

Special Council Meeting  
 Monday, September 22, 2014  
 6:20 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a special session on Monday, September 22, 2014 at 6:20 P.M. at the Town Hall, 107 South Holland Street, Edinburgh, Indiana.

President Hoffman called the meeting to order.

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.

Clerk Treasurer Finley presented the council two handouts regarding the 2015 budget. One was the line item list of disbursements for all funds and all departments within the funds and the other was an excel sheet showing the estimated receipts and disbursements for 2015.

Mr. Finley said the DLGF would approve the budget as it sat from the previous budget workshop. However, the budget was not in balance. He said he had sat down with Dan Hedden from Umbaugh and worked on an excel sheet for the 2015 budget. He asked the council to look at the excel sheet he had handed out before the meeting. The "net receipts/disbursements" line should be as close to zero as possible. After the cuts he would be proposing the general fund is only \$684 from being perfectly balanced. For the MVH budget, it is out of balance by about \$60,000 but the fund does have the cash balance to sustain that spending for at least a few years. He said the big issue he found while working through the budgets was the Park and Recreation. In the past the fund was budgeting to spend almost \$100,000 more than it was bringing in. So the beginning cash balances have been dwindling lower and lower. The town needs to start attempting to bring those cash balances back up to keep the fund solvent. He said he went back and looked at the historical spending within the fund. It does not appear to be a cash management problem but rather a budgeting problem. The fund historically budgets for around \$400,000 but only spends around \$330,000 on average. He said he is proposing that the council adopt the full advertised levy of \$450,000 which is taking about \$100,000 in levy from the General fund and putting it in to the Park and Recreation fund. If that can be done for the next 2 to 3 years there should be no problem getting that operating balance back to a healthy number.

Councilman Rooks asked if there were any cuts in personal services in the Park and Recreation.

Mr. Finley said there have been no cuts to personal services although one vacant position will not be filled. He said as far as the CCI and CCD funds are concerned, the town may be falling on those funds to pay some of the capital outlay line items from the General fund. This practice is actually more in line with what other cities and towns do with capital outlays. Normally capital outlays are not paid from the General fund but rather paid from Riverboat or CCD funds.

Mr. Finley said quickly he would like to touch on the cuts made to the different departments and different funds. He said from the council and clerk treasurer budgets the only change is the promotions line items have been removed and will be paid from the Marketplace fund. From the EMS and fire budgets the only changes were the workers compensation and general liability. When the insurance policy was renewed a few months back there was a significant drop in both workers compensation and general liability so those line items have been adjusted in all the funds and departments. In the buildings and grounds budget the plants line item was cut by \$2,000 and again the workers compensation and general liability decreased slightly. The police budget was the largest increase that was made and that was due to the 53rd pay in 2015. In the sanitation budget we cut \$74,417 in personal services. It is always a hope that we can pay one of the wastewater employees from this department but it is always cut in the final stages of the budget. There was also \$10,000 cut from the heavy trash line item and \$10,000 cut from the compactor line item based on prior years spending. The cemetery personal services were cut by almost \$30,000. Most of that was taken from part time wages again from looking at historical spending within the department. The golf course budget was one of the biggest cuts. Part time wages were cut to be more in line with actual spending. Utilities were also decreased by \$4,000 and also any miscellaneous line items were cut. The biggest cut was moving the capital outlays for the department into different funds. The vehicle lease will be paid from the Timbergate NRO

account and the golf cart and mower leases will be paid from the Riverboat fund. The total cuts for the golf course were around \$110,000. The final department in the General fund is the swimming pool. The pool budget was cut by \$92,000 due mostly to moving the lease payments to the Riverboat fund. The pool leases will pay off in 2016 and will no longer need to be budgeted.

Looking at the MVH budget, Mike Price had budgeted for the addition of an employee. After working through the budget there is not going to be enough funds available to pay for that employee so the personal services line item was cut to reflect that. Also, his equipment lease in the capital outlays will be paid from the Marketplace fund again in 2015. As stated before, the MVH budget is still slightly unbalanced and will need to be revisited in the coming years to make sure the operating balance stays at a healthy level.

The Park and Recreation budget was where we focused most of our energy because it was so unbalanced and working on such a small operating balance. There is a vacant position that will not be backfilled in 2015. All of the miscellaneous line items were cut down to the bare minimum and the utilities were moved to the Marketplace fund. From capital outlays, the park improvements line item was cut completely out and the park loan payment will be paid from the CCD fund.

There was no change in the Local Roads and Streets, CCD, and CCI funds.


Mr. Finley said from what he can see the DLGF will approve the budget after the recommended cuts. Again, we will have to adopt the full \$450,000 levy for the Park and Recreation. Changes can still be made on the budget up until the final adoption if necessary. He asked the council if they had any more questions regarding the 2015 budget.

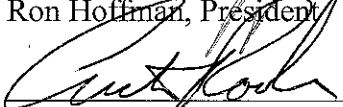
President Hoffman thanked Mr. Finley for his work on the budget.

Councilman Drybread made a motion to accept the recommendations for the 2015 budget as submitted by Clerk Treasurer Finley. 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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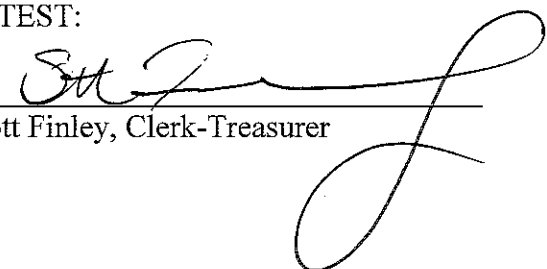
  
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Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer