Town Council Meeting Monday, September 12, 2022 6:00 P.M.

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, September 12, 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, Councilman Jeff Simpson, Vice President Dawn Graham, and President Ryan Piercefield. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley and Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston. Councilwoman Miriam Rooks was absent.

**Minutes** – Special Meeting of August 22, 2022, and Council Meeting of August 22, 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 their council packet. The docket totals were as follows:

- Regular Docket \$221,237.53
- April End-of-Month \$181,539.65
- May End-of-Month \$307,037.13

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

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

**Proposed 2023 Budget Public Hearing** – Mr. Finley said the council received a copy of the Form 3 which was advertised through Gateway. This form shows the budget estimates we discussed during the budget workshops as well as the advertised levy.

President Piercefield opened the public hearing on the 2023 budget. With no questions or comments, President Piercefield closed the public hearing.

Mr. Finley said the budget adoption will be held at the next council meeting.

Ordinance 2022-10 2023 Budget Appropriations and Tax Rate (First Reading) – Mr. Finley said this is a first reading of the ordinance adopting the 2023 budget. The numbers will be finalized and ready for approval at the next meeting.

No action was taken on Ordinance 2022-10.

Water Treatment Plant Pay Application #4 – Mr. Finley said pay application #4 for the water treatment plant project is before the council for approval. The total for the pay application is \$290,537.06. After council approval the pay application will be submitted to SRF for payment.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve water treatment plant pay application #4. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2022-9 Approving Resolution 2022-1 (Second Reading) – Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston said this is related to the Horizon Freight rezoning request. It is a recommendation by the planning commission to amend the zoning map.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-9. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

**Town Manager Employment Agreement** – Mr. Huddleston said he drafted an agreement for Interim Town Manager. This agreement appoints Wade Watson as interim through the end of May 2023. It has been signed by Mr. Watson and is before council for approval.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the Town Manager Employment Agreement. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

**South Industrial Park Transformer** – Interim Town Manager Wade Watson said the council received a recommendation letter from Alpha Engineering to award the transformer bid to Pittsburgh Transformer for \$1,153,452. This is the lowest bid but also makes the most sense from a timing standpoint. All bids had

an escalator clause based on the metal market but Pittsburgh's had the lowest effect on the overall bid. The staff was slightly disappointed that NPT was not the lowest bid because it would have matched the other transformer. Alpha has used these transformers before and they are a reliable transformer.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the South Industrial Park Transformer bid to Pittsburgh Transformer for \$1,153,425. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

Wesco Meter Changeout Proposal – Mr. Watson said Wesco recently purchased Anixter who has been handling our meter changeout process. The department is purchasing 1,000 more meters this year and they will start installation on the 19<sup>th</sup>. The rate is the same as last year and we are billed weekly. They are anticipating a 5% increase next year. This is the second year of a three-year process.

**In-Car Radar Discussion** – Town Marshall Doyne Little said the department received a reimbursement grant for in-car radars. He has obtained 3 quotes for the equipment only. They would be installed next year. The department will try to do the older vehicles in house. The low quote is from Signature Public Safety for \$19,920. The grant will cover \$17,300.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the quote from Signature Public Safety for \$19,920. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

**Full Time Assistant Parks Director** – Parks Director Daniel Teter said Tracy Beier left the department a few weeks ago. Her duties have been moved to other employees and he would like to replace her with an Assistant Parks Director. The position is already included in the salary ordinance. The job description was in the council packet. He will advertise the position and bring back before council.

## **Other Business**

President Piercefield said fentanyl is heavy in the streets. The public safety departments are doing a great job and are even being called to assist other communities. He said he is proud of all of the town's employees.

Mr. Huddleston said the rezoning ordinance approved by council will need to be recorded with the county.

Town Marshall Little said the K-9 unit has been deployed numerous times and already made several finds. He is working on vehicle quotes for next year. Chrysler wants customers to sign a PO for the vehicles. The department has responded to numerous ODs recently. 1 in 5 calls have been drug related.

Water Superintendent Bill Jones said the plant construction is still underway. The bulk water station has been mounted and it just needs internet service to be operational.

Mr. Teter said the Fall Festival begins this week. There will be plenty of live entertainment and booth spaces are completely sold out. He thanked all of the departments for pitching in to help. The fall league is halfway over already. The BASE program is doing a float for the parade this weekend.

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

EDINBURGH TOWN COUNCIL

Ryan Piercefield, President

Dawn Graham, Vice President

Debbie Buck

Miriam Rooks

Jeff Simpson

ATTEST:

Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer