

**Town Council Meeting  
Monday, April 11, 2022  
6:00 P.M. Town Hall**

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, April 11, 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 Miriam Rooks, Councilwoman Debbie Buck, Councilwoman Dawn Graham, Councilman Jeff Simpson, and President Ryan Piercefield. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley, Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston, and Town Manager Dan Cartwright.

**Minutes** – Council meeting of March 28, 2022. Councilwoman Graham said on Resolution 2022-9 there was no seconded to that motion. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the minutes with the amendment. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

**Claims** – The council received a copy of the claim docket in their council packets. The total for the docket was \$213,193.56. Mr. Finley said he had signed off on the claims in that docket and handed them over to the council for approval.

President Piercefield asked about the engine replacement for a Gator at \$7,700.

Parks Director Daniel Teter said that was for his department. A new Gator was not available for over a year and the department cannot function without it.

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

**Swearing in Ceremony for Police Officer Eric Temple** – Mr. Finley performed the Oath of Office for Eric Temple and congratulated him on his position.

Town Marshall Doyné Little said Officer Temple has been a reserve for the department for quite some time and has put in many hours. His wife Erica was also a reserve officer for the town. He welcomed Officer Temple to the department.

**Resolution 2022-10 Fire and EMS Non-Recoverable Accounts Policy** – Mr. Huddleston said this was submit to him by the administrative staff to add some write off provisions to the Fire and EMS policies. This is incorporated into the agreement with Med-Bill.

President Piercefield asked what the collection rate was with Med-Bill.

Fire Chief John Henderson said it is on par with surrounding communities. The department does not yet have enough data to compare ALS. The town has a lot of requirements through publicly funded insurance and this policy is upfront and fair.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-10. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

**Resolution 2022-11 Scholarship** – Mr. Cartwright said this was drafted by Mr. Huddleston. This would allow the town to offer scholarships to part time employees graduating from the Edinburgh High School. It offers the students an incentive while hopefully helping get part time employees for the town. The resolution designates up to \$5,000 for 5 students for scholarships if the employee works for the town 200 hours in the year. The application was put together by the guidance counselor and the school would select the recipients. They must be an Edinburgh student and is good for a college, university, or trade school. The check would be written directly to the institution, not the student. This resolution is for 2022 only but could be extended if it works out.

Mr. Huddleston said the only thing he left out was the date by which the seniors need to be selected. His thought was December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

Councilwoman Graham said they must work 200 hours this calendar year and be a graduating senior from Edinburgh.

Mr. Finley said section 2 says they will be a 2022 graduating senior.

Mr. Teter said his thought was to offer to graduating seniors or previous graduates of Edinburgh who are currently in school.

President Piercefield said the resolution says the school will select the recipients and the school cannot really select the recipients if they are not currently in Edinburgh School.

Mr. Cartwright said he thinks it needs to be set up the way the resolution states with 2022 graduating seniors.

Discussion was held regarding who should be eligible for the scholarship.

Mr. Huddleston said the council could pass the resolution and amend it later if they wanted to include previous graduates.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-11. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to add the date of December 31, 2022, to section 2 of Resolution 2022-11. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

**Graves Construction Contract Award** – Mr. Cartwright said the contract has been reviewed and approved for the water treatment plant construction. The preconstruction meeting is next Monday.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the Graves Construction Contract for the water treatment plant. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

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

**Baker Tilly Substation Contract** – Mr. Finley said this is similar to the scope of work provided for the water plant financing. This is an amendment to the master agreement approved a couple of meetings ago. This lays out the work they will do on the substation financing.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the Baker Tilly Substation contract. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to allow President Piercefield to sign the contract on behalf of the council. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

**New Excavator Purchase for Cemetery** – Mr. Teter said the council received three quotes from three different excavator manufacturers.

- Caterpillar 305 - \$91,232 – The department test drove this model and were happy with how it performed. The warranty is 2 years, 2,000 hours. Available November of this year.
- John Deere 50G - \$92,175.29 – The department was not able to test drive this model. The warranty is similar but it is not available until July of 2023.
- Case - \$89,750 – This is the cheapest model but it is too wide for the cemetery. This would require moving headstones each time it was used and would ultimately end up costing the town more in labor and potential damages.

Mr. Teter recommended going with the Caterpillar model. The departments current excavator is over 10 years old and is requiring more and more repairs. Without this piece of equipment, the department would have to dig with a backhoe which requires more work and is harder on the cemetery. The funds would come from the Badger Fund.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the purchase of the Caterpillar 305 for \$91,232. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

**Water Plant Underground Power Relocate Quotes** – Electric Superintendent Kevin Rubush said he was only able to obtain two quotes on this work. ~~The~~<sup>There</sup> is for boring of the power to the new plant. The quotes came in under the estimated cost. The low quote was from Hoosier Edison at \$24,990.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to award the water plant power relocate project to Hoosier Edison for \$24,990. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

### Other Business

Mr. Cartwright said the aquatic center project is going well and should be under budget and be ADA compliant when completed. The street department job opening has been filled. The golf course is still in need of an assistant golf course superintendent. He said he would like the council to consider Govdeals.com for auctioning off the large items that have been deemed surplus. He gave a list of the current surplus inventory. Franklin has used them with good results. There is no cost to the town, the fees are paid by the buyer. Mr. Huddleston has reviewed and approved. He would like the council's approval to use Govdeals.com.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to use Govdeals.com to auction surplus inventory. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to allow Mr. Cartwright to sign the Govdeals.com documents on behalf of the council. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Cartwright said he and Planning Director Wade Watson have been interviewing planners to update the town's comprehensive plan. He would like council approval to apply for an OCRA grant to cover the cost of the comprehensive plan.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to allow Mr. Cartwright to apply for a grant for the comprehensive plan. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

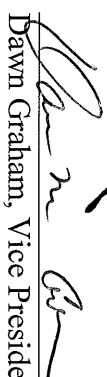
Mr. Teter said the parks department is starting to get busy. Little League practices have begun. The Easter parade will be Saturday. Youth club registrations have begun. The Bicentennial Birthday Bash will be on June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> and the Historic Church tours will start soon.

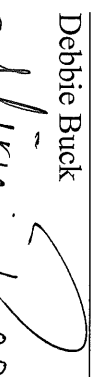
Mr. Watson said there will be a public hearing on April 27<sup>th</sup> for the 252 project. The town has preliminary drawings in the office for review.

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

### **EDINBURGH TOWN COUNCIL**

  
Ryan Piercesfield, President


  
Dawn Graham, Vice President

  
Debbie Buck

  
Miriam Rooks

  
Jeff Simpson

ATTEST:

  
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