

Town Council Meeting
Monday, July 14, 2025
6:00PM

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, July 14, 2025, at 6:00PM at the Town Hall, 107 South Holland Street, Edinburgh, IN.

Councilwoman Miriam Rooks called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Answering Roll Call: Councilwoman Miriam Rooks, Councilwoman Debbie Buck, Councilwoman Sherri Sweet, and Councilman Michael Bryant. Council President Ryan Piercefield was absent.

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

Minutes- Minutes of Council Meeting, June 23, 2025

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the June 23, 2025, Council Meeting minutes. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Minutes of Executive Meeting, June 26, 2025

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the June 26, 2025, Executive Meeting minutes. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 3-0 as Miriam Rooks was not present at the Executive Meeting.

Claims- Clerk-Treasurer Barrett presented two claim dockets in the amounts of \$450,531.90 for end of month May 2025 and \$686,954.40 for July 14, 2025. All claims have been reviewed and signed.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the claim dockets as presented in the amounts of \$450,531.90 and \$686,954.40. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Ordinance 2025-8 Establishing Lawn Irrigation Access Services (2nd Reading)- Attorney Huddleston stated that this was introduced at the previous Council meeting and establishes certain dates for the Town to turn on and off the access for irrigation systems.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-8 Establishing Lawn Irrigation Access Services. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Ordinance 2025-9 Establishing Watering Restrictions (2nd Reading)- Attorney Huddleston stated that this was introduced at the previous Council meeting and establishes a procedure for emergency measures during a drought or when water restrictions are needed.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-9 Establishing Watering Restrictions. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Ordinance 2025-10 Amending Chapter 74 Code Regarding Stop Sign on Kyle Street and Ward Street (1st Reading)- Attorney Huddleston stated that it was discussed at the previous Council meeting to remove the stop sign at this intersection. This is the first reading and can be taken under advisement until the next meeting.

Resolution 2025-6 Engaging Auctioneer- Attorney Huddleston stated that Water Superintendent Bill Jones requested that the department's old truck be auctioned off on GovDeals.com.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-6 Engaging Auctioneer. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Wessler MS4 2025-2026 Professional Services Proposal- Councilwoman Rooks requested to table this until a full Council and the Town Manager were present.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to table Wessler MS4 2025-2026 Professional Services Proposal to the next meeting. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

K-9 Fund Donations- Clerk-Treasurer Barrett presented K-9 Fund donations for the golf outing in the amount of \$1,030.00 from Samtec, Ditech, Bonkerz, Shell Gas Exit 80, and C&B Core.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve the K-9 Fund Donations in the amount of \$1,030.

Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Wessler Invoice #47371 for Water Treatment Plant- Clerk-Treasurer Barrett presented Wessler Invoice #47371 in the amount of \$7,750.60 for the water treatment plant. Water Superintendent Bill Jones has reviewed and approved the invoice.

Discussion was held regarding what the funds were going to be used for and how much funds were left.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve Wessler Invoice #47371 for Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$7,750.60. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to authorize Council President Piercefield to sign off on Wessler Invoice #47371 for Water Treatment Plant. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Crossroads Engineering Invoice #251111- Clerk-Treasurer Barrett presented Crossroads Engineering invoice #251111 in the amount of \$15,804.30 for the 2024-02 paving project. Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that the Town already has a contract with them, but the invoice is higher than Town Manager John Myers spending limit, so it needs to be approved by the Council.

Councilwoman Rooks asked if these services were already approved in January. Clerk-Treasurer Barrett confirmed that they were.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve Crossroads Engineering Invoice #251111 in the amount of \$15,804.30. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to authorize Councilwoman Rooks to sign off on Crossroads Engineering Invoice #251111. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

JCCF Unrestricted Funds Grant Approval Letter- Director of Economic Development SaraBeth Drybread stated that applications for the Johnson County Community Foundation Unrestricted Funds grant opened on July 11, 2025. Director Drybread stated that she needs to obtain a letter of approval to apply from the Town Council to be included in the application for the grant.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the JCCF Unrestricted Funds Grant Approval Letter. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to authorize Council President Piercefield to sign off on the JCCF Unrestricted Funds Grant Approval Letter. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Other Business

Councilwoman Sweet thanked everyone who participated in the Firecracker Festival and stated that it was wonderful.

Councilwoman Rooks thanked the public safety teams. Councilwoman Rooks stated that the Town's fire and rescue and police are unparalleled and that her family has witnessed this firsthand. Councilwoman Rooks stated that her granddaughter, Halle Turner, was involved in a serious car accident on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, and each of these teams played a major role in her survival. Councilwoman Rooks gave a special thanks to Officer Ryan Coy, Officer Jimmy Roberts, paramedic Damon Mack, Jon Underwood, Levi Milligan, John Gregory, Captain Randy Cox, Police Chief Doyne Little, and Fire Chief Justin Lollar. Councilwoman Rooks stated that their quick response helped save Halle's life. Councilwoman Rooks stated that the prayers, love, and support her family has received from the community can never be matched or repaid. Councilwoman Rooks thanked everyone who has or will continue to play a part in Halle's healing journey.

Police Chief Doyne Little stated the Town's public sector is amazing and that the public safety teams cross train with each other. Chief Little stated that this year's Firecracker Festival was the biggest crowd the Town has had and that they are now preparing for the Fall Festival in September.

Councilwoman Rooks stated that she has received lots of compliments on the new pavement downtown and thanked Street Superintendent Sean Barnett.

Director of Economic Development Sarabeth Drybread stated that this year's Firecracker Festival had the largest number of vendors and that several of the vendors have applied for the Fall Festival. Director Drybread stated that the Council and Superintendents have received some draft plaza designs from IU Rural. Director Drybread stated that there is a \$35,000 cap on the Johnson County Community

Foundation grant, she has also applied for a \$50,000 grant for T-Mobile and is working on another grant for \$10,000 from MIBOR. Director Drybread stated that the three quotes the Town received last year to take the building down at 201 West Main Cross Street are still good. The three quotes were \$15,000, \$14,000, and \$13,800 to demolish the building. Director Drybread stated that Ryan Facemire gave the \$13,800 quote and could potentially have the building down by the Fall Festival depending on the weather. Director Drybread stated that Gosman Construction of North Vernon gave the \$14,000 quote.

Discussion was held regarding whether either of the bidders have done work for the Town before.

Attorney Huddleston stated that it would need to be on the agenda for approval of bids for the demolition of the building.

Water Superintendent Bill Jones stated that the water tower was cleaned, and the lowest bid received was \$8,000. Superintendent Jones stated that the south water tower will be cleaned again in approximately two years.

Planning Director Julie Young stated that two public hearings have been advertised for requests for alley vacations that will be on the next meeting agenda.

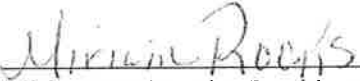
Adjourn

Being no further business or comments, Councilwoman Sweet 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=PL0pagNU7lg5FkjGffQyWphicPehlL-R5g> for as long as this media is supported.

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ATTEST:


Rhonda Barrett, Clerk-Treasurer