

Town Council Meeting
Monday, October 10, 2022
6:00 P.M.

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, October 10, 2022, at 6:00 P.M. at 104 South Holland Street, Edinburgh, Indiana.

Vice President Dawn Graham 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. Also present were Director of Administrative Services Mary Patterson filling in for Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley and Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston (joined via telephone at 6:04 PM). President Ryan Piercefield and Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley were absent.

Minutes – Council Meeting of September 26, 2022. Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Claims – The council received a copy of the claim docket in their council packet. The total for the docket was \$246,239.27. Ms. Patterson said Mr. Finley had signed off on all the claims in that docket and presented them to the council for approval.

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

Swearing in Ceremony for Police Officer Clayton Embry – Vice President Graham said because both Town Attorney Huddleston and Clerk-Treasurer Finley are absent this meeting, this will be moved to the next council meeting on October 24, 2022.

Resolution 2022-16 Lease Property on Drybread Court – Interim Town Manager Wade Watson said we have a company that is interested in temporarily leasing office space in the street garage. This was drafted by Mr. Huddleston and allows the town to advertise the space for lease. It is before council tonight for approval.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-16. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston joined the meeting via telephone at 6:04 PM.

Resolution 2022-17 Lease Property on Eisenhower Drive – Mr. Watson said this is a similar resolution to the previous item except it is for the property on Eisenhower Drive at the cemetery. This is a single-family dwelling that had a long-term tenant until recently. The town has done renovations and the property is ready for lease.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-17. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Halloween Trick-or-Treat Hours – Parks Director Daniel Teter requested that the time be adjusted to 6 to 8:30 this year to be in line with the rest of the county. He said he is ok with 6 to 8 if the council does not want to change.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve Trick-or-Treating hours from 6 PM to 8:30 PM on October 31, 2022.

Water Treatment Plant Pay Application #5 – Mr. Watson said this is for work done on the water treatment plant. It has been reviewed and approved by Wessler Engineering. Upon approval it will be submitted to SRF for payment.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve water treatment plant pay application #5. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

Roosevelt North Transformer Replacement Bid Award – Mr. Watson said these bids were opened last week. The estimated cost was between \$80,000 and \$100,000. The low bid from Ohio Transformer Company came in at \$55,419.15. The staff and Alpha Engineering recommendation is to accept the bid from Ohio Transformer Company. It will be ready for shipment on November 28th.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the Roosevelt North transformer replacement bid to Ohio Transformer Company for \$55,419.15. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Other Business

Mr. Watson said at the last meeting there were residents present concerned with parking on River Road. After investigation, the staff recommendation is to pass an ordinance prohibiting parking on the South side of River Road and limit parking on the North side to 5 PM to 8 AM. There are large vehicles that travel through that route, and it is difficult to maneuver when there are cars parked on the street.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to allow Mr. Huddleston to draft an ordinance reflecting parking recommendation presented by the staff for River Road. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Watson said the second traffic issue presented at the last meeting dealt with the alley running East and West between East Main Cross and Thompson Street. The staff reviewed this issue and recommended speaking with the post office to get their drivers to use an alternate route. The issue could also be improved by rebuilding the alley to accept larger truck traffic. This will be relatively expensive and will not be eligible for Community Crossings dollars.

Councilman Simpson said the alley is difficult to maneuver for larger trucks.

Mr. Watson said because he will be retiring in a few months, he would like to advertise for a new Planning Director.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to advertise for a new Planning Director. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Watson said the Electric Department has lost another employee recently. The issue is the wage scale is not competitive with the private sector. If we are going to maintain this department, we cannot recruit with the current salary scale. That has been submitted to President Piercefield for review.

Water Superintendent Bill Jones said the bulk water station is up and running. Work on the plant is proceeding

Parks Director Daniel Teter said when the council approved the truck for the cemetery, it did not include the dump bed. He has obtained quotes for that bed. The cost is \$18,701.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the purchase of the dump bed for \$18,701. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Teter said the Halloween Festival will be held the Friday before Halloween. Holiday of Lights planning is well underway.


Town Marshall Doyne Little introduced the council to Clayton Embry he is filling Officer Crocker's open position. He has been a reserve for the town, and he will be attending the academy soon.

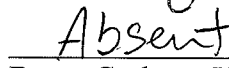
Community Center Director SaraBeth Drybread said the Pie-Centennial was a great event. The next Bicentennial event will be the Heritage Tasting at Timbergate on November 10th from 6 to 8 PM. She and Mr. Watson attended the grand re-opening of Proactive MD behind Casey's. When it was started, it was an employee only primary care center. Now it is open to individuals. Sparklight Communication has several grant opportunities that she is keeping an eye on and will

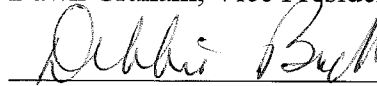
keep the council posted on the status. The Pixie Theatre and the Eden Café are hosting a burlesque show on Friday October 21st.

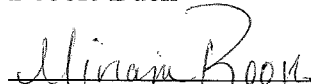
Being no further business or comments, Councilman Simpson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

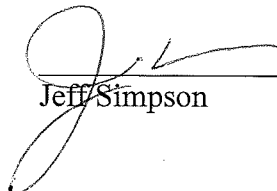
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