

Town Council Meeting
Monday, April 28, 2014
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, April 28, 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 April 14, 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 received the normal claim docket for the period in their packet. He said Daniel Teter had given him two additional claims earlier in the day that are not in the docket that he would like to get approved as well. He asked Mr. Teter to explain those two claims.

Mr. Teter said the circus that would be in town over the weekend sold tickets to local businesses to hand out to people. A portion of that goes to the Parks & Recreation and the other portion goes back to the promotional company putting on the circus. The money has already been deposited in the bank but the company would like a check on the day of the circus for their portion.

Mr. Finley said one claim was for \$450.60 and the other is \$354.90. He said he had signed off on all the claims in the docket as well as the two additional claims and handed them over to the council for approval. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approved the claims with the additions as submitted. Councilman Rooks seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was Ordinance 2014-6 Establishing the Edinburgh Parks Memorial Fund for Ethan Powell. At the last meeting the council voted to allow donations to be spent because the ordinance was not completed yet. The ordinance is now completed and ready for a vote.

Mr. Huddleston said the ordinance will work similar to the Fire and Rescue NRO Fund. Anytime Mr. Teter wants to spend money from the fund he must bring it before the council and it will be up to the council to approve or deny the claim. Councilman Rooks made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-6. Councilman Drybread seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was Resolution 2014-10 Amos Hill Associates Real Property Tax Abatement. He asked Mr. Watson to explain the abatement.

Mr. Watson said the abatement for Amos Hill was voted on and approved at a prior council meeting. The abatement is for an improvement that the company is planning and includes the amendment for the improved area on their parcel.

Mr. Huddleston said we were waiting on a legal description of the exact area of the addition because we did not want to approved an abatement for the entire building. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-10. Councilwoman Ervin Seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was the Planning Commission Report and Recommendation for Cople Rezone Petition. He asked Councilman Drybread who is also President of the Planning Commission if he wanted to explain the situation.

Councilman Drybread said Mr. Watson would like to present to the council how the meeting went and then he could explain where the board was with the decision.

Mr. Watson said according to the ordinances, any petition that does not generate from the Town Council to rezone any property must go through the planning commission. The petitioner brought the case before the planning commission and the planning commission then heard the specifics of the petition. Mr. Watson said everyone had a copy of the recommendation report and he would be happy to answer any questions. This was advertised legally to all property owners within 500 feet of the parcel. There were no citizens that object to the rezoning. There were people who objected to the parking congestion the company generates. The particular parcel has been used for commercial enterprises since the 1930's. The

parcel will most likely always be used for business in some fashion but it is zoned residential. The petition was to rezone the area to a roadside business parcel. There is a commercial building on the parcel that will likely never be used as a private garage. He said in his opinion it makes sense to rezone the parcel with the stipulations that are outlined in the report.

Councilwoman Ervin asked Mr. Watson to explain the public parking in front of the garage area.

Mr. Watson put an aerial photograph of the parcel on the projector. He said the parcel is actually made up of three separate lots that have been resurveyed to make it one parcel number. When Eisenhower Drive was extended, the area was not vacated as a public right of way on the road between Eisenhower and Hougham Street. So everything to the west side of the lot is still public right of way. It is open parking for anyone that wants to park there just like any public street. The petition was to rezone the one lot only. None of the others parcels in the area would not be rezoned. One of the stipulations in the report is that, consistent with what is already in the traffic code, no vehicle larger than a station wagon or a standard pick-up truck can be parked at any time on any residential property. Therefore, the wreckers the company owns can never be parked on the surrounding streets. Also, any vehicle larger than a station wagon or pick-up truck can only be parked in front of the business for one hour for loading and unloading. He said one of his recommendations is to strictly enforce the one hour parking in front of the business. Another recommendation is to make the intersection of Hougham Street and Keeley Street a four way stop to control the traffic speed in the area where the school and the residential area are located.

Councilman Rooks ask if the small building on the lot was going to be torn down.

Mr. Watson said yes. The demolition permit has already be issued to tear down the structure. That will then give them more space to park vehicles off the street.

Councilman Drybread said that was basically the discussion the planning commission had. It was clear the area had been used for business since the 1930's. The discussion got down to the parking and the safety in the area.

Councilman Simpson asked if the petitioners are aware of the recommendations for parking and agree with the stipulations.

Mr. Watson said yes.

Gail Hoffman asked if Mr. Thomas still owned and lived in the house on the lot.

Mr. Watson said at this point all that is known is that Mr. Thomas owns the property. He was not the petitioner but he did sign the owners affidavit.

Mrs. Hoffman asked if in the future if the house was ever vacant could the company then tear the house down and use the whole area as storage.

Mr. Watson said part of the issue the company has is that if someone wants to move a vehicle that is parked in the back of the lot they would first have to move all the cars in front of the vehicle. That causes congestion in the area. The company needs more space to temporarily store vehicles.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to accept the recommendation from the planning commission on the rezoning of the area with the stipulations provided in the report and to allow Mr. Huddleston to draft the necessary ordinance or ordinances. Councilwoman Ervin seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was the Hisada Tax Abatement Report. He asked Mr. Watson to explain the revised report.

Mr. Watson said the report was for the annual CF-1's the company is required to submit. There are 3 real property abatements active and 4 personal property abatements. He said he had reviewed them all and only had a question on one of the abatements. One of the abatements, 2008-6, looked like it should expire in 2013. When he asked the company's accountant for an explanation he said part of the equipment was not installed until 2010. Because of that there is still a partial abatement active for one more year. All of the other abatements were in order and they have been in substantial compliance with their original statement of benefits. His recommendation was for approval for all abatements.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve all abatements as submitted. Councilman Rooks seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was the Timbergate Quarterly Report. He handed it over to Wayne Gibbs to present his report.

Mr. Gibbs handed out a PowerPoint presentation to the council. He said normally the first quarter for a golf course is not the best quarter as January and February are colder months. He said he is happy with the revenues generated over the time period given the conditions. The revenues for the first quarter were \$65,000. That is down about \$4,000 from 2013. The expenses were \$314,000 which included the January bond payment. Deducting the bond payment leaves a net loss of about \$18,000. That number is better than previous years with the exception of 2012 which had a very short winter. He said the next page has a breakdown of where the expenses and revenues came from. There was not much change in any of the numbers from 2013 to 2014. He said is happy to report that April has been a good turn around as far as weather and they are actually ahead of where they were last year at this time.

The council thanked Mr. Gibbs for his report.

Council Comments

Councilman Drybread said he had given everyone a handout regarding Rooney and Company. They are an accounting firm that goes after Medicare money from ambulance runs that the town does not have the means to go after. She has already looked over the numbers from the Fire and Rescue and has determined she may be able to get about \$10,000 for the town. Of that, the company takes 25% of what is collected. This is money the town can get for basically nothing. Mary Patterson has already submitted the primary paperwork for the company. He said he had the agreement with him for President Hoffman to sign if the council would like to do this.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to allow President Hoffman to sign the agreement with Rooney and Company allowing them 25% of what they collect. Councilman Drybread seconded. Unanimous.

Councilman Drybread also wanted to thank the council on behalf of the employees for another employee appreciation day and for a great meal.

Councilwoman Ervin said she wanted to thank the office administration staff for helping put the employee appreciation together.

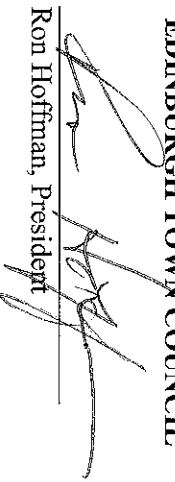
Police Chief David Mann said he wanted to let the council know that they were starting a reserve academy in the coming weeks. The volunteer officers will be in class three nights a week. After class they will begin field training. It takes some effort to replenish your volunteer staff when you hire from that pool.

Councilwoman Ervin asked how old a reserve officer has to be.

Mr. Mann said 21 years old.

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

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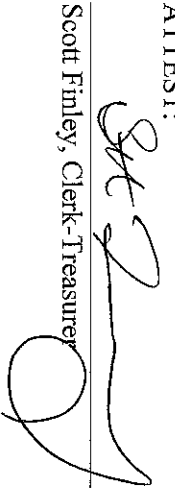
John Drybread



Kami Ervin

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ATTEST:



Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer