

Town Council Meeting
Monday, April 8, 2013
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday April 8, 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, Councilwoman Kami Ervin and President Ron Hoffman. Vice President Curtis Rooks was absent. 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 25, 2013. Councilman Simpson 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 received the end of the month claim docket as well as the docket for the past period. He said he had signed off on all of those claims and passed them on to the council for approval. Councilman Drybread made a motion to approve the claims as submitted. Councilman Simpson seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was petition by Helen Swift and Elam and Bonnie Harper to vacate public alley. Wade presented a staff report to the council and said he would be happy to answer any questions regarding the report. He also said Councilman Rooks had come to him after the previous meeting and told him that he and the school supported the vacation of the alley. Mr. Watson's recommendation to the council was approval.

Helen Swift was present and said she also hoped the council would close the alley to the public.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to vacate the public alley. Councilman Drybread seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was the Timbergate quarterly update given by Wayne Gibbs.

Mr. Gibbs handed out PowerPoint slides for the first quarter end 2013. He said numbers were down compared the first quarter of last year due to the poor weather over the past months. First quarter revenues were around \$69,000 dollars in 2013 compared to \$150,000 in 2012. It was not a bad quarter compared to past years but 2012 had great golf weather even in January. The expenses for the quarter were \$339,000 with that number including the \$231,000 bond payment leaving a net loss of \$270,000. The next slide showed where that revenue came from during the quarter. The biggest change from 2012 to 2013 was the green fees. In 2012 there were 2,658 rounds of golf compared to only 904 in 2013. In dollars there was a difference of about \$38,000 between the years. The simulator rounds however were up around \$3,000. He said the rounds of golf though are what control everything else.

Councilman Simpson asked if the memberships were from January 1 to December 31.

Mr. Gibbs said yes.

John Rondot asked if someone buys a membership in July if it was prorated for the rest of the year or if it was good until July of the next year.

Mr. Gibbs said normally it is prorated. With no other questions or comments Mr. Gibbs thanked the council for their time.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Drybread said there were 4,000 eggs put out at the Easter egg hunt and all of them were gone in about 5 minutes. It was a record turnout for the egg hunt.

He also said the town will be getting started working on the Blue River building soon. He and Wade had met with some people to get things planned out and Wade has most of phase one put together. He said Town Attorney Huddleston was going to obtain some information on the money the town would be using to make sure it does not have to be quoted by other contractors.

He also added that the trees throughout downtown have been cut down and there have been a few people ask why they were being cut down. He said there will be new Armstrong Maples planted to replace the ones being removed. There will also be some additional landscaping placed downtown with new bushes replacing the old. The old ones were becoming a maintenance issue and growing out onto the sidewalks.

Clerk Treasurer Finley said things were going a lot smoother with the new system changeover.


Wade Watson said he had met with OCRA and the grant writer on the elevator project and submitted the first draft proposal for the OCRA money. He said there is some work to do as the grants are very competitive. There are five other applicants applying for the same money. He said there is another opportunity for the town to apply for another grant using the same information that would have to be submitted by June 28. It looks like there may be a better chance of getting the money from the second grant than there is for the first. He also said he received a letter from DNR confirming there was no historic building tied to that property.

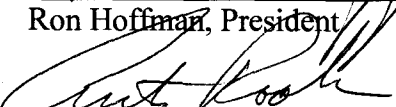
Town Attorney Huddleston recommended that the council make a motion to have Mr. Watson pursue the second grant if the council wants to begin that process. Councilman Drybread made a motion to have Wade Watson pursue the second grant. Councilwoman Ervin Seconded. Unanimous.

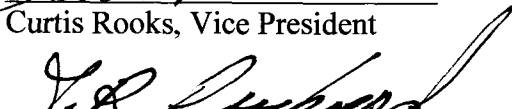
Fire Chief Allen Smith said a year and a half ago emergency management gave out severe weather radios through a grant to the Applewood trailer park area. He said about three weeks ago they had given him another truck load and he is going to disburse those through Piatt trailer park and any other mobile homes on private property. He said the fire department was also doing a fire drill at the mall at their request.

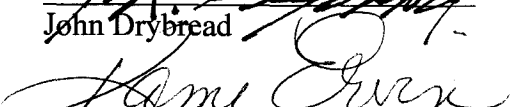
Being no further business or comments, Councilman Simpson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Drybread seconded. Unanimous.


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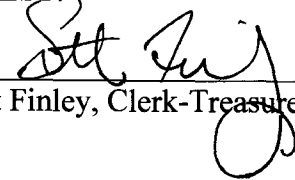

Ron Hoffman, President


Curtis Rooks, Vice President


John Drybread


Kami Ervin


Jeffrey A. Simpson

ATTEST:

Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer