requesting to the PUD. This is the first reading of the ordinance, and the second reading is set to be on January 10, 2022, at the school as the crowd is expected to be large with remonstrators.

No action was taken on Ordinance 2021-25.

Aquatic Center Facility Sealed Bids – Mr. Cartwright said we received 4 bids for the aquatic center. He opened the bids alphabetically. The bids were as follows:

BCMI	\$897,000.00
Dunlap Builders	\$947,000.00
Mattcon General – Contractors, Inc.	\$872,000.00
Runnebohn Construction	\$766,100.00

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to take the bids under advisement and have a recommendation at the next council meeting. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Public Hearing for Additional Appropriations – Mr. Cartwright said Mr. Finley and Ms. Patterson prepared this request. The additional amount is due to increased legal fees and the addition of an employee in the planning department. The amount is for \$75,000.

President Simpson opened the public hearing.

Being no comments, President Simpson closed the public hearing.

Ordinance 2021-26 Additional Appropriations – Councilman Piercefield made a motion to waive the first reading of Ordinance 2021-26 and consider it for approval. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-26. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Public Hearing for Waiver of Non-Compliance – Planning Director Wade Watson said Edinburgh Investments failed to file their CF-1 for their active tax abatement before the May 15th deadline. Council reviewed and approved the forms after they were submitted in June. The county will deny the abatement unless the council approves a waiver of non-compliance for Edinburgh Investments. The staff recommendation is for approval.

President Simpson opened the public hearing.

With no comments from the public, President Simpson closed the public hearing.

Resolution 2021-26 Waiver of Non-Compliance – Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-26. Councilman Piercefield seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2021-23 Unsafe Building Code (Second Reading) – Mr. Huddleston said this was presented to the council at the previous meeting, but the planning department had a few changes they wanted to see. Those changes have been made and the ordinance is ready to be voted on.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-23. Councilwoman Rooks second. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2021-27 Salary Ordinance (First Reading) – Mr. Cartwright said the council received a copy of the changes to the salary ordinance.

Discussion was held regarding the fire department pay.

No action was taken on Ordinance 2021-27.

Ordinance 2021-28 Transfer of Appropriations – Mr. Cartwright said this ordinance allows the transfer of appropriations within a department. The full list of transfers will be presented to the council when Mr. Finley returns from vacation.

No action was taken on Ordinance 2021-28.

Resolution 2021-27 Holiday Schedule – Mr. Cartwright said this resolution sets the holidays for the town for 2022. The holidays are the same as they were in 2021.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-27. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2021-28 Meeting Schedule – Mr. Cartwright said similarly, this sets the council meeting schedule for 2022. The meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month with the exception of the last meeting of the year.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-28. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Access and Maintenance Agreement – Mr. Huddleston said this has been discussed a few times in the past. The council should have a copy of the changes that have been made to the agreement.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the Access and Maintenance Agreement. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Other Business

Councilwoman Buck said the Holiday of Lights was great. She thanked all the employees involved in that process.

Mr. Cartwright said the police and fire departments are concerned about the influx of semi traffic at the mall area. He said he is putting together a meeting with the mall, the Sprague's, the Bartholomew County Planning Department, and the INDOT Traffic Engineer to discuss the issue.

Mr. Cartwright said the town now has an advance life support agreement with Johnson Memorial Hospital. Johnson Memorial provides training and protocols.

Parks Director Daniel Teter thanked all the departments that assisted with the Holiday of Lights.

Wastewater Superintendent Rebecca Frakes said the Prosser Project is still moving forward. They will be setting a large structure on Tuesday.

Water Superintendent Bill Jones said he would like to get permission from the council to hire an additional employee at the water department. The new plant construction is going to take a lot of his time and the department will essentially be short an employee.

Discussion was held regarding the staffing at the department.

The council asked Mr. Jones to submit a report outlining the duties and the pay for the additional employee.

Public Comments

Debby Vaughan of 1127 Constitution Drive asked if the council planned to keep the 20 mile per hour speed limit on East Main Cross. She felt the speed was too low when the side streets are all 30.

Town Marshall Doyne Little said that was recommended by the previous town manager. 20 miles per hour is relatively slow compared to other streets.

Curtis Rooks from the School Board said the school had been in favor of dropping that speed limit because cars were not slowing down near the school zone when it turned to 20 miles per hour.

Discussion was held regarding school zone speed limits.

Rob Dengel of 204 St. Andrews Avenue said he frequently travels down East Main Cross and because there is parking on one side it is difficult for two cars to get by each other. Increasing the speed limit to 30 could make the road more dangerous with two cars trying to get around a parked car.

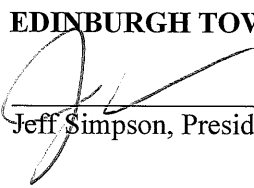
Mr. Dengel said he thinks the town missed a good opportunity to request some changes be made to the PUD, one of those being an increase in square footage.

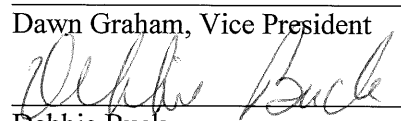
Mr. Watson said in his opinion, any changes like that would be in the PUD amendment ordinance.

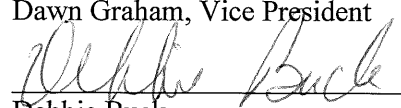
Mr. Dengel said his home is part of his retirement. He is afraid the Gradison Development could affect his home value. He hopes that the council understands that these decisions affect the current residents.

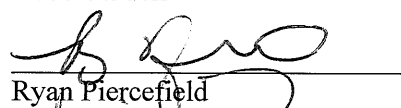
Being no further business or comments, Councilwoman Buck made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Piercefield seconded. Motion carried.

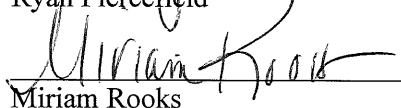
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