

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

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, July 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 July 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 should have received a copy of the claim docket in their packets. He said he had signed off on all the claims in the docket and handed them over to the council for approval. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the claims as submitted. Councilman Rooks seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was the traffic signage presentation by the police station's intern Mr. Ryan Blaker. Mr. Blaker had a PowerPoint presentation for the council showing his recommendations for traffic signage. He said during his internship he spent his time writing down every street sign in town and looking for discrepancies between the signs and the ordinances. He also presented the council with a binder containing all of his work. Mr. Blaker said the first problem was on County Line Road. The road is a busy road and lacks a speed limit sign. His recommendation was to put speed limit signs facing east and west. Another problem was on East Main Cross Street. Traveling west the speed limit changes from 20 mph to 30 mph. He said at the intersection of Bachelor Street and Franklin Street there is a stop sign traveling east on Bachelor but not one traveling west on Bachelor. It is not a busy area but having a stop sign there would make it a safer area. He said the last discrepancy is one that Chief Mann had emphasized when he started working on the project. On Sunset Drive there are two different speed limit signs. The speed limit is 20 mph in one direction and 30 mph going the other direction. The other streets in that area are 20 mph speed limits other than High School Drive which is a little bigger road.

The council thanked Mr. Blaker for his presentation and for the work he did on the project.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was the Sacoma Tax Abatement request. As Building Commissioner Wade Watson could not attend the meeting Mr. Hoffman asked Mr. Finley to explain the abatement.

Mr. Finley said this is a personal property abatement. State statute allows the town to grant up to a 10 year abatement on personal property. Sacoma currently has two abatement with the town, one of which will be expiring in the coming year. This abatement will have a normal 10 year schedule with a 100% abatement for the first year and decreasing 10% each year following with year 11 being the first year paying full taxes. The company is planning on purchasing \$640,000 worth of new manufacturing equipment and adding four new jobs. The staff recommendation for the abatement is approval. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the tax abatement as recommended by the staff. Councilwoman Ervin seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was the Timbergate Quarterly update presented by the General Manager Wayne Gibbs.

Mr. Gibbs handed out a copy of his PowerPoint presentation to the council members. His report was for the second quarter of 2014. He said in the second quarter the revenues were \$330,340, up \$22,000 from 2013. The expenses were \$288,528 for a profit of \$41,812 for the second quarter. On the next slide was a breakdown of where the revenue came from. He said the green fees and memberships are always the largest portion of the revenues and both of those numbers are up substantially from the previous year. His final slide showed the year-to-date numbers for January through June of 2014. The net sales for the half were \$395,000 and the expenses were \$686,134. That left a loss of \$290,790. Deducting the \$231,000 bond payment left a loss of \$59,790 for the first half of the year. Historically speaking, the last three years have been good for the course.

Council Comments

Councilman Drybread said heavy trash pick-up will be finishing up this week. They have picked up a lot of trash this year and the department has been doing a good job. Also, the town is going to be starting some paving soon.

Councilman Rooks asked that everyone keep Tim Toth's family in their thoughts and prayers as the family has experienced a tragic loss in the past week.

President Hoffman said several months ago the town had a problem with a business storing salvaged parts outside of their building. The council agreed to initiate a lawsuit which Mr. Huddleston did. An agreement was reached with Mr. Burton and he had until July 28, 2014 to pay the agreed upon amount of \$25,000 in fines. The check was hand delivered to Mr. Huddleston today. Mr. Watson will be keeping an eye on the business and making sure it continues to stay up to his satisfaction.

Mr. Huddleston asked the council if they would like him to prepare a resolution regarding the Sacoma tax abatement. Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to allow Mr. Huddleston to prepare a resolution for the Sacoma Tax abatement. Councilman Rooks seconded. Unanimous.

Department Comments

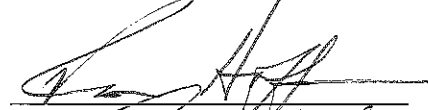
Police Chief David Mann said Mr. Sturgeon is back from academy and Mr. Kelsay has now headed to the academy. He also wanted to thank Mr. Blaker for the hard work he did on the traffic signage. The project was something the department had wanted to do for some time but had not had the man power to finish it.

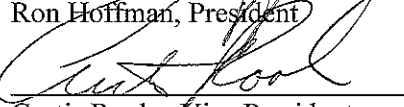
Daniel Teter said the youth club program would be ending this week which means the B.A.S.E program would be starting back up. There are already 56 kids signed up for the afternoon portion and 12 for the morning portion. He also wanted to announce that Chris Hoffman would be leaving the department in August to be the new librarian in town. He has been a great asset to the department and he will be missed.

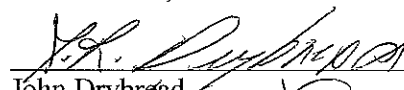
Public Comments


Gail Hoffman said the youth club was excellent this summer. They take the kids a lot of places that they might not normally get to go. They went to an Indian's Game in the past week. The program is a great thing for the kids in the community.

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

EDINBURGH TOWN COUNCIL

 Ron Hoffman, President

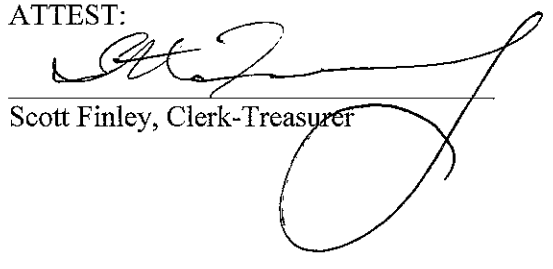

 Curtis Rooks, Vice President


 John Drybread


 Kami Ervin

 Jeffrey A. Simpson

ATTEST:


 Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer