

Town Council Meeting
Monday, December 10, 2012
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday December 10, 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 Jeff Simpson was absent. Also present was Clerk Treasurer Jackie Smith and Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was the minutes of the November 26, 2012 council meeting, the December 5, 2012 executive meeting and the December 6, 2012 executive meeting. Clerk Treasurer Smith said there were a couple of corrections on the minutes that have been made. Jackie said that the November 26 council meeting had Tuesday instead of Monday and that has been changed and the December 6 meeting had been changed to say the Councilman Simpson was absent. Councilman Rooks made a motion to approve the minutes with the changes. 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 the 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 the appointment of the Clerk-Treasurer. To give you some background, since Jackie is retiring and his last day is December 31 by Indiana Code we must as a town council appoint a new clerk treasurer since Jackie was an independent. By Indiana Code we must replace him within 30 days of his last day, which is December 31. The job posting was put in all the papers and we received 18 resumes of which 8 were disqualified because they didn't live in the town limits of Edinburgh or they didn't say they would move to Edinburgh. That left us with 10 resumes. We had two executive meetings, one to review the resumes and the second to interview. That takes us to discussion and taking nominations for the Clerk Treasurer for 3 years and then it reverts back to the election.

Councilman Drybread thanked Jackie for his years of service and acknowledge the council for their hard work on this. It was a similar process to the one we used to get Chief Mann on board. This was tougher than the other decision. All good candidates and all good interviews and that made it a harder decision. I commend the council and thank Jackie for all his years of service. I have one I would like to make a motion on, but I want to hear from the others.

Councilman Rooks said he was like John a lot of good candidates and this has been one of the toughest decisions we have had to make. We appoint now and in 3 years it goes back to the citizens of Edinburgh. I appreciate everyone that interviewed for the position and appreciate the board's involvement.

Councilwoman Ervin said all of the candidates brought excellent qualifications to the table. Also personality was important because typically a political position has relations with the public, the board, and other agencies and that was a big part of my decision that and the working knowledge of an accounting system. It was a very difficult decision and I appreciate all the candidates and what we decide is what we think is best for the community.

President Hoffman said this is the most difficult decision in my 5 years. It comes down to the person who has the ability to communicate and there were several people I was impressed with and the decision wasn't easy. I appreciate all the people who submitted resumes. As Kami said we made the decision based on what we thought was best for the town. I will call for a nomination for the Clerk Treasurer.

Councilman Drybread nominated to appoint Scott Finley for the position. Councilwoman Ervin seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was Resolution 2012-7 the holiday schedule for 2013. Councilman Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-7. Councilwoman Ervin seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was Resolution 2012-8 the council meeting schedule for 2013. Ron said the first meeting in November is on Tuesday, because Monday is Veterans Day and December 30 will be the final meeting instead of the Monday previous to that. Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-8. Councilman Rooks seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was the Amos elevator grant opportunity and turned it over to Wade Watson.

Building Commissioner Watson said my staff report for December 10 is related to the demolition of the grain elevator and the opportunity for a grant. There are 3 points that I have. One is to authorize Mike Bueng to begin preparing engineering documents, two is to award the grant writing process to Kenna as our Grant Administrator as required for the application process and three is to authorize Dustin to draft the Blight

Resolution which is part of the grant process. I have had conversations with Lawyer Excavating who is the low bidder. They will be holding their price for up to a year to give us the time to do our grant. I recommend that we award them the project and get a contract signed with them contingent on them holding the price and us getting the funds. This will take it out of the pre bid and lock in the pricing. The first draft is due March 22 and there is a lot of work that needs to be done. We have a narrow window to get the grant written and a lot of environmental studies and agencies that have to be notified. We have to have a couple of public meetings and it is urgent if we want to qualify for this fund. Two areas that are important, but not urgent are one to get the asbestos inspection done and this will cost about \$ 1000 based on the bids I got. Any funds that we spend on the project can be counted toward the 10 per cent community match that is necessary to qualify for the funds. The other option is to look at conducting a Phase 1 Environmental. This isn't required, but it would give us higher point grading to acquire the grant money. There is no guarantee that we will get the grant. The State of Indiana has not been approved for the grant funds yet and the fund could be cut on a national level. The other is the change in the governor's office. I talked with Jill Curry and she indicated that all programs would continue to be funded and historically they have been funded through several administrations and she doesn't see any reason it would not continue. I think we need to move forward.

Councilwoman Ervin asked what is the cost of the engineering documents?

Building Commissioner Watson said he didn't know. I need to talk to Mike and we need to contact DNR and EPA and they have to clear us. Some of the engineering costs can be covered by what we have done on the bid process. Some of the work we have done is a requirement for the grant such as acquiring the property and full analysis of cost that has been done.

Town Attorney Huddleston said the cost we have occurred would go toward the matching grant.

Building Commissioner Watson said the minimum match is 10 per cent. We get 1 point for every percent we match, but there is a minimum of 10 per cent and any money we have already spent or will be spending before the grant can be counted toward that 10 per cent.

Councilwoman Ervin said we are not looking at a huge amount, but \$ 1000 for the asbestos inspection.

Building Commissioner Wade said the town doesn't pay the grant administrator unless the grant is awarded.

Town Attorney Huddleston said he told Wade when we first approached this subject I had gotten an environmental study already and I have that saved and that cost can be used.

President Hoffman said you would like a motion for Buening to begin, to award the grant writing to Kenna, and authorize Dustin to draft the Blight Resolution and a motion to move forward and lock in Lawyer Excavating as the winning bid subject to pricing being good for one year.

Town Attorney Huddleston said drawing up a contract could cover the last item. I could put the contingency Wade talked about in there with Lawyer Excavating.

President Hoffman asked do you recommend we vote on any of these?

Town Attorney Huddleston said yes we need to give authorization.

Councilman Rooks asked if we need to do each one individually?

Town Attorney Huddleston said since he put it on the agenda as part of your packets you can reference the requests on the handout.

Councilman Drybread said we have a history with Kenna and we have worked with them before. Lawyer is working with us and I think we have some good ones and we want to keep pushing forward.

Councilwoman Ervin asked would it be possible to make a motion now, but option 3 as a consideration. I would like to know what we are spending. I know we will spend \$1000 now and that is all I know. Is it possible to wait until the next meeting for the other?

Building Commissioner Watson said yes.

President Hoffman said you just want to vote on the facts about the Amos-Hill demolition as presented by Wade Watson.

Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to authorize Mike Buening to prepare Engineering documents, award the grant writing process to Kenna as our Grant Administrator, authorize Dustin to draft the Blight Resolution, award the project to Lawyer Excavating on the contingency that they honor their bid through January 1, 2014 and authorize asbestos and lead inspection to determine any clean up costs necessary. Councilman Rooks seconded. Unanimous.

Town Attorney Huddleston said that is fine as long as Jackie incorporates specifically what is in the letter in the minutes.

Councilwoman Ervin said as long as he spells it out.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda is New Wave Communications and turned it over to Jason Suttles.

Jason Suttles said we just wanted to say we are in the community and had some handouts with contacts on them to make it easier for the people to contact them.

Councilwoman Ervin asked if they were located off Kyle Street?

Jason said yes.

Councilman Rooks asked if they had put anything in the local paper?

Jason said he didn't know, but he would find out.

Councilman Rooks said he thought it would be a good idea to put the information in the local paper.

Jason thanked the council.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was the Timbergate update and turned it over to Wayne Gibbs.

Wayne Gibbs said you have two reports one for October and one for November. The one for October was actual figures that showed revenue as \$69,307 and expenses of \$54,602 for a profit of \$14,705 and he is happy with the numbers. Wayne said they were up in alcohol sales and simulator and this was weather related because most of last year's was green fees.

John Rondot asked if most people waited until December to renew memberships?

Wayne said yes most renew in December.

Councilwoman Ervin asked if they are giving discounts?

Wayne said if you pay before the first of the year. Wayne said November was pretty good and the weather helped them out December is pretty good if you look down through the history since 2006. Expenses were \$34,671 and expenses were \$45,305 for a loss of \$10,633. The expenses for November are estimated. Revenues for November were up in alcohol sales, memberships, and pro shop sales.

President Hoffman asked how far are we from the million?

Wayne said about \$6000 and that is huge. In history \$908,000 is the best ever done.

President Hoffman said that is very good.

Councilman Drybread said that is what you projected.

Wayne said we still have some memberships to come in so that should go up.

The council thanked Wayne

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Drybread said he congratulated everyone that was involved with the Holiday of Lights. Lots of folk's downtown, the parade went through town, we had good weather and the Merchants did an excellent job. We had a lot of town folks working on it also.

Councilman Drybread said he met with our health care insurance and we are going to shift from a PPO to a HRA plan.

President Hoffman asked could you explain the difference?

Councilman Drybread said the HRA is a health reimbursement plan. In the proposal this is going to cost us almost \$68,000 per month, which will save us about \$5,600 per month, which is almost \$70,000 per year. Our insurance will remain the same. Mary sat down with Larry Mayfield and went through the numbers and the cost will be the same. If we did nothing our premiums would go up 25 per cent, which is a 9 percent increase.

Councilwoman Ervin asked is the coverage the same with the co pays?

Councilman Drybread said there is no co pays.

Councilwoman Ervin asked if it was a high deductible?

Councilman Drybread said yes.

Councilwoman Ervin asked if we are going to have a meeting to have a better understanding?

Councilman Drybread said once you hit the deductible it goes from \$ 10, \$ 20 and \$ 30 to \$ 30, \$ 45 and \$ 70.

President Hoffman asked if Larry was going to make a presentation when it is finished?

Councilman Drybread said yes and what we need now is a motion because this kicks in on January 1 and people will need cards.

Councilman Rooks made a motion to renew the health insurance policy. Councilwoman Ervin seconded. Unanimous.

Councilman Rooks thanked Wayne for the golf course presentation and Wade for the work he has done on the grain elevator. He thanked all the people involved in the Holiday of Lights and said staff appreciation day was Friday.

President Hoffman said today there was a hearing at the county commissioners office about the smoking ordinance that was passed, but not enacted and was to have taken place January 1. At the meeting today Commissioner Ron West made a motion to reject and in 90 days have a new meeting to redefine the smoking ordinance, so it will not take place January 1. Military People were there, VFW and Legion people were there and with the reversal of the original ordinance and it being tabled nothing will be done.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Town Attorney Huddleston said I want to clarify that when you made a motion for Mr. Finley's appointment it is effective January 1, 2013.

Clerk Treasurer Smith presented the council with an invitation for the library open house Friday morning from 7-9 and said our staff appreciation day is Friday also.

President Hoffman said staff appreciation day is Friday starting at noon at the Park and Recreation Department.

Building Commissioner Watson said you asked me to research and see if our traffic code had anything to do with j-brakes and there is nothing in the traffic code.

Town Marshall Mann said he would like to brag a little about the police force. Everyone knows that Danner's has a new entrance and thanks to the cameras and some witness statements Rick Wilson went in pursuit because three of them ran away. He managed to track them down and while in private property he was able to obtain probable cause for a search warrant and it ended in the seizure of a meth lab and we shut this down. He did some good police work on this. Today the same thing happened in a different location in town and we are taking narcotics seriously in town. I want to compliment my men for their work, it just takes time.

Councilwoman Ervin said I would like to thank you and the social network is talking about it and the parents really appreciate it.

Town Marshall Mann said we are trying to get out an honor of determination for the holiday benefits.

The council thanked Dave.

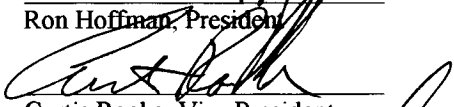
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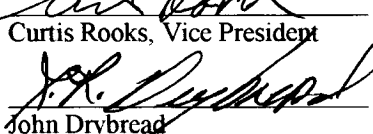
Harry Miller said he was at the County Commissioners meeting and was really impressed on how it turned out.

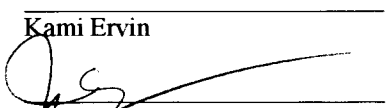
Being no further business or comments, Councilman Drybread made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Councilwoman Ervin seconded. Unanimous.

EDINBURGH TOWN COUNCIL


Ron Hoffman, President

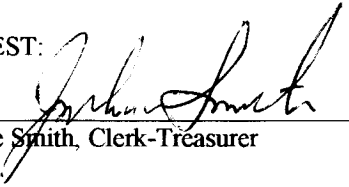

Curtis Rooks, Vice President


John Drybread


Kami Ervin


Jeffrey A. Simpson

ATTEST:


Jackie Smith, Clerk-Treasurer