Town Council Meeting Monday, September 8, 2014 6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, September 8, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, 107 South Holland Street, Edinburgh, Indiana.

Vice President Rooks called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice President Rooks thanked everyone for coming.

Members answering roll call were: Councilman John Drybread, Councilman Jeff Simpson, Vice President Curtis Rooks, and Councilwoman Kami Ervin. President Ron Hoffman was absent. Also present were Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston and Clerk Treasurer Scott Finley.

Vice President Rooks said next on the agenda were the minutes of the council meeting of August 25, 2014. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilwoman Ervin seconded. Unanimous.

Vice President Rooks 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. The total for the claim docket was \$97,810.70. He said he had signed off on all the claims in the docket and handed them over to the council for approval. Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to approve the claims as submitted. Councilman Drybread seconded. Unanimous.

Vice President Rooks said next on the agenda was the Senior Building Restoration Discussion. He asked Building Commissioner Wade Watson to lead the discussion.

Mr. Watson said the town had received a grant from Indiana Landmarks to do the historical restoration to the building last year. A quote was received from Jim Bass to do the work but because of his untimely passing, the town needed to find someone else to do the work. Stanley Smock was recommended by Indiana Landmarks. His quote was slightly higher than the original quote but Indiana Landmarks confirmed it would still match 50%. Mr. Watson said his recommendation to the council is to approve the bid from Stanley Smock and begin work on the building. Mr. Smock said he can start the project at the end of September.

Councilwoman Ervin asked if there was a specific fund the town's portion would be coming out of

Mr. Finley said there is a Senior Citizen line item in the Marketplace fund that pays for anything relating to that building.

Vice President Rooks asked how long the project would take.

Mr. Watson said it will take about 2 to 3 weeks depending on weather.

Councilman Drybread made a motion to accept the bid from Stanley Smock as submitted by Mr. Watson. Councilwoman Ervin seconded. Unanimous.

## **Council Comments**

Councilman Drybread said he has signed some more task orders with Strand Engineering for work with both the water and the wastewater departments. They will be looking at locations for new wells for the water department. It is a process that is long overdue.

Clerk Treasurer Finley said there will most likely be another budget workshop immediately following the September 22 meeting. As the budget sits, it will be approved through the DLGF but there will still need to be a few cuts made to balance the receipts and disbursements.

Building Commissioner Wade Watson said he had a meeting last week regarding the former Blue River building. In order for the town to apply for a grant for the building we will have to establish a use of the building. He said at the next council meeting he will have some information to give the council for some direction on that matter.

Vice President Rooks asked if this was still concerning the wall adjacent to Walnut Street.

Mr. Watson said yes. The wall will need to be repaired in the very near future.

Mr. Watson said he also had with him a staff report for a tax abatement for CL Tech. The abatement was not received early enough to be put on the agenda so it is probably inappropriate to approve the abatement in full at this meeting. Because of the urgency of the abatement, he said he would like to ask for council to authorize Mr. Huddleston to prepare a resolution for the council's review. Then the resolution and the abatement can be approved at the following meeting. This abatement follows the abatement the council approved in July for real property. This request is for the personal property that will be installed in the newly constructed building. The abatement will cover purchases over 5 years so CL Tech will not have to come back each year for a new abatement. The total investment is just over \$4.3 million and they anticipate adding up to 30 employees over the 5 year period. Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to authorize Mr. Huddleston to prepare a resolution for the CL Tech tax abatement as presented by Mr. Watson. Councilman Simpson seconded. Unanimous.

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

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ATTEST:

Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer