

**Town Council Meeting**  
**Monday, August 8, 2022**  
**6:00 P.M.**

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, August 8, 2022, at 6:00 P.M. at 104 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, Councilman Jeff Simpson, Vice President Dawn Graham, and President Ryan Piercefield. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley and Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston.

**Minutes** – Council Meeting of July 25, 2022. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

**Claims** – The council received a copy of the claim docket in their council packet. The total for the docket was \$141,550.54. Mr. Finley said he had signed off on all the claims in that docket and presented them to the council for approval.

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

**Public Hearing Horizon Freight Lines** – Planning Director Wade Watson said this petition came before the planning commission on June 21, 2022. They gave a favorable recommendation to council to rezone. He showed a map of the subject property located to the north of town in the buffer zone. The property is surrounded residential zoning that is being used for commercial. Horizon Freight along with other properties in the area are existing, non-conforming properties. The petitioner would like to rezone so they are in compliance with the zoning map.

Eric Prime and Mike Sadler were present on behalf of Horizon Freight Lines. Mr. Prime said Mr. Sadler purchased the property in 2001 and has been using as a trucking terminal ever since. It was a trucking terminal prior to that acquisition as well. They are asking to change the zoning map to open industrial which would allow trucking terminals. This puts the current property in compliance and also allows them to expand their operations. A map was shown showing the proposed expansion. He explained that the property would be blocked by a 6-foot earth berm with trees, shrubs, and a fence. They are asking the council to accept the planning commission's recommendation and approve the rezoning request.

Councilwoman Rooks said she is not opposed to the rezoning but is concerned if the property were to be sold and it became something more unsightly like a scrap yard. She said she would like to see a fence around the property to block the view.

Mr. Prime said the property will be surrounded by a security fence.

Further discussion was held regarding the location of the fence and berm.

Mr. Huddleston said he would recommend leaving the details of the fence and berm for review and approval by the planning department.

President Piercefield opened the public hearing. With no public comments, the public hearing was closed.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to adopt the planning commission recommendation for rezoning related to Horizon Freight subject to the commitment of a closed fence and a 6-foot berm to be reviewed and approved by the planning department. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Huddleston said at the next meeting he will have an ordinance ready to adopt regarding the rezoning.

**Crossroads Engineers SR 252 Electric Easement RW Services** – Mr. Watson said this proposal for right of way services was presented at the last meeting but had an error in the description. That error has been corrected and the proposal is ready for council approval.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the Right-of-Way proposal for SR 252 from Crossroads Engineering. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

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

**550 Foundation K-9 Purchase Agreement** – Town Marshall Doyne Little said this agreement accepts the dog from the 550 Foundation at no cost to the town. It is similar to the proposal for the other dog approved a couple of meetings ago.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the 550 Foundation K-9 purchase agreement. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

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

**Amity Fire Department Request** – Fire Chief John Henderson said this was presented at the last meeting. The main issue was to ensure the ambulance was covered by Amity's insurance while in their possession.

No action was taken.

### **Other Business**

Councilwoman Rooks said the plants downtown look great. She thanked Parks Department for their work on those. She said she noticed an MS4 inspection in the Street Department report and asked how that went.

Mr. Watson said all departments received an MS4 inspection last Thursday. It was an inspection by our engineers to ensure we are in compliance if we are audited by IDEM.

President Piercefield thanked the public safety departments for there response to the dam water rescue call over the weekend. Thankfully the child was located unharmed and the rescue was called off.

Discussion was held regarding a Knox Box for the key to the dam access.

Mr. Henderson said Knox Boxes are currently on backorder.

Mr. Teter said fall league signups have ended and the department is working on forming teams and scheduling. Fall Festival planning is underway as well.

Mr. Watson said he wanted to recognize John Burton with the Electric Department. He is the reason we have this building to hold our meetings in temporarily. He has worked diligently getting this space ready. The quilts on the wall were loaned to the town by Sherry and Rick Wilson and were put up to absorb some sound and stop the echo.

Mr. Watson said he handed out to the council a proposal from Alpha Engineering for soil boring at the new substation location. This is just for the council to review at this point. The amount is \$24,000. The soil borings for the fire station a few weeks ago were \$7,000. The company proposed was the only company Alpha could find that would do evaluation of the foundation plans in relation to the Geotech. He will have more information at the next meeting.

Town Marshall Little said the department participated in a narcotics roundup this morning. He thanked all parties for their response to the dam rescue.

Mr. Henderson said the SWAT team used the fire training facility to train their new recruits. It was great to see that process and support them.

Water Superintendent Bill Jones gave an update on the new treatment plant. The new well has been drilled in the park. They were able to get 1,500 gallons per minute from that well. That water has been sent out for testing. The conduit has also been run to the new well. The 4<sup>th</sup> person the department hired has worked out well for the construction process but that meant he had to move his truck to the second crew and has been driving a converted police car. He has been looking at used trucks but is not having any luck. He would like to get permission to look for vehicles and bring information to the council.

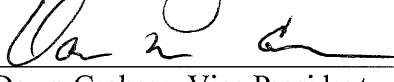
Discussion was held regarding the need for a truck at the water department.


The council consensus was to wait until vehicle prices went back down.

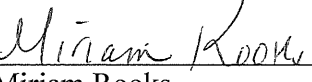
Being no further business or comments, Councilman Simpson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

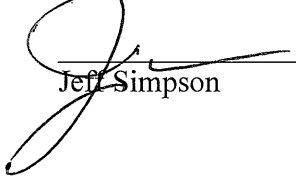
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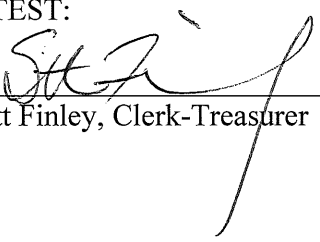
  
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