

Town Council Meeting
Monday, October 24, 2022
6:00 P.M.

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, October 24, 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, and President Ryan Piercefield. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley and Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston. Vice President Dawn Graham was absent.

Minutes – Council Meeting of October 10, 2022. Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. 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 \$950,679.56. Mr. Finley said he had signed off on all the claims in that docket and presented them to the council for approval.

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

Swearing In Ceremony for Police Officer Clayton Embry – Clerk Treasurer Scott Finley performed the oath of office for Clayton Embry and congratulated him on his position.

Town Marshall Doyne Little said Officer Embry brings a lot of experience to the department and should fit in seamlessly.

Public Official Bond Approval – Mr. Finley said this bond is for Wade Watson as Interim Town Manager. This bond is required by statute and is for \$50,000.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the public official bond for Wade Watson. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

610 Mary Drybread Court Lease – Interim Town Manager Wade Watson said OLCO is doing a project for INDOT. They are looking for temporary office space. This space has been advertised and they were the only applicant. Mr. Huddleston has prepared a lease document.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to accept the lease proposal from OLCO. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to allow Mr. Watson to finalize details and sign the lease agreement on behalf of the council. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Tovey/Perry Change No. 2 – President Piercefield said he still does not believe we have come to an agreement on this change order. He asked if they were requesting payment.

Mr. Watson said yes. The work was done in August relating to the foundation. It was assumed the foundation would be built easily on the ground beneath the asphalt. When digging, they uncovered several large concrete structures. The hourly rate charged is based on the contract but President Piercefield believes there may be an upcharge in the vehicle charges.

President Piercefield said he recommends further negotiation is necessary.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to allow President Piercefield and Mr. Watson to negotiate the change order. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

PTTI Proposal – Mr. Watson said this is the construction agreement for the new transformer. The council needs to decide on a firm price or escalation price. The council received a staff report

outlining the two options. The staff recommendation is to go with the firm pricing as the overall cost is lower but we pay 50% up front. The escalation cost requires less down up front but the metal cost can fluctuate and ultimately cost a lot more. They have also offered liquidated damages for late shipment of the transformer.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the staff recommendation and go with the firm pricing option.

Parking Ordinance Amendment (River Road) – President Piercefield said Mr. Huddleston has not had a chance to get this prepared. It will be on the next meeting agenda.

State Road 252 Underground Conversion Electrical Equipment Quotes – Mr. Watson said this is equipment needed for the 252 electrical conversion project. It must be completed by August of 2024. The construction estimate is 12 months. The quote is for information only to show the council estimated cost. The quote from Brownstown Supply is just under \$800,000.

Assistant Parks Director New Hire Approval – Parks Director Daniel Teter said the council approved him to advertise for an Assistant Parks Director. He held 6 interviews and thinks he has a good candidate. He has 11 years of experience in Parks and Recreation and has also been in a maintenance supervisor role.

Councilwoman Rooks said she trusts Mr. Teter's judgement to fill the position. Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the hiring of an Assistant Parks Director as presented by Mr. Teter. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Other Business

Councilwoman Rooks thanked Mr. Watson for his work on overseeing the Town Hall project. She realizes that takes a lot of extra time.

Councilman Simpson said High School Drive looks great. He thanked all the departments for their work on that project.

Mr. Watson said the Wastewater Department is doing a truck repair for the truck that holds the televising camera. That cost is \$9,700. The parks department is ordering trees soon. The cost for those will be \$5,500.

Mr. Teter said the Bicentennial Bourbon Tasting will be on November 11th at the golf course. The Veterans' program will be held at the high school this year. They are still looking for a speaker for that event. The Halloween Festival will be this Friday. Holiday of Lights programming has also started. The B.A.S.E. program is partnering with Greeks Pizzeria for a reading program. Kids will read books and take tests on the books. The testing will happen on Chromebook's donated by Barry Plastics. The excavator for the cemetery should be in by the end of the year.

Water Superintendent Bill Jones said the work on the new plant is still moving forward. Foundation work will begin this week. He has two 4-wheel drive trucks that he will be obtaining quote to put plows on.

Electric Superintendent Kevin Rubush said the lights on High School Drive should be done this week. He is working on phase 2 of the Timbergate development with Alpha.

Street Superintendent Clark McCollum said High School Drive is almost done. Barricades will be down by Halloween.


Town Marshall Doyne Little said the department held critical incident training. There has been an influx of homeless individuals in town recently. He has been trying to help those individuals out. He wanted to thank Robertson Paving for their great communication when they work in town.

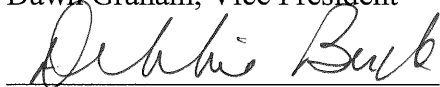
Fire Chief John Henderson said he wanted to thank Mr. Watson for his help on the new fire station. All of the department's apparatus are in good condition for the first time in a long time.

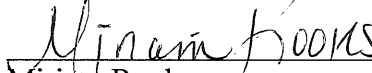
Being no further business or comments, Councilman Simpson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

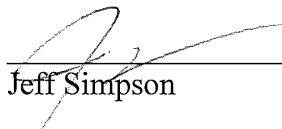
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Ryan Piercefield, President

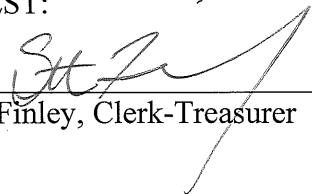

Dawn Graham, Vice President


Debbie Buck


Miriam Rooks


Jeff Simpson

ATTEST:


Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer