

Town Council Meeting
Monday, February 10, 2014
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, February 10, 2014 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 January 27, 2014. Councilman Rooks made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilwoman Ervin seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda were claims and handed it over to Clerk Treasurer Scott Finley. Mr. Finley said everyone should have received a copy of the claim docket for the last period. He said he had signed off on all the claims in that docket and passed them on to the council for approval. Councilman Drybread made a motion to approve the claims as submitted. Councilman Simpson seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was the sealed bid opening for residential solid waste removal services.

Mr. Finley passed around a sign in sheet for anyone present for the bid opening process and wished to have a completed bid tab sent to them the following day. He also handed out a bid tab to those wanting to keep track of the bids.

President Hoffman opened the first bid packet from Rumpke. The bids were broken down into twelve different line items. Mr. Hoffman read the rate and annual cost for each of the line items from Attachment C of the bid documents. He then read the rates for each line item in years two, three, four, and five from Attachment D of the bid documents. He asked if the representatives from Rumpke had anything to add.

Laurie Probus said she just wanted to note on Line Item #3 of Attachment C that there is no charge for one optional additional toter for residents.

President Hoffman opened the second bid packet from Best Way Disposal. He again read the rate and annual cost for each of the line items from Attachment C as well as the rates for each line item in years two through five from Attachment D. Mr. Hoffman asked the representatives from Best Way if they had anything to add. Being nothing to add he moved on to the final packet.

President Hoffman opened the third and final bid packet from Ray's Trash Service. Again, he read the rate and annual cost for each of the 12 line items from Attachment C. He also read the rates for each line item in years two, three, four, and five from Attachment D. He asked the representative from Ray's if he had anything additional. He had nothing more to add.

Mr. Finley said the bid award would be announced on February 24, 2014 and the new rates would become effective on March 1, 2014.

John Rondot asked how the proposed rates compare to what the town paid in 2013.

Mr. Finley asked Ms. Probus of Rumpke what the town was currently paying per unit.

Ms. Probus said the current rate was \$7.67 for single family homes.

Mr. Rondot asked if the cost included the recycle bins at the transfer station.

Wastewater Superintendent Glenn Giles said there is no cost for that service.

Terry Teverbaugh from Best Way asked if she could get the break-down of Rumpke's single family home bids.

President Hoffman read again Rumpke's single family rate and annual cost.

Mr. Finley said the bid tab will be filled out completely and sent to everyone on the sign in sheet the following day.

Ben Hardwick of Ray's Trash Service said he was not sure what the town's initiatives are but with Ray's every pound of waste would be incinerated to produce energy. None of the waste would be going to a landfill.

President Hoffman asked if anyone had any other questions or comments. Being none he thanked everyone for submitting their bids.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was Ordinance 2014-3 Adopt a Storm Water Rate. He said the \$96,000 for storm water has been removed from the budget. This was discussed during the budget meetings of 2013. As there is no money in the budget for this, the town will be short on its budget until this rate is adopted. He asked if there were any questions or discussions about the ordinance.

Councilman Drybread said its \$8,000 per month the town is short.

Councilman Rooks said in section 53.26 it discusses discounts as well as policy and procedures for non-residential property owners. He asked for an explanation of that section.

Town Attorney Huddleston said that section gives the town flexibility to give commercial properties credits toward what they owe if they install certain types of infrastructure that reduce their impact on the storm water system. It would be on a case by case basis.

Councilman Drybread said if the company makes a heavy investment on their side of the system the town can then re-evaluate the company's impact on the town's storm water system.

President Hoffman said there would be a public meeting held with the engineers to help explain why the storm water fee is necessary. The town needs this fee to fix the problems within the storm water infrastructure as identified by Mr. Ladd during his study.

Mr. Giles said there were 8 or 9 areas that were identified as weaknesses in the system. The flood in 2008 really pointed out those weaknesses. There is a 60 inch storm sewer that runs down Kyle Street that is only being utilized 15%. Storm water from different areas needs to be diverted to that sewer so it can be better utilized.

President Hoffman said the cost to complete the entire project was \$18 million.

Mr. Giles said yes. Because of that cost it would have to be done in phases.

Councilman Rooks asked if the storm water went through the wastewater facility.

Mr. Giles said it does and it costs just as much to treat a gallon of storm water as it does a gallon of sewage.

Councilman Rooks asked if it was supposed to go through the facility.

Mr. Giles said in the mid 1990's new laws were put in place that said any new infrastructure that was built must be separate from the wastewater. However, the town's infrastructure is about 85% combined so it would cost too much to separate the existing infrastructure.

Councilman Drybread said if the storm water could be diverted to the 60 inch sewer on Kyle Street it could be drained to the river instead of through the wastewater facility.

Building Commissioner Wade Watson said as the flood plain manager for the community he would like to stress the importance of protection of property. As the storm water infrastructure is improved we will be able to take care of more surface water that would otherwise be in properties and damaging homes. It is a very important project.

Councilwoman Eryin made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-3. Councilman Drybread seconded. Councilman Rooks voted nay. Because the vote was not unanimous the ordinance had to be tabled and re-read at the council meeting of February 24, 2014.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was Resolution 2014-5 L.B. Mold New Equipment Tax Abatement. He said Mr. Bodine was present at the last meeting to explain about his company and why this abatement was important for the company. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-5. Councilman Rooks seconded. Unanimous.

Council Comments

Councilman Drybread said Daniel Teter wanted to make sure everyone knew little league signups were starting soon. Also Mr. Teter submitted a grant for some recycling programs for the Parks Department.

Mr. Watson said he wanted to let the council know that the bid for the Amos Hill project is on schedule. Public Advertisement will happen Wednesday, February 12 and will be advertised again on February 19. The pre-bid meeting will be held on February 28.


Fire Chief Allen Smith brought up some issues and concerns the fire department has with dispatch since it has moved to Johnson County. He said there have been occasions when not enough detail was given on addresses. His concerns are that in a big emergency they may lose time trying to find the exact location.

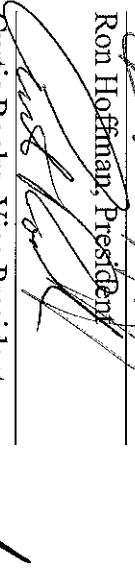
John Rondot said E911 should give an exact location of where that call originated.

Police Chief David Mann said one of the problems is the growing use of cell phones. A cell phone does not give an exact location of the call. It gives a general area.


President Hoffman thanked Mr. Smith for his concerns.

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

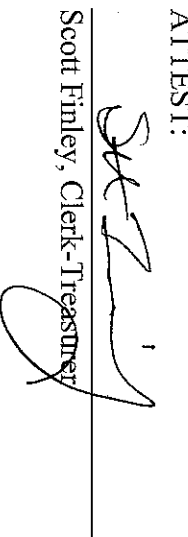

 Curtis Rooks, Vice President


 John Drybread


 Kami Ervin


 Jeffrey A. Simpson

ATTEST:


 Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer