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Special Council Meeting  
Friday, October 4, 2013  
9:15 A.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a special session on Friday, October 4, 2013 at 9:15 A.M. at the Town Hall, 107 South Holland Street, Edinburgh, Indiana.

President Hoffman called the meeting to order in regards to the Community Development Block Grant Agreement Approval. Members answering roll call were: Councilman John Drybread, Councilman Jeff Simpson, Vice President Curtis Rooks, Councilwoman Kami Ervin, and President Ron Hoffman. Also present were Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston, Clerk Treasurer Scott Finley, and Building Commissioner Wade Watson.

President Hoffman said the need for this emergency meeting is because the contract the council is required to sign to obtain the grant money from OCRA must be submitted by October 6. The meeting was called also because the town council has to give permission to the highest member of the council to sign the contract. He handed it over to Building Commissioner Wade Watson to explain the document and why it is so important to get it submitted on time.

Mr. Watson said the original contract from OCRA has a clause in it that eluded to the space post demolition be resurfaced with a sidewalk. Had that been part of the grant being funded the town would have had to comply with uniform wage on the entire project. Mr. Watson said he had read through the contract and consulted with Donna from Kenna Consulting and also Town Attorney Huddleston to make sure the grant was just for the demolition of the building and nothing more. When the question was asked to OCRA they agreed to revise the contract which was then again reviewed by Mr. Huddleston. It is a complex contract and there are numerous goals and deadlines the town has to meet. A calendar will be created to be sure none of the important dates are missed. OCRA can cancel the contract at any time with or without justification or cause. He said he can answer any specific questions anyone may have but what we need is for the council to allow the highest officer or CEO to sign the contract and it needs to be attested by the CFO. Those two people in this case would be President Ron Hoffman and Clerk Treasurer Scott Finley.

President Hoffman said the bottom line is the town has to comply with the state to obtain the grant and he has full faith that Mr. Watson will not allow anything to slip through the cracks.

Councilman Rooks made a motion to give President Hoffman authorization to sign the contract as submitted. Councilwoman Ervin seconded. Unanimous.

Town Attorney Huddleston said he had reviewed the contract and the biggest thing is OCRA can cancel the contract at any time even if the town is in compliance with the contract. That is something that needs to be in the towns contract with whatever contractor is selected for the job so they know the funding is based on OCRA's funding and the town can cancel the demolition at any time. Having this in the contract will eliminate the company attempting to sue the town for the money. He stated that this is not an unusual clause in grant contracts he just wants the council to be aware of that.


Councilman Rooks asked if that could be a possibility with the federal government the way it is currently.

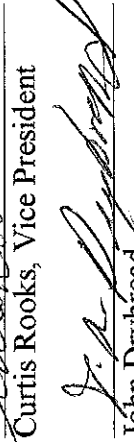
Mr. Huddleston said being a state grant he does not see that being a problem but it is always a possibility. He and Mr. Watson agreed that after the contract was signed it be hand delivered to make sure it is submitted on time.

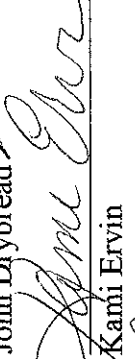
Being no further business or comments, Councilman Simpson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Drybread seconded. Unanimous.

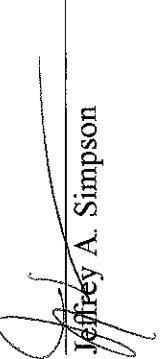
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Ron Hoffman, President

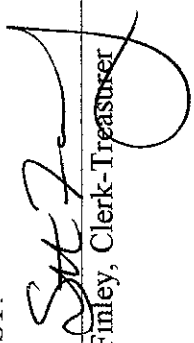
  
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John Drybread

  
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Jeffrey A. Simpson

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Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer