

Town Council Meeting
Monday, February 14, 2022
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, February 14, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, 107 South Holland Street, Edinburgh, Indiana.

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

Members answering roll call: Councilwoman Debbie Buck, Councilwoman Miriam Rooks, Councilwoman Dawn Graham, and President Ryan Piercefield. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley, Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston, and Town Manager Dan Cartwright. Councilman Jeff Simpson was absent.

Minutes – Council meeting of January 24, 2022. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Claims – The council received three claim dockets in the council packet. The totals for those dockets were:

November end-of-month – \$245,593.46
 December end-of-month - \$281,461.33
 Regular docket - \$509,585.73

Mr. Finley said he had signed off on the claims in those dockets and handed them over to the council for approval.

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

Resolution 2022-6 Accepting Transfer of Property – Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston said the town paid the Timbergate bond off last year. Timbergate was titled to the Edinburgh Redevelopment Authority that was set up to control the bonds. Part of the agreement was the ERA would transfer the property to the town after the bonds were paid off. The deeds have already been recorded and this resolution shows the acceptance of the transfer.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-6. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2022-7 Amending and Restating COVID-19 Mitigation Protocol Policy – Mr. Huddleston said this resolution modifies the existing COVID-19 mitigation policy. The resolution simply states the town will follow the CDC mitigation policies.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-7. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Conflict of Interest Forms – Mr. Finley said he was trying to get all conflict-of-interest forms on the same schedule but has not received one of them so there will be more in the future. The two for approval tonight are one for Jeff Simpson as he does automotive work on town vehicles and one for himself, Scott Finley, as his father does HVAC work for the town occasionally. He said the staff would also be reviewing all vendors to make sure there aren't other forms that need to be submitted.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the conflict-of-interest form for Scott Finley. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the conflict-of-interest form for Jeff Simpson. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

2022 EMS – Blue River Township Agreement – Mr. Finley said this is the annual agreement to provide emergency services to the Blue River Township area. Blue River Trustee Ray Walton has already reviewed and approved the agreement.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the 2022 EMS – Blue River Township Agreement. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to allow President Piercefield to sign the agreement on behalf of the council. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Acceptance and Award of Low Bid for High School Drive – Town Manager Dan Cartwright said earlier today the town opened bids for the High School Drive Reconstruction project. Crossroads Engineering have submitted a recommendation to award the bid to the low bidder, Robertson Paving. The budget for the project was \$1.3 million and the low bid was \$1,085,558.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to award the low bid to Robertson Paving subject to legal counsel's review. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Kenna Consulting Grant Administrative Contract – Planning Director Wade Watson said his comments will apply to the next two items on the agenda. Counsel has reviewed the documents and the contracts are not completely solidified yet. He asked that the counsel approve the contracts subject to the review and approval of legal counsel and Kenna Consulting.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the Kenna Consulting Grant Administrative Contract subject to review by legal counsel and Kenna Consulting. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Kenna Consulting SRF Labor Standards Contract – Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the Kenna Consulting SRF Labor Standards Contract. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow Dan Cartwright to sign the two Kenna Contracts on behalf of the council. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Electric Transformer for New Water Plant – Electric Superintendent Kevin Rubush said this quote is for the Transformer on the new water plant. Most vendors are not currently accepting new work, but he was able to find a rebuilt transformer from Sunbelt. They are 26 weeks out and the cost is \$18,295.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the transformer quote from Sunbelt for \$18,295. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to allow Dan Cartwright to sign the contract on behalf of the council. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Atterbury Job Corp MOU – Parks Director Daniel Teter said he had a conversation with Atterbury Job Corp in the fall. He said he would like to look at this as a staffing option for the park this year. The department has been having trouble finding help and this could be a way to fill positions. The MOU would need to be approved and lines out the safety aspects. Their programs are 6 weeks long. They offer multiple programs, but the parks and cemetery would mostly fall under the landscaping program.

Councilwoman Rooks asked if he and Stan Brown would be the primary supervisors and if they would be supervised at all times. She also asked if they would be paid.

Mr. Teter said yes. There are options for paying the individuals. We do not have to pay them, but we can pay them. This MOU does not need approved tonight. He wanted to present it to the council so they could have discussion.

Further discussion was held regarding staffing.

Bicentennial Update/Presentation – Economic Development Director SaraBeth Drybread presented a PowerPoint presentation to the council on the Bicentennial programs. She said the first Bicentennial meeting was held in 2018. They have been doing a lot of social media outreach. There will be a kickoff event on Thursday March 3rd including a proclamation reading, dinner, and

drinks. The dinner will include local cuisine. The cost is \$35 per ticket. The Museum of History will have an Edinburgh exhibit in April. There will be historical church tours. The big Birthday Bash Event will be held on June 10th and 11th on school hill and Keeley Street. The committee will be doing a reprint of Sara Otto's book about the history of Edinburgh. They are also looking into a statue of the famous racehorse Red Cloud. The goal is to have 200 participants in the Fall Festival Parade this year. She showed a list of the current sponsor and the committee had raised over \$24,000 so far.

Other Business

President Piercefield thanked all the departments that worked on snow removal. They did a great job getting those roads cleared.

Mr. Cartwright said the staff and Wessler held a pre-bid meeting for the new water plant project. Bids will be opened on Thursday. The Aquatic Center project is moving forward. He and Fire Chief John Henderson will be presenting a plaque to the Boys Basketball Team for a historic season. The billboard lease advertisement will be going out soon and bids will be opened on March 11th. The new cameras are installed in the downtown area. The new Centra Credit Union is open for business.

Mr. Cartwright said the town has several home builders interested in building in Edinburgh, but Edinburgh has limited land to build on. We are limited on annexation because of the 1/8 rule regarding annexation. If the town owned the ground, it might be a different story. If the town owned the undeveloped ground, we could build infrastructure and sell the lots. The school needs kids and the town needs rooftops. He would also like to think about promoting a subdivision in the area near where the new fire station will be.

President Piercefield asked about the possibility of purchasing the Parmerlee Farms land for annexation. The town has not had a subdivision in many years, and we need to grow.

Discussion was held regarding annexation and infrastructure in the Parmerlee Farms area.

Mr. Huddleston said he would need to research those annexation laws.

Mr. Huddleston said he has drafted the agreement with Rumpke. They have accepted about 80% of the changes. A final clean copy has been submitted to Mr. Cartwright.

Street Superintendent Clark McCollum said Ray's final pickup will be the 23rd of February. Rumpke will start delivering new cans on February 21st.

Mr. Cartwright said with Rumpke, different sections of the town will have different pickup days. A flyer will be sent out by Rumpke informing residents of their new pickup day. The advantage to the town is there will be a trash truck in town every day if a pickup is missed in a different section.

Mr. McCollum said the third week of every month will be bulk pickup. They will take up to 4 large items per household.

Mr. Watson said Centra is now open and will hold a ribbon cutting in May. They have received design release on the O'Reilly project and will be issuing a permit soon.

Fire Chief John Henderson said the department did a great job on the house fire Saturday. The building was saved with minimal damage aside from a few holes in the roof to relieve heat.

Ms. Drybread said she wanted to thank Mr. Cartwright for his help with getting sponsorships for the Bicentennial Committee.

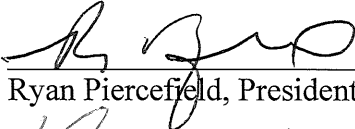
Water Superintendent Bill Jones said he has received the bulk water distribution station and should have it online soon.


Wastewater Superintendent Rebecca Frakes said they have had several breaks at the plant, and she will be working to get those fixed.

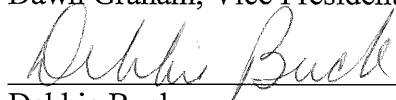
Mr. Teter said the Father/Daughter dance was a huge success. They had over 200 participants. The basketball league is underway, and registration is for baseball and softball is beginning. The department has also started hiring for seasonal help.

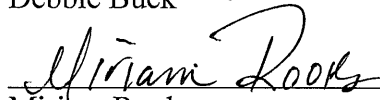
Being no further business or comments, Councilwoman Buck made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

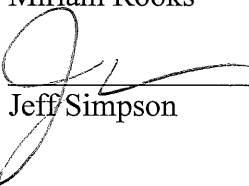
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ATTEST:


Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer