

Town Council Meeting
Monday, July 24, 2023
6:00 P.M.

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, July 24, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, 107 South Holland Street, Edinburgh, Indiana.

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

Members answering roll call: Councilwoman Miriam Rooks, Councilwoman Debbie Buck, Vice President Dawn Graham, and President Ryan Piercefield. Also present were Town Manager Kevin McGinnis, Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley, and Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston. Councilman Jeff Simpson was absent.

Minutes – Council meeting minutes of June 26, 2023, and July 10, 2023.

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

Claims – The council received three dockets in their council packets. The totals were as follows:

- March End-of-Month Docket – \$571,639.41
- April End-of-Month Docket – \$303,886.67
- May End-of-Month Docket - \$536,709.27
- Regular Docket – \$956,120.26

Mr. Finley said he had signed off on all the claims in those dockets and presented them to the council for approval.

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

Swearing In Ceremony for Police Officers Sean Pendleton and Robert Organ – Mr. Finley performed the oath of office for Sean Pendleton and Robert Organ and congratulated them on their positions.

Town Marshall Doyne Little introduced Officer Pendleton and Officer Organ. He said Officer Pendleton was with the Edinburgh Police department years ago but left to start his own company. He has since decided to come back to law enforcement. Officer Organ comes to the department from the Johnson County Sheriff's Office working in the jail.

Public Hearing Petition to Vacate Alley – Planning Director Wade Watson said this involves an alley that exists on the east side of Charlie Goff's property. There is an encroachment on that easement. The vacation makes sense as the structure has been there for years and has always been used as a private drive. The property immediately to the west of the alley is the parking lot for Amos Hill. The staff recommendation is approval of the vacation.

President Piercefield opened the public hearing for the alley vacate.

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

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the petition to vacate alley as submitted. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2023-10 Amending Ordinance 2014-4 Disconnect Procedures (First Reading) – Mr. Finley said he spoke with Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston regarding our old ordinance for utility disconnects. The town now has the ability to disconnect utilities remotely without going on site and the old ordinance did not reflect that. Mr. Huddleston drafted an amendment to clear up the vagueness related to those disconnects.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to waive the first reading of Ordinance 2023-10 and consider it for approval. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-10. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Public Official Bond Approval – Mr. Finley said with Mr. McGinnis being appointed as Town Manager, we need to approve his bond as it is required by statute. His bond will start on his start date with the town and run through the end of the year. We also found that Mr. Watson's bond was never approved by council at the beginning of 2023 during his tenure as Interim Town Manager. He said he believes it was due to confusion at the time about whether Mr. Watson was going to continue in that position. He asked that the council approve that bond retroactively.

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

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the public official bond for Kevin McGinnis. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion on Library Expenses – Mr. Finley said he provided the council with an excel sheet relating to the library expenses paid by the town as well as the current library lease. He explained that the fund these expenses have been historically paid from is the same fund that pays for the new fire station debt. Those funds are already going to be tight with the new debt. The expenses total about \$15,000 per year. He also showed the library's cash reserves over the past few years. Their cash has increased an average of about \$45,000 per year. He believes they should be able to easily absorb those costs. He asked that the council review the lease and determine what costs they believe the town should be paying.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow Mr. Huddleston to review the library lease agreement. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

BOT Pay Applications 6 & 7 – Mr. Finley said the council has in their packets pay apps 6 and 7 for the new fire station. Upon approval, those will be submitted to State Bank for payment to GM Development. Those amounts are as follows:

- BOT Pay Application 6 - \$512,368.15

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve BOT Pay Application 6. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

- BOT Pay Application 7 - \$133,326.07

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve BOT Pay Application 7. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Water Treatment Pay Application #14 – Mr. Finley said this pay is application 14 for the water treatment project. The total for this pay application is \$319,057.55. Upon approval it will be submitted to SRF for approval and disbursement to Graves Construction.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve water treatment plant pay application 14. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Wessler Invoice for Water Treatment Plant – Mr. Finley said this is invoice 41835 from Wessler for engineering services related to the water treatment plant project. The total is \$33,825.74. Upon approval this will be sent to SRF for approval and disbursement to Wessler.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve Wessler invoice 41835. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Planning Director Employment Agreement – Mr. Huddleston said this agreement solidifies that as of August 1, 2023, Wade Watson will become part time Planning Director until December 31, 2023.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the Planning Director Employment Agreement. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

2023-2 CCMG Application – Mr. McGinnis said the Town Manager report showed a list of streets to be repaired along with a summary of the repairs. These streets will be submitted through the CCMG process for assistance. Crossroads Engineers have submitted a proposal to assist with the scoping and bidding process. The CCMG application is due Friday. The total cost is \$11,000.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the Crossroads Engineering proposal for \$11,000. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Employee CDL Training Costs – Street Superintendent Clark McCollum said the cost to obtain a CDL has jumped to about \$2,000 per person. He would like to implement a reimbursement agreement similar to the electric department's tuition reimbursement agreement.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow Mr. Huddleston to review and amend the tuition reimbursement agreement to include CDL training costs. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Other Business

Councilwoman Graham said she wanted to thank Wade Watson for his dedication to the town and for helping the town over the past years with changes in the Town Manager position.

Mr. Finley said at the next two council meetings we will plan on having budget workshops for the 2024 budget. The departments have received their budget reports to prepare their preliminary numbers for 2024. He said he has a meeting with the DLGF the first week of August to discuss the budget as well.

Mr. McGinnis went through his Town Manager report. The town had an MS4 audit of the parks and street departments. The town passed with no issues. There are some grant opportunities through Johnson County that he will be discussing in the next few weeks. The Main Street extension project has started on the south side of town. He said he is also working with Mr. Overton and Mr. Watson on updating the subdivision control ordinance.

Departmental Comments

Water Superintendent Bill Jones gave an update on the plant. The roof has finally started being put on. The filters will be here in 2 weeks.

Community Center Director SaraBeth Drybread said BASE and Fall League registration are currently underway. Planning for the Fall Festival has started as it is just over a month and half away. The department is also discussing grants for eclipse events in April as well as Pickleball courts.

Mr. Watson said at the next meeting there will be a public hearing for the comprehensive plan.

Public Comments

Debbie Vaughan of 1127 Constitution asked for an update on the new fire station.

Mr. McGinnis said they are working on a punch list of items to be completed. The completion date is August 15th.

Officer Darren Koors of the police department said his dog is currently injured and the vet has said she is facing retirement. The insurance we received covered \$6,500. The department is looking at costs for a new dog and estimates are about \$27,000.

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

Absent
Dawn Graham, Vice President

Debbie Buck
Debbie Buck

Miriam Rooks
Miriam Rooks

Jeff Simpson
Jeff Simpson

ATTEST:

Scott Finley
Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer