

Town Council Meeting
Monday, February 24, 2014
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, February 24, 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 February 10, 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 Simpson made a motion to approve the claims as submitted. Councilman Drybread seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was Ordinance 2014-3 Adopt Storm Water Rate. The ordinance had been discussed at the previous meeting. He said the money used for storm water came from the town council budget in the past but that line item no longer exists. Because of that there is a need for this storm water user fee. Councilman Rooks made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-3. Councilwoman Ervin seconded. Unanimous.

Councilman Drybread added that there will be some people from around the world coming to the Pixie Theater for an international conference regarding storm water. They had asked that the town give an introduction at that conference. He said he would get the exact date and more information for that and relay it to the council.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was the bid award for residential solid waste removal services. He asked Councilman Drybread to explain the award process.

Councilman Drybread said he and 4 other staff members met and went through all the bids together. He said the recommendation of the staff was to award the solid waste removal services to Rumpke.

Mr. Finley said he had handed out a spreadsheet to the council breaking down the bids from each company. He said since the town will be passing this charge on to the residents as a user fee in the future the residential cost was the staff's main focus. Rumpke did have the lowest bid for residential services. Also, Rumpke did not charge for an additional toter. This means if more residents were to start using a second toter there would be no change in the charge for services. While Ray's did have a slightly lower bid for all other services, the staff believed awarding the entire bid to one company was more beneficial in the long run.

Councilman Drybread said the main difference in the bids was the dumpsters for the town. The dumpster service for the town makes up a majority of the difference in the overall bids.

Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to award the solid waste removal services to Rumpke. Councilman Rooks seconded. Unanimous.

Council Comments

Councilman Drybread said there are a couple of openings for the police department. They currently have eleven applicants for the positions. They are doing agility testing and interviews and Chief Mann will keep the council informed on his selections for the positions.

President Hoffman said for everyone's information Joe Gerth and Chris McCallister have both resigned from their positions as police officers.

Building Commissioner Wade Watson said he had some information in front of the council on a tax abatement request for Ditech. The request is for an abatement on personal property. The company plans to spend \$500,000 on new manufacturing equipment and \$100,000 on IT equipment. The staff

recommendation for this abatement is approval of a 10 year abatement based on the schedule given on the staff report. He said he would be happy to answer any questions the council may have.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the tax abatement as submitted by the staff. Councilwoman Ervin seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Huddleston said as before the council will need to make a motion to authorize him to prepare a resolution for the tax abatement. Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to authorize Mr. Huddleston to prepare that resolution. Councilman Rooks seconded. Unanimous.

Public Comments

Laurie Probus of Rumpke said she wanted to thank the council for their award of the solid waste removal services and thanked the town for its business.

Ben Hardwick of Ray's Trash Service thanked the council for the opportunity to submit a bid. He appreciates the opportunity and hopes they will get a chance to submit a bid in the future.

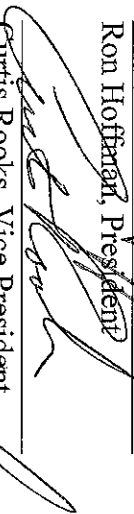
Nate Dillingham of Diech thanked the council for the approval of the abatement. They play a big part in the success of a company. His company has purchased a half million dollars worth of equipment each year for the past 5 years and it helps a lot. The company has gone from 7 employees in 1996 to 175 currently.

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

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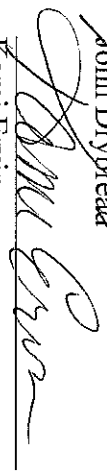
Ron Hoffman, President



Curtis Rooks, Vice President



John Drybread



Kami Ervin

Jeffrey A. Simpson

ATTEST:



Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer