

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

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, December 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, Councilwoman Miriam Rooks, Councilwoman Dawn Graham, Councilman Jeff Simpson, and President Ryan Piercefield. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley, Interim Town Manager Wade Watson, and Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston.

Minutes – Council meeting of November 28, 2022. Councilman Simpson 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 \$604,676.62. Mr. Finley said he had signed off on all the claims in that docket and presented them to the council for approval.

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

Public Hearing on Additional Appropriations – Mr. Finley said because of the increase on the solid waste removal contract this year, the budget was short by about \$100,000. This additional appropriation request has been advertised in all three papers and President Piercefield will open the public hearing in just a moment.

President Piercefield opened the public hearing for the additional appropriations request.

With no questions or comments, President Piercefield closed the public hearing.

Ordinance 2022-13 Additional Appropriations (First Reading) – Mr. Finley said this is the ordinance for the additional appropriations. He requested that the council waive the first reading so that he could get the request submitted to the DLGF prior to the deadline.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to waive the first reading of Ordinance 2022-13 and consider it for approval. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-13. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2022-12 Amending Salary Ordinance 2022-7 (Third Reading) – Mr. Finley said he believes the council has a couple more changes they would like to see so he will make those changes and present it for approval at the next meeting. The ordinance will need to be approved at the next meeting to meet the statutory deadline.

No action was taken.

Ordinance 2022-14 Transfer of Appropriations – Mr. Finley said this ordinance is an accounting cleanup of individual line items that may have gone into the hole throughout the year. At the next meeting he will have more detailed numbers for the council.

No action was taken.

READI Grant Contract Approval – Interim Town Manager Wade Watson said Mr. Huddleston has reviewed this agreement and had no issues. The grant is for the extension of South Main Street in the industrial area. The grant amount is \$750,000. The process is very tedious and requires a lot of meetings and record keeping. We are working with Crossroads to help with the process.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the READI Grant contract. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to allow President Piercefield to sign the READI Grant contract on behalf of the council. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Water Treatment Plant Pay App #7 – Mr. Finley said this is the seventh pay app for the water treatment plant. The amount is \$232,643.07. Upon approval, the invoice will be submitted to SRF for approval and payment.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve water treatment plant pay app #7. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Other Business

Councilwoman Buck said the Holiday of Lights was great and thanked everyone for their work on the event.

Councilwoman Graham said the board appointments resolution will be on the next agenda. She asked if anyone knew anybody that would like a seat on any of the boards to let her know.

Mr. Watson said the state is seeking right-of-way from two of the town's parcels for the 252 project. He will forward the information to Mr. Huddleston for review. The state is offering \$2,010 based on the appraisal ordered by the state. The town has 30 days to respond. Mr. Huddleston will need to draft a resolution for the sale of the property.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow Mr. Huddleston to review the proposal for property from the state and draft any necessary resolutions. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Watson said the Indiana Department of Natural Resources did an inspection of the Blue River Dam. The dam is considered in poor condition but a low hazard to the surrounding properties if it failed. He gave the council some information from Jerry Sweetin that outlines some options for the dam. He asked Mr. Sweetin to send a letter to put our dam project on a list to be considered. There is no obligation. The risk for the town is if the dam fails, there is no funding available for the cleanup. It would all fall back on the town.

Street Superintendent Clark McCollum said he obtained four proposals for a new dump bed. The low quote is from Mid-State Truck for \$11,305. He said he has over \$20,000 left in his equipment budget this year.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the purchase of the new dump bed from Mid-State Truck for \$11,305. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Parks Director Daniel Teter thanked all the departments that helped with the Holiday of Lights. He wanted to thank Shelly Baxter for her work with the basketball leagues.

Water Superintendent Bill Jones said he obtained quotes for a new backhoe. All of the quotes were pretty close at \$141,000. RPM has one on the lot they will sell for \$135,000. He said the water department puts in its budget a capital project plan that averages out to about \$350,000 per year. Very little of that funding has been spent over the past two years.

Councilwoman Rooks asked if it would be used just for the water department or if it would be shared amongst departments.

Bill Jones said all the departments have their own backhoe. The newest one is a 2004. The water department's is a 1997.

Discussion was held on the need for each department to have their own backhoe and the uses for the backhoes.


President Piercefield said driving the backhoes from place to place is what wears them out. They are not meant to transport themselves long distances.

Mr. Jones said the trailer we have to transport is very tall and it is a little dangerous to load onto the trailer. It is easier to drive the backhoe from place to place.


Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the purchase of a new backhoe from RPM for \$135,000. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 3 to 2 after a roll call vote with President Piercefield and Councilwoman Graham voting nay.

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

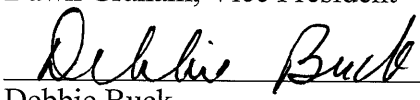
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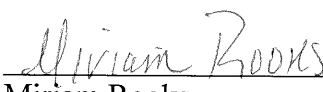
Ryan Piercefield, President



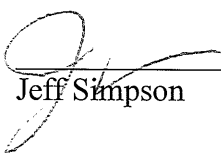
Dawn Graham, Vice President



Debbie Buck

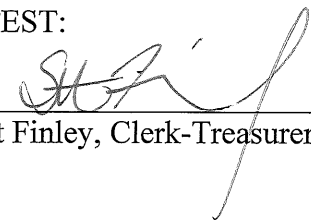


Miriam Rooks



Jeff Simpson

ATTEST:



Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer