

Town Council Meeting
Monday, January 9, 2023
6:00 P.M.

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, January 9, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. at 104 South Holland Street, Edinburgh, Indiana.

Prior-year 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, and Councilman Ryan Piercefield. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley, Interim Town Manager Wade Watson, and Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston. Councilman Jeff Simpson was absent.

Election of Officers – Councilwoman Graham made a motion to nominate Councilman Piercefield as President. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to nominate Councilwoman Graham as Vice President. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes – Council meeting of December 28, 2022. Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Claims – The council received a copy of the end-of-month docket for October. The total for that docket was \$199,468.84. Mr. Finley said he had signed off on all the claims in that docket and presented them to council for approval.

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

Swearing In Ceremony for Police Officer Skylar Condra – Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley performed the Oath of Office for Skylar Condra and congratulated him on his position.

Town Marshall Doyne Little introduced the council to Officer Condra.

Resolution 2023-1 Board Appointments for Planning Commission, Joint Planning Commission, Edinburgh Redevelopment Commission, Edinburgh Redevelopment Authority, Economic Development Board and Storm Water Board – Interim Town Manager Wade Watson gave an update on who would be appointed to these boards per Resolution 2023-1.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-1. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2023-2 State Road 252 Project Reimbursement – Mr. Watson said this resolution allows the town to reimburse itself with bond proceeds for cost incurred prior to the bond proceeds being disbursed.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-2. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Authorize Town Attorney to Draft Eisenhower Drive Lease Agreement – Mr. Watson said the rental property on Eisenhower has been advertised and we have received two proposals. We still have not got confirmation on pay history from previous landlords. We need that information to move forward but would like to get Mr. Huddleston started on drafting the lease agreement.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow Mr. Huddleston to draft a lease agreement for the Eisenhower Drive rental. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Recommendation from Planning Commission on Heckman Replat and Rezone – Mr. Watson said he included the findings of facts and the resolution from the Planning Commission. The new developer is asking for a replat and rezone to 10 commercial lots and 5 residential lots. There is

an issue with the lots being used for residential due to fill in the area and a flood plain. There will be a formal presentation at the next meeting on this issue.

2023 EMS Blue River Township Contract – Mr. Finley said this is the annual contract with the Blue River Township Trustee to provide fire and rescue services to the unincorporated Blue River Township area. This is the same contract as previous years with the dates changed.

President Piercefield asked if the Trustee was current on payments at this point.

Mr. Finley said yes, he got those payments caught up a couple of years ago.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the 2023 EMS Blue River Township Contract. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to allow President Piercefield to sign the contract on behalf of the council. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Quotes for Police Vehicles Lights – Town Marshall Doyne Little said he obtained 4 quotes for lights for the new police vehicles. The low quote is from Waymire for \$13,979.83 per vehicle. We will be putting lights on two vehicles.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the lighting quote from Waymire for \$13,979.83 per car. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Other Business

Councilwoman Rooks said Robert Overton's report showed he issued a stop work order. She asked what that was about.

Mr. Overton said he believes that was for 601 S. Holland St. who started without obtaining a permit.

Councilwoman Rooks said she contacted the electric department about the lights downtown flickering.

Electric Superintendent Kevin Rubush said he is aware of them but has not been able to get replacements as they are on backorder. He will disconnect them until he can get replacements.

Mr. Huddleston said the town had a code enforcement issue on 122 N. Blue River Dr. That property was sold and therefore judgement was paid. The town received just over \$17,000.

Mr. Watson said Electric Superintendent Kevin Rubush has announced his retirement effective at the end of May. He would like to start recruiting for that position. We would advertise both internally and externally.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to advertise the Electric Superintendent position. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Watson said the wastewater plant has a piece of equipment that needs to be replaced. Rebecca Frakes had been working on this prior to her resignation. The piece is an aluminum weir that must be replaced or we risk illicit discharge into the Blue River. The new piece would be stainless steel rather than aluminum. The cost is \$19,850. She had been trying to obtain multiple quotes since November but was only able to obtain the one quote.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the purchase of the weir structure for \$19,850. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Graham said she wanted to bring up the grant for the dam. She knows it is a touchy subject in town but she feels we need to look at the options for the dam. There are funds to remove the structure and limit damage to the downstream ecosystem. If the dam fails, it could cause damage and there would be no funds to assist with cleanup.

Discussion was held regarding the issues with the dam.

Mr. Watson said there are no funds available to repair the dam but we believe we can receive a 100% grant to remove the structure. It will eventually fail. He recommended that we apply for the grant. The decision to remove the structure would not need to be made until the grant was awarded.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow Mr. Watson to apply for a grant for the Blue River Dam. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Interim Fire Chief Chuck Ridpath said he is working on the structure of the fire department and trying to delegate some duties to some of the responsible officers at the department. He said at the last meeting he said he did not foresee anymore larger purchases this year. He was unaware at the time that the lights for the new squad had not been ordered yet. The cost will be similar to the police car lighting quotes with a few additions.

Water Superintendent Bill Jones said the water plant project is at a crawl as they are waiting on materials. They think they will get back on schedule after the materials arrive. The old backhoe is up on the online auction site and is up to \$24,700 which is \$14,000 more than they offered him for trade.

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

EDINBURGH TOWN COUNCIL

Absent

Ryan Piercefield, President

Dawn Graham

Dawn Graham, Vice President

Debbie Buck

Debbie Buck

Miriam Rooks

Miriam Rooks

Absent

Jeff Simpson

ATTEST:

Scott Finley

Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer