

Town Council Meeting
Monday, November 25, 2013
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, November 25, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, 107 South Holland Street, Edinburgh, Indiana.

President Hoffman called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Hoffman thanked everyone for coming.

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 and Clerk Treasurer Scott Finley.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda were the minutes of the Council Meeting of November 12, 2013. Councilman Rooks made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilwoman Ervin seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said claims were next on the agenda and handed it over to Clerk Treasurer Finley.

Clerk Treasurer Finley said everyone should have received the normal claim docket for the period as well as the September pre-write packet placed in front of them. He said he had one addition to the normal claim docket and a credit memo on the claim docket. The credit memo was a Schneider Nursery claim that was over paid and the addition was a Parks Department credit card payment that was given to the wrong department. He said he had signed off on all of the claims and handed them over to the council for approval. Councilman Drybread made a motion to approve the claims as submitted. Councilwoman Ervin seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was Ordinance 2013-12 Water Payment in Lieu of Taxes. He said there will be money paid directly from the water department to the general fund. In the future the payment should remove some strain off of the general funds budget. President Hoffman opened a public hearing for Ordinance 2013-12.

John Rondot said he believed the newspaper did a good job of explaining the ordinance but a little more detail could help remove some of the confusion that could come with the ordinance.

Being no further discussion President Hoffman closed the public hearing.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was Ordinance 2013-13 Storm Water Rate. He opened a public hearing for the ordinance.

John Rondot said it would be helpful if the resident knew exactly what kind of increase they could expect.

President Hoffman said as of now the proposed fee would be three dollars per household. That number has not been finalized but that is the rate that has been discussed. There are still some questions about whether it will be billed monthly or quarterly.

Mr. Huddleston said to answer that question the ordinance provides flexibility saying the billing can be determined as needed.

Councilman Drybread said it would probably be best to advertise the finalized rate to Mr. Rondot's point so the residents can know what to expect.

Gail Hoffman said people may not notice the increase as much if it is billed monthly rather than quarterly.

Councilman Rooks said in the ordinance in section 53.23 section D it states the bill is per month.

Councilwoman Ervin said the ordinance states that it is a three dollar per month charge billed at however the council decides to bill it.

Mr. Rondot said he would suggest not giving options to the customers on when to pay because that would create an administrative nightmare for tracking payments.

Mr. Huddleston said regarding publication of the ordinance, this particular ordinance does not need to be advertised because the rate has already been advertised with the previous ordinance. Due to the length of the ordinance the cost of advertising was relatively high. It can be advertised but it is not required.

President Hoffman asked how much it cost to advertise the ordinance.

Mr. Finley said he believed the Daily Journal alone was around \$800.

President Hoffman said it will be put on the town's website as well for any residents to see so advertising again would just be a waste.

Mr. Rondot asked if there was a way to make the ordinance the first thing people see when they go on the website.

Councilwoman Ervin said there is a place on the left of the webpage that displays recent news. The town also has the new text message alerts where it could be advertised.

President Hoffman closed the public hearing.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was the Appointment to Storm Water Board. The discussion was tabled because those members had not been decided upon yet. There are conditions that must be met for the board. Two members can be from one party but the third must be from another. There are now residency issues for this board. Those members are to be appointed by the president of the town council.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was the Asbestos Inspection Agreement Demo Project. He turned it over to Building Commissioner Wade Watson to discuss the matter.

Mr. Watson said companies were recommended to him through the project engineer Mike Buening and Kenna Consulting. There were three quotes that each came in within one hundred dollars of each other. They were reviewed and one was more competent than the others. That information is what was sent out in the council packets and what he was going to ask for approval for at this meeting. However, Councilman Rooks told him about a company he has used in the past with excellent results that would do the inspection for virtually half of what was quoted. Mr. Watson said he had a proposal not to exceed \$500 in front of him from the company but Mr. Huddleston has not had a chance to look over the agreement. They would only charge the town for the actual expenses involved but it would cost no more than \$500. His request from the council is approval to accept the company based on his interaction with them and Councilman Rooks' long experience with them provided Mr. Huddleston approves the agreement. Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to accept the company with Mr. Watson's stipulations. Councilman Drybread seconded. Unanimous.

Councilman Rooks said he has been dealing with the company ACT for many years and when he saw the quoted price he knew this company would do the inspection much cheaper. The company is very thorough and he has had nothing but good experiences with them.

Council Comments

Councilman Drybread said he has with him a letter from the school thanking Police Chief David Mann for his help with the after school program Wolf Pack. The letter also mentioned that Fire Chief Allen Smith and another firefighter had presented themselves at the program. It's nice to get letters commending the Police and Fire departments. He also said the parks department is getting all the Christmas lights out for holidays. The lights were replaced with LED lights and some of the displays were repainted.

Councilman Rooks wanted to also thank Chief Mann for being at the school as often as he is. It is nice for the kids to have someone in law enforcement to look up to.

Public Comments

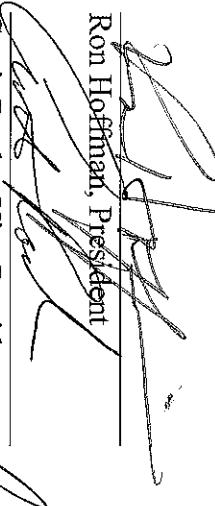
Gail Hoffman said the Wolf Pack program is a great program and she too is glad to see Chief Mann helping out.

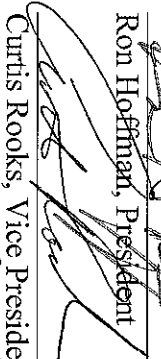
Mr. Rondot said the American flags at Timbergate have taken a beating during the wind storms and they need to be replaced or taken down because they are not presentable.

Councilman Drybread said he will look into getting those flags replaced.

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

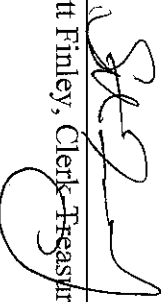

Curtis Rooks, Vice President


John Drybread


Kami Ervin


Jeffrey A. Simpson

ATTEST:


Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer