Town Council Meeting Monday, September 22, 2014 6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, September 22, 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, and President Ron Hoffman. Councilwoman Kami Ervin 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 September 8, 2014. Councilman Rooks made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilman Simpson 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. The total for the claim docket was \$750,059.93. 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 the Sports Complex restroom facility sealed bid opening. The town received two bids for the restroom project. President Hoffman opened the sealed bids and read them aloud. Repp and Mundt came in with a total bid of \$180,424. Driftwood Builders gave a total bid of \$132,396. President Hoffman said the staff would take a detailed look at the bids and then give a recommendation to the council in a special meeting. Councilman Simpson made a motion to hold a special meeting on September 29, 2014 at 5:00 P.M. to award the bid. Councilman Rooks seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was Resolution 2014-16 CL Tech Tax Abatement. He said the abatement was discussed in the last meeting and it was asked that Mr. Huddleston draw up a resolution. Councilman Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-16. Councilman Drybread seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was the staff request for the Blue River Building. He asked Building Commissioner Watson to explain the staff request.

Mr. Watson stated that a few meetings ago he informed the council of the structural damage to the west wall of the Blue River building. He has since had a meeting with the grant writers and found that in order to pursue a grant to help with the cost of that process the town would first have to decide on a function for that building. There are different grants that can be applied for depending on the function of the building. He said his proposal is that the town council appoint a committee to research and determine what kind of use would be appropriate for the building. The committee would be made up of three town employees who are involved in community issues and two citizens of Edinburgh, one of which should be involved in a charitable or nonprofit organization and the other from the business segment. After researching uses, the committee would bring their recommendation to the council for their consideration and approval. Mr. Watson said he had a list of 5 people he would recommend for the committee. They were Nate Dillingham from the business sector, Paula Wright from a non-profit organization, Parks Director Daniel Teter, Director of Administrations Mary Patterson, and Building Commissioner Wade Watson. That committee would have a recommendation for the council by December 8, 2014.

President Hoffman asked if there was any indication from the grant writers of the availability of funds depending on the use of the building.

Mr. Watson said yes. The greatest amount of money is available through community oriented functions. The funds could be used for both interior and exterior renovations. This would include things such as a community center. If the town were to pursue a historic grant, the funds would only be available for the facade. If the town does pursue funds for a community oriented grant, the building would have to be used for that purpose for at least 5 years. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the staff request as submitted by Building Commissioner Wade Watson. Councilman Rooks seconded. Unanimous.

Council Comments

Councilman Drybread said he would like to have H.J. Umbaugh do a cost of service for the wastewater utility. There has not been a study done since 2005 and the rates are getting outdated. Councilman Rooks made a motion to allow Mr. Drybread to begin the process of a new rate study for the wastewater utility. 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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Ron Hoffman, P

Curtis Rooks, Vice President

John Drybread

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ATTEST:

Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer

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