

Town Council Meeting
Monday, May 12, 2014
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, May 12, 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, Councilwoman Kami Ervin, and President Ron Hoffman. Councilman Jeff Simpson and Vice President Curtis Rooks were 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 April 28, 2014. Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilman Drybread 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 the claim docket is actually \$20 less than what the council received as there was a clerical error that was corrected on a Vectren bill within the Street department. He said he had signed off on all the claims in that docket 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 2014-7 Amending Ordinance 2000-7 Town Marshall Reserve Officers. He asked Police Chief David Mann to explain the amendments.

Mr. Mann said he is asking that the amendment change the maximum number of reserve officers from 10 to 20. They are currently training a new group of reserves and he would like to have that increase as a cushion. He said they ask that reserves put in 24 hours per month which is a big commitment. Over time reserves begin to drop off. The current training is 3 nights a week and Saturdays for 10 weeks. It takes the same amount of time to train one as it does ten. He said it is always good to have extra reserves.

Councilman Ervin asked how the uniform allowance and insurance impact the budget.

Mr. Mann said they may have to buy one uniform for each reserve which would cost about \$1,000 total. Reserves do not technically get a uniform allowance. They simply receive a shirt and a pair of pants to wear while working. They do not receive any compensation at all. Mr. Mann said the department is going to spend a little more than anticipated for full time officers' uniforms because of the addition of two officers and the replacement of 2 officers.

Councilman Drybread said it is important to increase the number of reserves because it is such a large commitment for those officers. It requires putting in a lot of hours for no pay and it takes a special person to do that. Increasing the number also gives the the department a larger group to hire from if a new officer needs to be hired. Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-7. Councilman Drybread seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was Tax Abatement CF-1 Approval for Penway, L.B. Mold, KST Leasing, and Ditech. He asked Building Commissioner Wade Watson to explain the CF-1's.

Mr. Watson said he had sent a staff report for each of the companies in the council packet. This is the annual review of tax abatements which gives the council an opportunity to review all of the active abatements in the town. Companies are required to submit CF-1's (Compliance Forms) to the town and also to the appropriate county's assessor's office. He said the staff recommendation is to authorize approval for all CF-1's and authorize President Hoffman to sign the necessary documents.

Nate Dillingham of Ditech said he wanted to thank Mr. Watson for his help with the CF-1 process. He was very helpful and worked with him to make sure all the documents were in order and submitted on time.

Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to approve all CF-1 compliance forms as recommended by the staff. Councilman Drybread seconded. Unanimous.

Councilman Drybread made a motion to authorize President Hoffman to sign the CF-1's. Councilwoman Ervin seconded. Unanimous.

Councilman Drybread said he wanted to note that Mr. Watson has created a nice spreadsheet to track all of the tax abatements in the town. He was done a create job on focusing on the details.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was Resolution 2014-11 Street Department Equipment Lease Purchase. He asked Mr. Drybread to explain the resolution.

Mr. Drybread said the resolution is for the lease of a new pick-up truck for the street department. It will be purchased from County Chevrolet. He said the department is past due for a new vehicle and they have been a little out of rotation with the change of superintendents. Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-11 and allow Mr. Drybread to sign the documents. Councilman Drybread seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was Resolution 2014-12 Electric Department Equipment Lease Purchase. He again asked Mr. Drybread to explain the resolution.

Mr. Drybread said the lease would be for a walk behind trencher and a mid-sized trencher. The department's current trenchers are approximately 20 years old and the trade-in value was very low so they will be looking to sell those in an auction with a reserve. The lease will be paid from electric revenues. He said the department has paid off a few of their leases in the past year so this will simply take the place of a previous lease payment. Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-12 and allow John Drybread to sign the necessary documents. Councilman Drybread seconded. Unanimous.

Council Comments

Councilman Drybread said the emergency callout has been discussed in the past. Since the town no longer operates its own emergency dispatch it needs a way to answer emergency utility calls after hours. He said he would like to go ahead and get that process moving. The company the staff spoke with, Callnet, will charge a \$495 per month flat fee to answer after hours calls. That charge would be split evenly between all utilities. This is a necessary expenditure because without a way to contact the utilities after hours there will be some real frustration among the residents. Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to allow the staff to move forward with the after hours emergency call out with Callnet. Councilman Drybread seconded. Unanimous.

Councilwoman Ervin said she attended the Ethan Powell Memorial Service at the Parks department and everyone involved did a wonderful job. She wanted to thank the department on behalf of the community. It is a really nice memorial and a good use for a normally wasted area.

Councilman Drybread said for those not familiar with the memorial, the Parks department had a limestone bench with a plaque put at the sports complex in memory of Ethan Powell who tragically lost his life. They did a beautiful job on the memorial.

Councilwoman Ervin said the family had asked that the funds left over from donations be used for equipment and fees for children who could not afford them on their own.

Wade Watson said he wanted to give everyone a quick update on the demolition project. The road boring is complete and the lines and poles have been removed that would impede the demolition. He received a correspondence from Beatty Construction that the demolition on the office building will begin on May 19 with demolition of that larger structure beginning on that Wednesday or Thursday weather permitting.

Councilwoman Ervin asked Mr. Watson could explain how the traffic would work.

Mr. Watson said we have a permit from the state to do 15 minute road closures at critical times. Most likely they will close only one lane and try to keep traffic moving. There will be no highway closure and no detour.

Chief Mann wanted to clarify with the ordinance that he does not anticipate having a full 20 reserve officers he just wanted to have some breathing room and not be restricted at 10 reserves.

Public Comments

Carol Chappell said she is finishing her four year goal of Leadership Johnson County. She has spent the last four years learning what she could from smaller communities and she has really enjoyed coming to Edinburgh twice a month. She said it is a great place to be and she loves the way the fire department, the police department, the council, and all the other departments are very interested in the safety of the children and that is so nice in a small community. She said Chief Mann knows the children by name and can talk to them when he sees them in the community. She said she loves the community and keep up the good work.


President Hoffman said he is glad she could attend the meetings and it has been a pleasure having her attend.

John Rondot said he stopped at town hall about a week ago to complain about the recycle bins at the transfers station. He said it either needs to be cleaned up or taken out completely. The day he went he could not find a place to put anything and people had been piling things on the ground. He said he does not know if everything going in there is recyclable.

Councilman Drybread said Glenn Giles took care of that and that was the worst it has been. He said they get a lot of recyclables out there which is a good thing. The town was picked as having the best recycling facility in the county by Johnson County Solid Waste so it was a shock when Mr. Rondot came in with a complaint. He said they have set it up on two pickups now instead of just one per week. There is no calibration on how often a town needs to have pickups until you get started and see how much the community will generate.

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

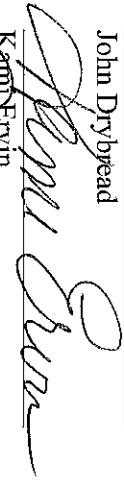
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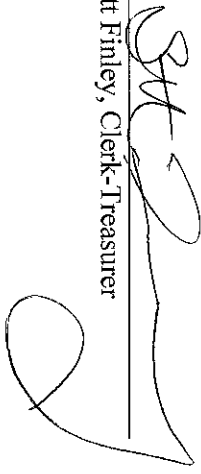


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