

Town Council Meeting  
Monday, August 11, 2014  
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, August 11, 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, Councilwoman Kami Ervin, and President Ron Hoffman. Councilman Jeff Simpson 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 July 28, 2014 and the budget workshop of July 28, 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 Drybread made a motion to approve the claims as submitted. Councilman Rooks seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was Resolution 2014-14 Sacoma Tax Abatement. The abatement was approved at the previous council meeting and Mr. Huddleston had drawn up a resolution for the abatement. Councilman Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-14. Councilwoman Ervin seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was Resolution 2014-15 CL Tech Tax Abatement. This abatement was also approved during the previous council meeting and again Mr. Huddleston had drawn up a resolution for the abatement. Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-15. Councilman Drybread seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was the Town Attorney Agreement. He said it is time to renew the agreement with the town's attorney Dustin Huddleston.

Mr. Huddleston said other than the dates on the agreement it is the exact same agreement as in previous years. Councilman Rooks made a motion to approve the agreement with Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston. Councilwoman Ervin seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was the Cathy Hamm Day Proclamation. Cathy Hamm will be retiring from the library on August 26, 2014. The library board asked the town to honor Ms. Hamm for her over 30 years of service with the town library with a proclamation. President Hoffman read aloud the proclamation. Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to approve the proclamation making August 30 Cathy Hamm Day. Councilman Drybread seconded. Unanimous.

President said next on the agenda was the Plan Commission Report on MA Metal. He asked Building Commissioner Wade Watson to explain the report.

Mr. Watson said he had provided the council with his report from the investigation the planning commission did. Division 10 of the Edinburgh Zoning Ordinances authorize the council to do rezoning following a review by the planning commission. In front of the council was a drawing done in preparation for the rezone. The planning commission is requesting and recommending that the lots owned by MA Metal all be rezoned to "enclosed industrial" to make it consistent with its current use. The options for the council are to approve the rezoning with the recommendations and conditions set forth by the planning commission, the council can add additional stipulations and refer the decision back to the planning commission, or the council can deny the request.

Councilman Drybread said it has been a complicated scenario that Mr. Watson has been working with and he and Councilman Rooks have sat in on the planning commission meetings. Councilman Drybread made a motion approve the rezone according to the planning commission's recommendations and conditions. Councilwoman Ervin seconded. Unanimous.

#### Council Comments

President Hoffman said he would like to introduce Chris Hoffman who will be the new Director of Edinburgh Wright-Hageman Public Library. His first day will be August 18, 2014.

Chris Hoffman said he was born and raised in Edinburgh and can remember the library when it was about the size of the council room. He has seen it grow and prosper under the direction of Cathy Hamm and he is excited to carry on that same success.

Town Attorney Huddleston said the approval of the planning commission rezoning requires the planning commission to do a legal notice. He asked the council if they would like him to draw up that notice. Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to allow Mr. Huddleston to draw up the legal ad for the planning commission rezoning. Councilman Rooks seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Huddleston also said he had a friend of his involved in a motorcycle charity ride that spanned from Shelby County through Johnson County. He had assistance from various police departments and he wanted to let the council know that out of all the departments, Chief Mann and his officers went above and beyond the other departments making sure the ride made it through the town safely.

Clerk Treasurer Scott Finley said he cancelled the budget workshop originally scheduled to follow the council meeting. He said there was no reason to have another workshop at that time. That meeting will most likely be rescheduled for the second meeting in September. We will publish the numbers that were approved at the last meeting and between that workshop and the final adoption we can make any necessary changes. He said he is still going to speak with Dan Hedden of Umbaugh regarding the budget and will keep the council updated with any changes as it progresses.

Building Commissioner Wade Watson said there has been a complication with the remodel project at the Blue River Building. There was a potential tenant interested in renting the building so an engineer went to look the building over. It was found that the wall nearest to Walnut Street is unstable enough that it will have to be repaired before any more remodeling can happen. He said he spoke with Kenna Consulting and Indiana Landmarks about possible grants. Based on the engineer's recommendation the wall will not be able to be salvaged and will have to be rebuilt as a frame wall with a brick veneer on the outside. There is a sense of urgency in the matter as the engineers said the wall would likely not last two or three more years.

Councilman Rooks asked if there was a chance the wall could fall.

Mr. Watson said the engineers did not see anything that would suggest it collapsing but left to its natural course it will not last another couple of years. He said he had a conversation with Mike Buening and he is reviewing the recommendations from the engineers. They will then begin writing up a scope of work and the process will have to be open for public bids. There is some grant money available as the building is a registered historic building on the national registry.

Fire Chief Allen Smith said the Edinburgh Fire Department is hosting the Indiana Volunteer Fire Fighter Association meeting on Wednesday, August 20, 2014 and everyone is welcome to come by and eat around 7 P.M.

#### Public Comments

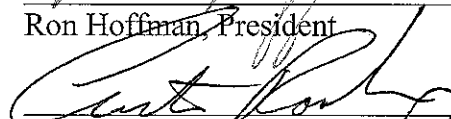

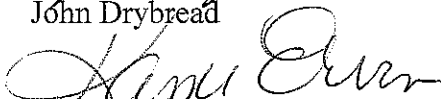
Gail Hoffman said she would like to thank the council for the proclamation for Cathy Hamm.

Ted Lucas asked if there would be a framed certificate given to Cathy Hamm for her to hang up.

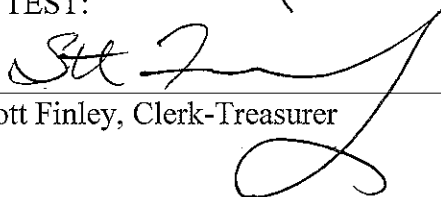
President Hoffman said yes it would be framed and presented to her.

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

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Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer