

Town Council Meeting
Monday, May 12, 2025
6:00PM

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, May 12, 2025, at 6:00PM at the Town Hall, 107 South Holland Street, Edinburgh, IN.

Councilwoman Debbie Buck called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Answering Roll Call: Councilwoman Debbie Buck, Councilwoman Sherri Sweet, and Councilman Michael Bryant.

Council President Ryan Piercefield and Councilwoman Miriam Rooks were both absent.

Also present were Town Manager John Myers, Clerk-Treasurer Rhonda Barrett, and Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston.

Minutes- Minutes of Council Meeting April 28, 2025

Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated there was a typographical error on the April 14, 2025, Council Meeting minutes. Attorney Huddleston stated that the error correction would need to be on May 27, 2025, Council Meeting agenda.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve the April 28, 2025, Council Meeting minutes. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Claims- Clerk-Treasurer Barrett presented two claim dockets in the amounts of \$161,140.57 for the end of March 2025 and \$344,513.51 for May 12, 2025. All claims have been reviewed and signed. Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated she received an additional claim this morning that is not on the docket and is for the deposit for the fence repair at Timbergate in the amount of \$9,750.00.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve the claims as presented in the amounts of \$161,140.57 and \$344,513.51 and the additional claim in the amount of \$9,750.00. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Resolution 2025-5 Determining Certain Property Worthless Surplus Property- Attorney Huddleston stated this was discussed at the previous Council Meeting to deem two police vehicles as surplus to donate to the Town of Carthage.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-5 Determining Certain Property Worthless Surplus Property. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

2017 Dodge Charger Bill of Sale- Attorney Huddleston stated this corresponds to the Resolution just passed and to transfer the vehicle title of the 2017 Dodge Charger as is to the Town of Carthage.

Discussion was held regarding who signs the 2017 Dodge Charger Bill of Sale.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve the 2017 Dodge Charger Bill of Sale. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to authorize Town Manager John Myers to sign off on the 2017 Dodge Charger Bill of Sale. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

2018 Dodge Charger Bill of Sale- Attorney Huddleston stated this corresponds to the Resolution just passed and to transfer the vehicle title of the 2018 Dodge Charger as is to the Town of Carthage.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve the 2018 Dodge Charger Bill of Sale. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to authorize Town Manager John Myers to sign off on the 2018 Dodge Charger Bill of Sale. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ball Diamond Rental Discussion- This item was tabled since Council President Ryan Piercefield was absent.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to table Ball Diamond Rental Discussion to the next meeting. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

ERA 2024 Annual Report- Clerk-Treasurer Rhonda Barrett presented the ERA 2024 Annual Report that was approved by the ERA at their meeting this evening. Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated no action is needed, the report must be presented to the Council and noted in the meeting minutes.

Insight Pay Contracting Pay Application #3- Town Manager John Myers stated this is the final bill for the sewer lining that started last year. The final invoice due is \$190,713.87. The wastewater department did some of the work in-house saving the Town approximately \$111,133.00.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve the Insight Pay Contracting Pay Application #3 in the amount of \$190,713.87. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to authorize Council President Ryan Piercefield to sign off on the Insight Pay Contracting Pay Application #3. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Street Superintendent Position Discussion- Town Manager John Myers stated the street department has a full crew again except for a Street Superintendent. Mr. Myers stated Water Superintendent Bill Jones has been acting as the interim for the Street Superintendent. Mr. Myers stated that with the upcoming budget cuts he would like to leave Superintendent Bill Jones as the interim Street Superintendent through the end of the year until the budget is done. Mr. Myers stated that Superintendent Bill Jones has agreed to continue in this position as needed.

Councilwoman Buck requested to table this until a full council is present.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to table the Street Superintendent Position Discussion to the next meeting. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

INDOT St Rd 252 Road Detour and Closure- Water Superintendent Bill Jones stated State Road 252 is closed between Lind Drive and the Shell gas station. Superintendent Jones stated the unofficial detour for residents is through Timbergate. Superintendent Jones stated INDOT sent a contract stating that they would look at the road to see if there are any issues. Attorney Huddleston has reviewed the paperwork and recommended it be sent to Crossroad Engineering as they will do the inspections. Superintendent Jones stated that Crossroad Engineering has reviewed and approved the paperwork as well. Superintendent Jones stated that the contract has him listed to sign as the Interim Street Superintendent.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve the INDOT St Rd 252 Road Detour and Closure. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to authorize Bill Jones as interim Street Superintendent to sign off on the INDOT St Rd 252 Road Detour and Closure. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Request for New Fund- NRO Plaza Project- Director of Economic Development Sarabeth Drybread stated that the first plaza designs will be done by June 30th, and one will have to be chosen by July 7th. Director Drybread has been researching different funding opportunities. Director Drybread stated that she spoke with Clerk-Treasurer Barrett, and it was decided that the best way to accept funds is to create an NRO Plaza Project Fund. Director Drybread stated this fund would be like Irwin Park and JRDC NRO funds. Director Drybread is asking for a Resolution to create a NRO Plaza Project Fund.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve Attorney Huddleston to draft a resolution for a NRO Plaza Project Fund. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Annual CF-1 Review for Sacoma- Planning Director Julie Young presented six tax abatement compliance forms for Sacoma. Director Young presented Resolution 2015-6 personal property abatement that is on year ten out of ten. Director Young recommends approval.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve the Resolution 2015-6 Annual CF-1 review for Sacoma as presented. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Director Young presented Resolution 2016-6 personal property abatement for Sacoma that is on year eight out of ten and recommends approval.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve the Resolution 2016-6 Annual CF-1 review for Sacoma as presented. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Director Young presented Resolution 2016-7 real property abatement that is on year nine out of ten. Director Young recommends approval.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve the Resolution 2016-7 Annual CF-1 review for Sacoma as presented. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Director Young presented Resolution 2017-4 personal property abatement that is on year eight of ten. Director Young recommends approval.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve the Resolution 2017-4 Annual CF-1 review for Sacoma as presented. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Director Young presented Resolution 2021-15 personal property abatement that is on year four out of ten. Director Young recommends approval.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve the Resolution 2021-15 Annual CF-1 review for Sacoma as presented. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Director Young presented Resolution 2023-4 personal property abatement that is on year two out of ten. Director Young recommends approval.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve the Resolution 2023-4 Annual CF-1 review for Sacoma as presented. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Permit, Inspection, and Code Enforcement Software Quotes- Planning Director Julie Young stated in the 2025 budget it includes \$15,000 for permitting software. Director Young presented three quotes, stating the first two companies based their product on population. Director Young stated iWorQ gave a quote of \$6,700, MyGov gave a quote of \$11,330 and OpenGov gave a quote of \$63,686. Director Young stated that she would like to go with MyGov's quote for \$11,330 as it is the same financial software the Town already uses.

Discussion was held regarding the price difference between the three quotes.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve the Permit, Inspection, and Code Enforcement Software Quote from MyGov for \$11,330. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

SBA Disaster Recovery Loans Presentation- Stephen Clark with the US Small Business Administration Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience gave a presentation over the two types of disaster loans available following the severe storms and tornadoes that occurred March 19, 2025. Mr. Clark stated that these are available for homeowners, renters, private nonprofits, and small businesses that were damaged by the severe weather. Mr. Clark thanked the Council for allowing him to present and make the community aware of the disaster loans. Mr. Clark gave flyers with information regarding the SBA disaster recovery loans to Clerk-Treasurer Barrett to make available in the utility office for the public.

Other Business

Councilwoman Sweet thanked the police for their hard work. Councilwoman Buck and Councilman Bryant agreed.

Police Chief Doyne Little stated there have been several incidents that have occurred in the last two weekends that have been difficult for the public safety team. Chief Little stated there was an incident over the weekend that two residents could have died had the police and fire departments not responded so quickly. Chief Little stated both residents are doing okay since the incident. Chief Little stated the police department also received their new bulletproof vests. Chief Little thanked the Council for allowing the two surplus police vehicles to be donated to the Town of Carthage's police department.

Water Superintendent Bill Jones requested Attorney Huddleston to draft an ordinance regarding irrigation accounts and their billing. Superintendent Jones stated that they turn all the irrigations on at the same time in May and turn them all off at the same time in October. There are residents asking why they are being billed at the minimum even though they have not used any water yet to irrigate. Superintendent Jones would like an ordinance to be made to address this.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve Attorney Huddleston to draft an ordinance regarding irrigation from May 1st to October 1st. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Water Superintendent Bill Jones stated that the owners of the Applewood Mobile Home Park in town have a third-party company, Five Star Metering, who put individual water meters on all the trailers. Applewood residents try to pay their bills at the utility office and complain about how high their water bill is with Five Star Metering. Superintendent Jones requested Attorney Huddleston investigate this to see if Five Star Metering can do that and up-charge local residents.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve Attorney Huddleston to investigate the Applewood water meter system have a private company come in to do the water. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Water Superintendent Bill Jones stated on the first weekend of March he received a call from Workman's Trailer Park about a fire that was built on three water meter pits. Superintendent Jones stated that this fire melted the meter pits, and they all need replacement. An invoice in the amount of \$1,775.00 was sent for the call out. Superintendent Jones stated that it will cost approximately \$2,500 to repair the meter pits before the winter. Superintendent Jones stated that he would like to have Attorney Huddleston to investigate the legal aspects of turning the water off there and collecting the overdue callout invoice.

Discussion was held regarding how many people live there still.

Attorney Huddleston stated that he is already looking into this.

Parks Director Daniel Teter stated that the pool will start to be filled this week for the season. Director Teter stated that flowers will be put out around town this week and that the Little League is going well. Director Teter stated that almost everything is lined up for the Firecracker Festival. Director Teter stated that the pool will open on Memorial Day weekend.

Director of Economic Development Sarabeth Drybread stated that the group that went on the Savannah, Georgia trip returned last week and all the spots for the New York City trip in December have sold out. Director Drybread stated that last week a group of downtown stakeholders met and would like to form a Main Street Organization. The meetings will be the fourth Wednesday of every month from 1PM to 2PM at JRDCC. Director Drybread stated that the Edinburgh Lion's Club spent two hours picking up trash on Eisenhower Drive on Saturday.

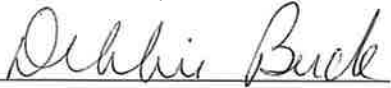
Adjourn

*Being no further business or comments, Councilman Bryant made a motion to adjourn.
Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried 3-0.*

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