

Special Council Meeting
Monday, August 4, 2025
6:00PM

Edinburgh Town Council met in a special session on Monday, August 4, 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 Sherri Sweet, and Councilman Michael Bryant.

Council President Ryan Piercefield and Councilwoman Debbie Buck were absent.

Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Rhonda Barrett, Town Manager John Myers, Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston, and multiple department heads to present 2026 proposed budgets.

Ordinance 2025-11 Amending Ordinance 2025-1 Establishing Salaries (1st Reading)- Attorney Huddleston stated that this updates titles and salaries to reflect updates from the 77 Fund. This is an introduction, but the first reading can be waived with unanimous consent.

Discussion was held regarding what titles this ordinance updates, within the current ordinance it reads Deputy Marshal and that has been changed to read Police Officer, where it reads Town Marshal that now reads Police Chief, and where it reads Assistant Town Marshal it now reads Assistant Police Chief.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to waive the first reading of Ordinance 2025-11 Amending Ordinance 2025-1 Establishing Salaries. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-11 Amending Ordinance 2025-1 Establishing Salaries. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Budget Workshop- Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that this meeting is for department heads to explain their proposed 2026 budgets.

Park and Rec

Parks Director Daniel Teter presented the Park and Rec budget.

Director Teter explained each line-item change.

Discussion was held regarding wages and difficulty hiring part-time employees.

Director Teter stated that Office Other increased due to IT costs. Director Teter stated that miscellaneous supplies are broken into four different categories: miscellaneous \$19,000, programming \$26,000, landscaping \$22,500, and facilities \$17,500. Director Teter stated that he hopes to purchase a new Gator for the Park and Rec next year.

The proposed 2026 Park and Rec budget is \$1,001,295.00.

NRO Youth Baseball/Softball

Parks Director Daniel presented the NRO Youth Baseball/Softball budget.

Director Teter explained each line-item change.

The proposed 2026 NRO Youth Baseball/Softball budget is \$90,225.00.

NRO Youth Club/BASE

Parks Director Daniel Teter presented the NRO Youth Club/BASE budget.

Director Teter explained each line-item change.

Discussion was held regarding wages.

Discussion was held regarding decreased enrollment for Youth Club and parents wanting an all-day camp.

Discussion was held regarding how the new school hours will affect BASE.

The proposed 2026 NRO Youth Club/BASE budget is \$102,775.00.

NRO Park Concessions

Parks Director Daniel Teter presented the NRO Park Concessions budget.

Director Teter stated that this budget stayed the same, but he also had another option for the Concessions budget.

Discussion was held regarding the decreased number of tournaments.

Director Teter stated that in the other option for the Concessions budget, he cut \$20,000 from the part-time employee wages and \$30,000 from the supplies due to the decreased number of tournaments.

Councilwoman Rooks stated that she thinks it would be best to go with the other option with the cuts to the Concessions budget.

The proposed 2026 NRO Park Concessions budget is \$153,940.00

NRO Basketball

Parks Director Daniel Teter presented the NRO Basketball budget.

Director Teter stated that this budget stayed the same.

The proposed 2026 Basketball budget is \$6,000.00.

Pool

Parks Director Daniel Teter presented the Pool budget.

Director Teter explained each line-item change. Director Teter stated that the pool has had the best attendance and revenue this year.

Discussion was held regarding the pool staying open longer this year.

Discussion was held regarding the number of adult activities held at the pool.

Director Teter stated that the miscellaneous supplies category is also broken into four different categories: miscellaneous \$5,000, chemicals \$21,000, pool equipment \$7,000, and events \$2,000.

Discussion was held regarding the lease and rental line item in the Pool budget.

The proposed 2026 Pool budget is \$215,115.00.

Cemetery

Cemetery Superintendent Stan Brown presented the Cemetery budget.

Superintendent Brown explained each line-item change.

Discussion was held regarding wages and employee insurance and the increase due to the change in number of employees.

Superintendent Brown discussed the decrease in the gasoline line item from \$16,000.00 to \$14,000.00.

Discussion was held regarding what the Badger Fund could potentially be used for, and moving other garage, maintenance and repairs and miscellaneous supplies to the Badger Fund for 2026.

Discussion was held regarding difficulty hiring part-time employees and how many part-time employees the Cemetery currently has.

Discussion was held regarding the gas utility.

Discussion was held regarding some fee changes and potentially putting an administrative fee for grave transferring in place and also increasing the Saturday and after hours fees, as well as the concrete pricing per square inch.

The proposed 2026 Cemetery budget is \$427,595.00.

Street

Street Superintendent Sean Barnett presented the Street budget.

Superintendent Barnett explained each line-item change.

Discussion was held regarding the increase in gasoline and road salt.

Superintendent Barnett explained the 100% increase in the machinery and equipment line-item. Town Manager John Myers stated that the Street department's backhoe and dump truck have often been breaking down. Mr. Myers discussed the option of purchasing a grapple truck which eliminates 2 people going out to pick up limbs and could replace a backhoe and also replace an older dump truck that has required a lot of repairs in the last year.

Discussion was held regarding how many backhoes the Town currently has.

Discussion was held regarding funding options to purchase the needed equipment.

Clerk-Treasurer Barrett discussed \$550,000.00 in the MVH Restricted Fund that goes towards infrastructure and road improvements.

The proposed 2026 Street budget was \$1,342,725.00.

Local Roads and Streets

Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that this is to pay Crossroads Engineering for the work they do with the CCMG and capital outlays. The budget stayed the same as 2025.

The proposed 2026 Local Roads and Streets budget was \$150,000.00.

Sanitation

Clerk-Treasurer Barrett presented the Sanitation budget.

Clerk-Treasurer Barrett explained each line-item change. Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that there was a \$10,000.00 decrease for heavy trash/compactor hauling because it is within the regular garbage pickup fee that Rumpke charges the Town. The \$40,000 increase in garbage pickup contracted due to the yearly contract increase and to account for the new housing in Timbergate.

The proposed 2026 Sanitation budget was \$518,730.00.

Council

Clerk-Treasurer Barrett presented the Council budget.

Clerk-Treasurer Barrett explained each line-item change.

Discussion was held regarding wages.

Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that the promotions line-item increased by \$5,000.00 to potentially do a longer fireworks show for the 250-year anniversary of the USA.

Discussion was held regarding the cost of fireworks and potential impacts from tariffs.

Clerk-Treasurer Barrett discussed repairs needed on the Town Hall building and the old police station roof next door to the Town Hall.

The proposed 2026 Council Budget was \$776,150.00.

Clerk-Treasurer

Clerk-Treasurer Barrett presented the Clerk-Treasurer budget.

Clerk-Treasurer Barrett explained each line-item change.

Discussion was held regarding wages.

Discussion was held regarding what fell under the miscellaneous professional services line-item.

The proposed 2026 Clerk-Treasurer budget was \$149,745.00.

General Bond

Clerk-Treasurer Barrett presented the General Bond budget.

Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that there must be enough included in the budget to pay the scheduled bond payments.

The proposed 2026 General Bond budget was \$350,978.00.

The remaining budgets were all revenue based. The proposed budgets for those were as follows:

- Shelby County EDIT- \$60,000.00
- Johnson County EDIT- \$539,275.00
- Bartholomew County EDIT- \$49,400.00
- CCIF- \$10,000.00
- CCDF- \$110,000.00
- Riverboat- \$35,000.00

Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that the Riverboat budget was cut by \$55,000.00 due to the anticipation of spending \$90,000.00 on new equipment.

Scott Finley with Baker Tilly gave a presentation on the Town’s cash flows. Mr. Finley discussed the estimated property taxes and certified shares the Town will receive for the remainder of the year. Mr. Finley discussed the estimated circuit breaker losses. Mr. Finley stated that in the General Fund if all estimated revenues are received and all estimated budgeted items are spent, there will be a deficit of \$734,00.00 but that does include \$277,000.00 in capital outlays which are typically non-recurring expenses. This would leave an estimated cash balance of \$3.3 million at the end of 2026. Mr. Finley stated that the Town’s operating balance would be 56.5% even with the

deficit, if the budgets and spending continued like that, after a couple of years the operating balance would quickly fall down to 50% and eventually fall to a negative balance, so that is something to keep an eye on, but typically Edinburgh does not spend all of its budget.

Mr. Finley discussed the Town's budgeted receipts, total budgeted disbursements, cash balances, and operating balances for all other funds. Mr. Finley discussed the Shelby County Racino and the cash balance currently available in that fund.

Discussion was held regarding what this cash balance could be used for.

Clerk Treasurer Barrett stated that the next Budget workshop is August 25th and if the council has any questions or changes they would like to see to reach out to her before then.

Councilwoman Rooks thanked everyone for their hard work.


Adjourn

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


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.

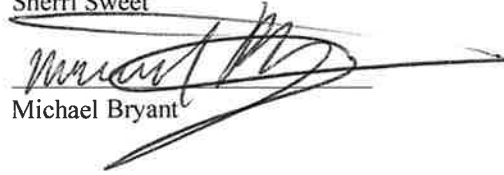
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ATTEST:


Rhonda Barrett, Clerk-Treasurer