

Town Council Meeting  
Monday, March 25, 2013  
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday March 25, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, 107 South Holland Street, Edinburgh, Indiana.

President Hoffman called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Hoffman thanked everyone for coming.

Members answering roll call were: Councilman John Drybread, Councilman Jeff Simpson, Vice President Curtis Rooks, Councilwoman Kami Ervin and President Ron Hoffman. Also present were Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston, and Clerk Treasurer Scott Finley.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was the minutes of the Council Meeting of March 11, 2013. Councilman Rooks made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilwoman Ervin seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said claims were next on the agenda and handed it over to Clerk Treasurer Finley.

Clerk Treasurer Finley said everyone should have again received two claim dockets. One was the completed docket from the March 11 meeting and the other was the current docket. He said he had signed all of those claims and passed them on to the council for approval. He also stated that he had meter deposit claims and two other claims for approval, one for painting supplies at the park and another for the park's credit card fees. Councilman Rooks made a motion to approve the claims as submitted. Councilman Drybread seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was the public hearing petition by Helen Swift, Elam Harper, and Bonnie Harper to vacate a public alley. He asked Building Commissioner Wade Watson to give some background on this matter.

Mr. Watson said there is a petition to be considered by the council but Mrs. Swift had called him and had a medical emergency and would not be able to attend the meeting. She respectfully requested a continuance of the issue until she could be present.

Councilman Rooks said the property is right across the street from the school and the school is in favor of vacating that alley. Councilman Simpson made a motion to table the discussion until the next meeting. Councilman Drybread seconded. Unanimous.

Town Attorney Huddleston asked Mr. Watson to send a letter to the petitioner so that it is on the record that the council voted to table the discussion until she could be present.

President Hoffman said next of the agenda was Ordinance 2013-4 Additional Appropriations. This is something that must be done by law to spend money from the Shelby County EDIT, Bartholomew County EDIT, Rainy Day Fund, Riverboat Fund, and Shelby County Racino Fund. It must be designated how much money the town will have and what that money will be used for. This ordinance requests the money for capital outlay improvements. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-4. Councilwoman Ervin seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was the Michael Buening consulting agreement which was up for renewal and asked Mr. Watson to give his experiences with Mr. Buening's services.

Mr. Watson said in his opinion Mr. Buening has been an invaluable resource. He is extraordinarily professional and extremely knowledgeable. He has helped the town with two projects, the drainage ditch when the Jay-C parking lot was resurfaced and the current elevator project. He developed the scope of work for the elevator project that was used to get public bids. He also has many contacts including contractors and contacts within the state departments where permits can be pulled. He said these contacts helped open doors that he himself may not have been able to open. Mr. Buening also developed the budget being used on the grant application

for the elevator project and has agreed to be the project manager. He has been fair in what he has charged the town for his services and has advised the town on small town projects anytime there is a question. Mr. Watson said he would recommend strongly that the town renew his contract.

Councilwoman Ervin asked if there was a contract fee or if it was just an agreement of \$100 per hour as needed.

Mr. Watson said there was not contract fee.

President Hoffman said Mr. Bueing intended to be at the meeting but had to be at work.

Councilman Drybread said he knows that everyone is always pleased with Mr. Buening's work. He does great work and is always very professional and a great person to work with.

Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to approve the consulting agreement with Michael Buening. Councilman Rooks seconded. Unanimous.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Drybread said the street department did a great job clearing the roads after the snow over the weekend and he wanted to commend them on that.

Councilman Simpson also thanked all the departments that helped out with the snow removal.

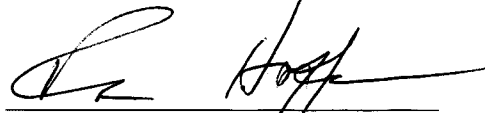
President Hoffman asked what the status was on the town's new software.

Councilman Drybread said he wanted to remind everyone to be patient with the conversion since its running parallel with other daily jobs that need to be done. He said there have been some late nights for some of the people in the office.

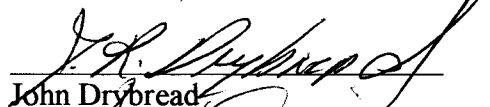
Clerk Treasurer Finley said Mary and Rhonda have been working with a lady over the phone since we got a little behind on the general ledger and accounts payable portion of the system. He said the new trainer that just arrived really knows what he is doing but he is still trying to clean up some things from the first trainer that was sent.

Being no further business or comments, Councilman Simpson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Councilman Drybread seconded. Unanimous.

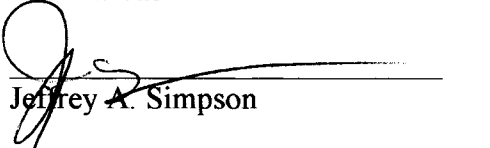
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Ron Hoffman, President

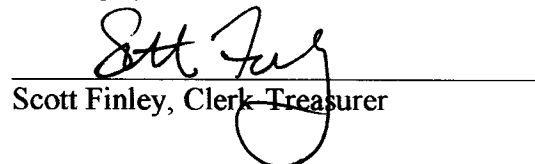
Curtis Rooks, Vice President

  
John Drybread

  
Kami Ervin

  
Jeffrey A. Simpson

ATTEST:

  
Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer