

Special Council Meeting
Monday, August 8, 2022
6:45 P.M.

Edinburgh Town Council met in a special session on Monday, August 8, 2022, at 6:45 P.M. at 104 South Holland Street, Edinburgh, Indiana.

President Ryan Piercefield called the meeting to order.

Members answering roll call: Councilwoman Debbie Buck, Councilwoman Miriam Rooks, Councilman Jeff Simpson, Vice President Dawn Graham, and President Ryan Piercefield. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley, Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston, and multiple department heads to present 2023 proposed budgets.

Budget Workshop – Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley said this meeting is for department heads to explain their proposed 2023 budgets. The council received copies of all the budgets that will be presented tonight in their council packet. The budget forms show the budgets for 2020, 2021, and 2022 as well as the year-to-date amounts for 2022. He also gave the council a worksheet showing the financial status of each fund.

Town Marshall Doyne Little presented the changes to the 2023 Police budget. He explained that the biggest increase is in personnel with the addition of two officers as discussed at the last council meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the 1977 Retirement Fund.

Mr. Little explained the changes in individual line items. He explained that vehicle prices are still up in the air. He has reached out to several Dodge dealerships for quotes for Durangos but none of them have pricing yet. He has budgeted for three vehicles.

President Piercefield asked if the department needed three vehicles or if they could get by with two.

Discussion was held regarding vehicle options and down time when vehicles are down.

Assistant Town Marshall Hector Mercado explained the reason for the addition of two new officers. He said the department has had several officers hit milestone anniversaries. With that, they accrue additional PTO. This, along with a decrease in reserve hours, is causing hours not covered.

Discussion was held on the lack of reserve officers and the reserve program.

Mr. Mercado said the two new officers would work a staggered shift than the current officers which would allow some overlap between shifts.

Fire Chief John Henderson presented the 2023 Fire and EMS budget. He said inflation has made it a tough year for the department. He submitted two budget proposals. One was continuing as-is with 3 full time fire fighters and part time fire fighters and paramedics. The other was the option to hire 3 full time paramedics and lower the part time pay.

Discussion was held regarding full time paramedic pay, paramedic intercepts, and NRO EMS revenue.

President Piercefield said the department had a squad vehicle break down. That vehicle needs to be replaced so that we aren't putting wear and tear on the large engines. He said Johnson County just passed an EDIT tax that will generate over \$300,000 for the town to be used for infrastructure and public safety. That money could also be used to offset some of this budget.

Mr. Finley said he would need to review the statutes on what those funds could be used for. He added that this budget is not the only funds that are currently being used for the fire department. The council also just approved the new fire station, and that debt payment is being paid for by the Marketplace fund at about \$300,000 a year.

Parks Director Daniel Teter presented the proposed 2023 budgets for the Parks and Recreation, Swimming Pool, Parks and Recreation NRO, and Cemetery.

Swimming Pool – The major change to this budget was personnel. The department has had a hard time competing with surrounding wages and has been understaffed the last couple of years. There was also an increase in repairs and maintenance. Those numbers are estimates as he does not have hard numbers.

Cemetery – This budget included minor increases for personnel. This year a full-time employee was added so the full time employee line item was increased and the part time line item was decreased. The machinery and equipment line item was removed and equipment will be purchased from the badger fund.

Discussion was held regarding a new dump truck.

Parks and Recreation – Wages were increased as well as gasoline due to increased fuel costs. He explained what items are included in miscellaneous supplies. He also included a capital outlay line item for a replacement Gator. The current Gator is a 2007. They are a year out on delivery. He said with Tracy leaving the department, they have moved some of her duties to other employees and would like to replace her with a maintenance position.

Parks and Recreation NRO – Wages and supplies were increased for youth baseball. The youth club budget stayed exactly the same as 2022. The concessions budget was increased in wages and supplies. Concessions revenue is up \$15,000 over what it was last year.

Mr. Finley presented the budget for the golf course. Since the course paid off, this budget has been used for equipment. Golf Course General Manager Wayne Gibbs budgeted the same amount for 2023 as he did for 2022. Last year it was discussed that this budget would decrease each year as more equipment is replaced.

Mr. Finley said Street Superintendent Clark McCollum was on vacation this week. The budget he submitted was up slightly from the previous year. The main increase was for supplies included salt, sand, and concrete.

Mr. Finley said the last two budgets are the Clerk-Treasurer and Council. The only increase for the Clerk budget is the pay increases for the employees paid from this department. Everything else was kept the same. The council budget was decreased significantly. For 2022, there was \$500,000 allocated for the new council chambers. That should be completed this year. The only other changes are increases in wages.

Mr. Finley said the worksheet he passed out to the council shows the estimated revenues, disbursements, and cash balances for each fund. The General fund budget is currently at a \$400,000 deficit as presented tonight. That budget will be considered funded by the DLGF as we have enough in cash balances to cover the deficit. That deficit will not be sustainable over multiple years however these projections account for the use of every budget dollar and historically the town does not spend its entire budget. The MVH fund is at a slight deficit but only about \$50,000. The council may want to discuss transferring some levy from the MVH fund to other funds in need as we require less street repairs. The Parks and Recreation is at more of a deficit and will be dropped to a 31% operating balance by the end of 2023. We may need to re-evaluate that budget and/or levy.

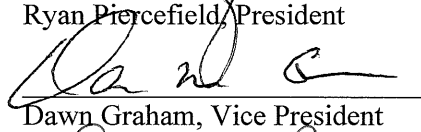
Discussion was held regarding excess cash balances.

Copies of the preliminary budgets can be accessed at the Town Hall, 107 South Holland Street, Edinburgh, IN.

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

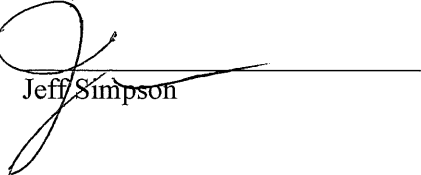
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