

**Town Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 27, 2025**  
**6:00PM**

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at 6:00PM at the Town Hall, 107 South Holland Street, Edinburgh, IN.

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

**Members Answering Roll Call:** Council President Ryan Piercefield, Councilwoman Miriam Rooks, Councilwoman Debbie Buck, and Councilwoman Sherri Sweet.

Councilman Michael Bryant was absent.

Also present were Town Manager John Myers and Clerk-Treasurer Rhonda Barrett. Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston was in attendance via phone call.

**Minutes-** Minutes of Council Meeting May 12, 2025

Councilwoman Rooks stated that on the motion made for INDOT St Rd 252 Road Detour and Closure on the May 12, 2025, Council minutes, it says "to approve" twice when it should only have it once.

Council President Piercefield stated that since he and Councilwoman Rooks were absent for the May 12, 2025, Council meeting and as Councilman Bryant is absent tonight, the May 12, 2025, Council minutes would need to be tabled to the next meeting.

**Claims-** Clerk-Treasurer Barrett presented one claim docket in the amount of \$1,134,086.13. All claims have been reviewed and signed.

*Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the claim docket as presented in the amount of \$1,134,086.13. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried 4-0.*

**Heckman Village Rezone Public Hearing-** Council President Piercefield opened the public hearing for the Heckman Village Rezone. With no comments, President Piercefield closed the public hearing.

**Ordinance 2025-5 Approving Plan Commission Resolution 2025-2 Adding Commitment to Rezoned Property (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)-** Attorney Huddleston stated that this Ordinance is in reference to the public hearing just held that adds a condition regarding foundations to Heckman Village. The Planning Commission unanimously approved a favorable recommendation. This is introductory and the first reading cannot be waived, it needs to be on the agenda for the next meeting.

**Ball Diamond Rental Discussion-** Council President Piercefield stated that the Town is under pending litigation and he would entertain a motion.

*Councilwoman Rooks made a motion due to the pending litigation pertaining to the Indiana USSSA LLC and the use of the Town of Edinburgh Sports Complex that the Town suspend until further notice, any and all use by the Indiana USSSA LLC and or its affiliates of the Town of Edinburgh Sports Complex and specifically our baseball and softball facilities with this suspension being effective today. Councilwoman Buck seconded.*

*Roll call vote: Councilwoman Sweet voted nay, Councilwoman Buck voted yea, Councilwoman Rooks voted yea, Council President Piercefield voted yea. Motion carried 3-1.*

**77 Fund Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners Appointments-** Attorney Huddleston stated that this item will be tabled.

**Ordinance 2025-6 Establishing an NRO Fund for the Downtown Plaza Project (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)-** Attorney Huddleston stated that the Town is receiving a grant for the downtown plaza project and will receive donations. This sets up an NRO fund so that the funds received can be

separated from the General Funds. This is first reading and does not need approved tonight, but the first reading can be waived if desired.

Discussion was held regarding the pending funds already received or on the way to go towards the downtown plaza project.

*Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to waive the first reading of Ordinance 2025-6 Establishing an NRO Fund for the Downtown Plaza Project. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 4-0.*

*Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-6 Establishing an NRO Fund for the Downtown Plaza Project. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried 4-0.*

**Correction to 4/14/25 Council Meeting Minutes-** Clerk-Treasurer Barrett noted that a typographical error was found on the 4/14/25 Council Meeting Minutes. There was an added digit to a dollar amount for the polymer system in a motion that was made and approved. Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that the minutes had the amount \$44,178.94 when it should have been \$4,178.94.

*Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the Correction to 4/14/25 Council Meeting Minutes. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 4-0.*

**Wessler Invoice #46985 for Water Treatment Plant-** Clerk-Treasurer Barrett presented Wessler Invoice #46985 for the Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$1,869.65. Water Superintendent Bill Jones has reviewed the invoice. Need approval for payment of invoice and approval for Ryan to sign.

*Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve Wessler Invoice #46985 for Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$1,869.65. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 4-0.*

*Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to authorize Council President Piercefield to sign off on Wessler Invoice #46985 for Water Treatment Plant. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 4-0.*

**K9 Donation-** Clerk-Treasurer Barrett presented a donation in the amount of \$100 for the K9 fund which needs approval from the council for acceptance. The donor wishes to remain anonymous.

*Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the K9 Donation in the amount of \$100. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 4-0.*

**JRDCC Donation-** Clerk-Treasurer Barrett presented a donation for the JRDCC from the Conover Foundation in the amount of \$2,000. Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that this is an annual donation that needs approval from the council for acceptance.

*Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the JRDCC Donation from the Conover Foundation in the amount of \$2,000. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried 4-0.*

**Street Superintendent Position Discussion-** Town Manager John 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.

Council President Piercefield requested to table this until a full council is present.

### **Other Business**

Councilwoman Sweet stated she received a call from Bob Straugh with the Edinburgh Community School Corporation thanking Planning Director Julie Young for assisting him in finding a legal description.

Council President Piercefield stated that the Edinburgh Fire and Rescue EMS celebrated 51 years of service.

Town Manager John Myers stated that the recent storms tore down a few trees in the cemetery and damaged part of the fence. Mr. Myers thanked all the departments for their assistance in cleaning up the cemetery for it to be ready for Memorial Day.

Planning Director Julie Young stated that at the next Council meeting she will have a consultant present for the initial public presentation for the Unified Development Ordinance.

Discussion was held regarding whether Attorney Huddleston had reviewed the document that Director Young sent to him.

*Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve Attorney Huddleston to review the Unified Development Ordinance as sent by Planning Director Julie Young. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 4-0.*

Planning Director Julie Young thanked the Council for approving the permitting and zoning software at the previous Council meeting. Director Young stated that the software should go live this fall.

Electric Superintendent Stephen Clark stated that they started training today for the new call out service that goes live in two weeks.

Water Superintendent Bill Jones stated that several speed aware radar speed signs were put up on East Main Cross and in Timbergate. Superintendent Jones stated that barricades were put on the interstate exit ramps by INDOT to inform drivers of the St Rd 252 closure.

Superintendent Jones stated that Eastside Elementary School would like to know if the Town can install the flashing red stop signs on Harrell Drive and Center Cross Street.

Discussion was held regarding the existing stop signs in that area.

Water Superintendent Bill Jones stated that they are installing meter pits at Timbergate for the new houses being built.

Discussion was held regarding what sizes of water meters are utilized in Timbergate for the houses and irrigation.

Cemetery Superintendent Stan Brown thanked the departments for assisting them in cleaning up the storm damage in the cemetery.

Parks Director Daniel Teter stated that the pool is ready, but it has not been warm enough outside to swim in yet.

Director of Economic Development Sarabeth Drybread stated that tomorrow is the second revitalization meeting for downtown and guest speakers from Franklin Heritage at the Artcraft are joining. Director Drybread stated that she will also be meeting with Aspire Johnson County tomorrow at Camp Atterbury. The farmers market starts next Thursday. Director Drybread stated that on June 17<sup>th</sup> IU students will be visiting for the first time. Two designs for the downtown plaza project will be ready by June 30<sup>th</sup> and one will have to be chosen by July 7<sup>th</sup>. Director Drybread stated that the Conover Foundation is interested in assisting with the removal of the old doctor's office building. Director Drybread stated Council President Piercefield's son won Shark Tank this year.

### **Public Comments**

Dale Bramhall, 620 Memorial Drive, stated that people run through the stop signs on Prosser Drive. Mr. Bramhall stated that the Edinburgh Police Department has been made aware and that he has called dispatch eight times about the issue. Mr. Bramhall stated that he contacted the Indiana State Police, and they informed him that they would send an officer down to patrol once a week and suggested the Town of Edinburgh look into installing speed bumps.

Discussion was held regarding how many flashing stop signs the Town has. Superintendent Jones suggested taking one of the flashing stop signs down from Center Cross and placing it on Memorial Drive for a couple of months.

Mr. Bramhall stated that people park in all different directions around Town. Mr. Bramhall stated that there is a state law that mandates that vehicles parked at the curb must have their right-hand wheels parallel to the curb. Mr. Bramhall stated that he has brought this up to the Edinburgh Police Department but was informed that the Town does not have a parking enforcement officer.

Discussion was held regarding whether there was a specific location where residents were parking incorrectly.

Mr. Bramhall passed out to the Council a copy of a google search for Indiana Code 9-21-16-7 in reference to parking against the flow of traffic.

Mr. Bramhall stated that Dollar General has no enclosure on their dumpster and people dig through the dumpster. Mr. Bramhall asked if there is an ordinance to require an enclosure to be put on Dollar General's dumpster.

Discussion was held regarding whether an ordinance exists for this issue.

Mr. Bramhall requested that new LED lights be installed at the Timbergate entrance because the lighting on the flag and signs do not show up at night.

Town Manager John Myers stated that he would investigate this.

Mr. Bramhall asked about the possibility of having a full-service hookup installed at the campgrounds at the park. Mr. Bramhall stated that there are a lot of senior citizens that go to the campgrounds and to move their RV to the dump station or toting around their sewage in a cart is difficult for them.


Water Superintendent Bill Jones stated that there should not be sewage down there due to the level of the water table in the park. Wastewater Superintendent Robert Jessie stated that it would also fill the lift station full of ground water. Council President Piercefield stated that due to the location, having full-service hookup is not viable.

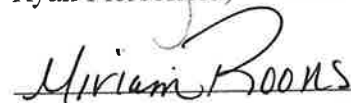
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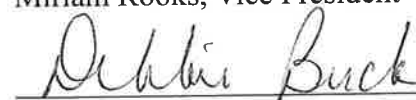
*Being no further business or comments, Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 4-0.*


*These minutes are a summary of actions taken at the Town of Edinburgh Council meetings. The full video archive of the meeting is available for viewing at <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL0pagNU7lg5FkjGjQyWphicPehlI-R5g> for as long as this media is supported.*

### EDINBURGH TOWN COUNCIL

  
Ryan Piercefield, President

  
Miriam Rooks, Vice President

  
Debbie Buck

  
Sherri Sweet

ATTEST:

  
Rhonda Barrett, Clerk-Treasurer

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Michael Bryant

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