

**Town Council Meeting**  
**Monday, August 28, 2023**  
**6:00 P.M.**

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, August 28, 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, Councilman Jeff Simpson, Vice President Dawn Graham, and President Ryan Piercefield. Also present were Town Manager Kevin McGinnis, Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley, and Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston.

**Minutes** – Council meeting minutes of August 14, 2023 and special meeting minutes of August 14, 2023.

*Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.*

**Claims** – The council received a copy of the claim docket in their council packet. The total of the docket was \$1,005,622.31.

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

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

**Donations for Police and Fire Departments** – Mr. Finley said the police department has received the following donations for a replacement K-9:

- SS Ronak Inc, Shell Edinburgh – \$1,000
- Exit 76 Mall - \$1,500
- LB Mold - \$500
- Di-Tech – 1,000

*Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to accept the donations as presented. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.*

Mr. Finley said those donations will be receipted into the K-9 fund.

Mr. Finley said the fire department also received a donation from Georg Utz in the amount of \$1,000. This money will be receipted into the Fire and EMS Donation fund.

*Councilwoman Graham made a motion to accept the donation as presented. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.*

**Approval for Counsel Review of New Proposed Subdivision Control Ordinance** – Town Manager Kevin McGinnis said he is requesting that legal review the subdivision control ordinance he has drafted based on other town's ordinances. The current ordinance is over 30 years old, and the town will have development coming in the near future. The document sets standards for developers to follow when putting in a subdivision.

*Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow Mr. Huddleston to review the subdivision control ordinance draft. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.*

**CDL Reimbursement Agreement** – Mr. McGinnis said this agreement states that the town will pay for employees CDL training, but the employee will repay the town a percentage if their employment is terminated during a certain timeframe.

*Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the CDL Reimbursement Agreement. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.*

**Ordinance 2015-4 Control of Animals Discussion** – Mr. McGinnis said according to Ordinance 2015-4, harboring poultry is considered a nuisance and shall be unlawful within town limits. There are a few cases in town where people want to keep chickens on their property. They have been served with a notice of violation. He showed pictures of a couple of properties that currently have chickens. He said most of

Johnson County has ordinances banning chickens within city or town limits. He gave a list of the cities and towns and their stance on chickens.

President Piercefield said he wanted to apologize to the citizens that were led down the wrong road and the council needs to assume responsibility for misleading and miscommunicating with those citizens.

President Piercefield asked if the council wanted to look at other options for the current ordinance or leave it as it is.

Mr. McGinnis said if the council decides to amend the ordinance, there needs to be strict guidelines in place for how chickens will be kept and how the ordinance will be enforced.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to leave Ordinance 2015-4 as it reads and make no amendments. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

### Other Business

Mr. McGinnis gave a briefing on his town manager's report. He said they are finalizing the new fire station and it should be done in a few weeks. The water treatment plant is moving along and is scheduled to be done on November 21<sup>st</sup>. We are still obtaining easements on State Road 252. The Main Street extension is currently being paved. He is still working on grant opportunities through the Johnson County Community Foundation. The application is due by September 25<sup>th</sup>.

### Departmental Comments

Town Marshall Doyme Little said he is still looking for more donations to fund the K-9 unit and some children have been fundraising at the farmer's market. The "Paint the Town Purple" event will be this weekend.

Interim Fire Chief Chuck Ridpath said the new station is almost complete. They are just doing some final touches. The new station is going to change the fire department for the better.

Community Center Director SaraBeth Drybread said Fall Festival planning is underway. We have sold out of the kits for Scarecrow Madness. Each class at East Side will be decorating a scarecrow.

Parks Director Daniel Teter said fall league started tonight. He thanked his team for the work they did last week during the high heat.

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

### EDINBURGH TOWN COUNCIL

Absent

Ryan Piercefield, President

Dawn Graham

Dawn Graham, Vice President

Debbie Buck

Debbie Buck

Miriam Rooks

Miriam Rooks

Jeff Simpson

Jeff Simpson

ATTEST:

Scott Finley

Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer