

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

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, March 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, Vice President Curtis Rooks, Councilman Jeff Simpson, and President Ron Hoffman. Councilwoman Kami Ervin was absent. 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 March 10, 2014. Councilman Rooks made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilman Simpson seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda were claims and handed it over to Clerk Treasurer Scott Finley. Mr. Finley said everyone received the normal claim docket for the period in their packet. He also had with him one claim from the police department that was not in the claim docket. The police department has planned to purchase one police car and lease two others. That separate claim was for the purchase of the one police car for \$22,107. He said he had signed off on all of those claims and handed them over to the council for approval. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the claims including the police vehicle as submitted. Councilman Rooks seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was the Construction Contract for the Grain Elevator Demolition Project. He asked Mr. Watson to explain the contract.

Mr. Watson said he had put in front of the council a brief report explaining where the town was with the project. March 14 at 1:30 P.M. was the bid opening. There were six companies that submitted bids and five of those were present at the bid opening. The lowest bidder was Beatty Construction. He said he and Mr. Buening have gone through the bid packet and it appears to be complete. There were work performance reference checks done with three companies that have worked with Beatty Construction and all three gave excellent ratings. One of those included the City of Franklin which has had several demolition projects done by Beatty Construction. Town Attorney Huddleston has worked on a contract between the Town of Edinburgh and Beatty Construction. Mr. Watson said his recommendation was going to be to award the bid to Beatty at this meeting but it is now his understanding that the bid cannot be awarded until the funds from the grant have been released from OCRA. He said he was recommending that the council approve the contract and also that the council authorize President Ron Hoffman to sign the contract.

Councilman Rooks asked if we knew when the money would be released.

Mr. Watson said it was his understanding until just before the meeting that the contract had to be signed before the funds could be released. After speaking to Kenna Consulting he found that the funds must be released before the bid can be awarded. He said he has not had a chance yet to speak to Kenna to find out what the next step will be in getting those funds released.

Mr. Huddleston said normally when these kinds of bids are done there is no issue with awarding the bid to the low bidder. What makes this unique is that it is funded through the state so there are some additional steps that need to be taken. He and Mr. Watson want to make sure everything is done correctly so the town does not lose these funds. His understanding is also that the funds must be released from the state and then the bid can be awarded and the contract can be signed. He said the council has a draft of the contract in front of them. That contract will be given to the low bidder for review and they may have some proposed changes. There will be another meeting when the funds have been released where the bid can be awarded and the contract can be signed all in one meeting.

Councilman Drybread said that is when the clock starts running on the project, correct?

Mr. Huddleston said yes. OCRA says the project must be completed within 100 days. The contract is set up to say that the time does not begin until the town has signed the contract. At that point the construction company has 100 days to complete the project.

Councilman Rooks asked if Beaty Construction knows that the town has to wait on the funds to be released before they can be awarded the bid.

Councilman Drybread says they have done a number of OCRA Grants so they are familiar with the process.

Councilman Rooks asked if Beaty was told at the bid opening that the award would be at the March 24 meeting.

Mr. Watson said the schedule does have council awarding the bid at this meeting. However, we do not want to do anything that is going to jeopardize those funds. The award announcement was actually scheduled on March 31.

Mr. Huddleston said even if the bid were awarded tonight there would be nothing they could do because they would still need to review the contract. The town is still alright on the time frame.

Councilman Rooks made a motion to authorize Town Attorney Huddleston to be in contact with Beaty Construction in regards to the proposed construction contract. Councilman Drybread seconded. Unanimous.

Councilman Drybread said he would like to note that this has been a difficult project and Mr. Watson has done a great job of making sure everything is done correctly and in the right order. He thanked Mr. Watson for his work on the project.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was Ordinance 2014-4 Establishing Rules and Regulations for Termination of Electric and Water Services for Nonpayment. He said this has been discussed in previous meetings. The town does not have an ordinance in place regarding regulations for the disconnect process. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-4. Councilman Rooks seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was Ordinance 2014-5 Additional Appropriations. He asked Mr. Finley to explain the ordinance.

Mr. Finley said as the council knows each year the town must do additional appropriations for Rainy Day, County EDIT Funds, Racino, and Riverboat. Those funds must be appropriated before they can be spent. In addition, at the last meeting Fire Chief Allen Smith asked for additional appropriations for fire equipment. That appropriation of \$10,000 from the General Fund was also added to the ordinance. The amounts appropriated were \$188,000 in Rainy Day, \$101,500 in Bartholomew County EDIT, \$59,000 in Shelby County EDIT, \$53,000 in Shelby County Racino, \$160,000 in Riverboat, and \$10,000 in General. Councilman Rooks made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-5. Councilman Simpson seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was Resolution 2014-7 Adopting Procedures on Tax Abatements and Designations of ERAs. He said there is little formal procedure in place for the tax abatement process. Mr. Huddleston has drawn up a Resolution to ensure the town is using the correct procedures. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-7. Councilman Drybread seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was Resolution 2014-8 Municipal Lease Agreement. He asked Mr. Finley to explain the resolution.

Mr. Finley said this resolution is for the lease of two police cars that Police Chief Mann had budgeted to purchase. The resolution needs to be signed by the council to allow them to proceed with the lease. Councilman Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-8. Councilman Drybread seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda were the Public Official Bonds for Dave Mann and Dave Lutz. He asked Mr. Finley to explain what those bonds are for.

Mr. Finley said it is required that all public official maintain a surety bond. He said he, Mr. Drybread, Mr. Mann, and Mr. Lutz have individual bonds while other town employees are covered under a blanket bond.

Councilman Simpson asked what the amount was for the bonds.

Mr. Finley said the bonds are for \$15,000 each.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the public official bonds for Dave Mann and Dave Lutz. Councilman Drybread seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was the Oath of Office for Police Officers Crocker and Sturgeon. He said Mr. Finley will handle the swearing in of the two officers.

Police Chief Mann said the department has gone through the hiring process and he is proud of all the guys within the department. During the physical tests, every officer came out on their days off to encourage and support the new candidates. It is a competitive process and he witnessed Mr. Crocker run an extra lap to encourage a fellow competitor. He said he had two new officers he would like to introduce to the council. The first was Robert Crocker. Mr. Crocker has been in uniform for 20 years. He was with the Johnson County Sheriff's and has been a reserve officer for the town for 5 years. The second officer was Roy Sturgeon. Mr. Sturgeon has also been a reserve officer for 5 years. He said he always has a smile on his face and has a can-do attitude. Mr. Sturgeon will start at the academy on March 31 and Mr. Crocker will go later in the summer. He asked Mr. Finley to swear the two new officers in.

Mr. Finley conducted the oath of office and congratulated the new officers on their positions.

President Hoffman welcomed the new officers on behalf of the council.

Mr. Mann said he also had an opening in the lieutenants position. They looked at all the officers to determine the best person they have to fill that position. He said he is very proud to introduce his new lieutenant, Officer Doyle Little. Officer Little has been with the department for 8 years. He is responsible for the bulk of the drug enforcement activity within the town. He has the respect of the other officers in the department as well. He said he believes he will add a new level of experience and strength to the administrative team.

Mr. Mann presented Officer Little with single bar insignia which denotes the lieutenant position and congratulated him on his promotion.

Council Comments

Councilman Drybread said there was a baseball tournament at the sports complex Saturday and Sunday that was very successful. They took in around \$2000 just in concessions. It was a good start for the Parks department. He said Daniel Teter is still working on drawings for the new restroom at the sports complex as well as the new ball diamond.

Councilman Drybread passed around to the council copies of what will be mailed out to all utility customers regarding the new fees for storm water and fire protection. He said this should explain both of the fees and limit confusion on the new charges. For the first month the commercial and industrial customers will only see the \$3 charge until the calculations can be completed for the ERUs of each customer.

Councilman Simpson congratulated the two new officers on their positions with the department and also Officer Little on his promotion. He thanked Chief Mann for his efforts with the hiring process as well.

Councilman Rooks said he also wanted to congratulate the new hires. He said Chief Mann has done an outstanding job and he has heard a lot of good things about the department. He also thanked Mr. Watson for his work on the demolition project.

Public Comments

Mr. Sturgeon said it was a pleasure meeting the council and he is excited to start his position and go to the academy.

Mr. Crocker also said he was excited to start his career with the Edinburgh Police Department.

Officer Doyme Little thanked the council for their support of the police department and thanked Mr. Mann for his promotion. He said the officers all appreciate everything Chief Mann does for them.

Mike Bell of Amos Hill said he would like to thank the town for the approval of tax abatement at the previous meeting. He also thanked Mr. Watson for his efforts with the grain elevator demolition project. He thinks the project will be great for that intersection.

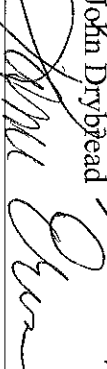
Being no further business or comments, Councilman Simpson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Drybread seconded. Unanimous.

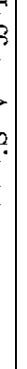
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