

Town Council Meeting
Monday, October 13, 2014
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, October 13, 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 and Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston were absent. Also present was Clerk Treasurer Scott Finley.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda were the minutes of the council meeting of September 22, 2014 and the budget workshop of September 22, 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. The total for the claim docket was \$137,772.97. 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 bid award for the Sports Complex restroom facility. Bids were opened during the previous council meeting. He said due to the amounts of the bids the council would like to table the award until the spring of 2015 so the town can look into where the funds to pay for the restroom will come from. Councilman Rooks made a motion to table the bid award for the restroom facility until it can be rebid in the spring of 2015. Councilwoman Ervin seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was Ordinance 2014-13 Appropriations and Tax Rate for 2015 Budget Final Adoption. There were several workshops held discussing the changes in the budget over the past few months. He asked Mr. Finley if he had anything to add.

Mr. Finley said since the last budget workshop he found a slight error he had made in the General fund receipts. He said he failed to account for the payment in lieu of taxes from the utilities. That left an extra \$137,000 to be appropriated. He said to correct this he moved a few of the capital outlays that were going to be paid from the Riverboat and Marketplace funds back into the General fund to get the budget back into balance. That was the only change that was made since the previous workshop. In the packet sent out to the council there was a copy of the ordinance for final adoption. He gave a comparison from 2014 adopted numbers to what is being adopted for 2015. Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-13. Councilman Drybread seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was Ordinance 2014-14 Transfer of Appropriations. He asked Mr. Finley to explain the ordinance.

Mr. Finley said the only thing the ordinance is allowing is for \$20,000 from the MVH fund's capital outlays line item to be moved to the building repairs line item. He said Mr. Drybread can explain better why those funds are needed in that line item.

Councilman Drybread said a few years ago IDEM said the street department's gravel and sand storage areas needed to be covered. He said these funds would go toward an expansion of the current storage structure. This is something IDEM has required the town to do. Councilman Rooks made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-14. Councilwoman Ervin seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was Ordinance 2014-15 Vacating Certain Utility Easement. He asked Building Commissioner Watson to explain the need for this ordinance.

Mr. Watson said in February of 1978 the Town of Edinburgh agreed with Francis Swift about a utility easement running west of Franz Liquor from State Road 252 north across the vacant lot which would be for a 12 inch water main. When the contractor put the water line in he missed the easement. This ordinance corrects this problem and puts the easement where the water line runs with 5 feet on both sides. Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-15. Councilman Rooks seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was the Proclamation in Honor and Recognition of Robert Jessie. He said the proclamation is for acts of heroism and courage regarding the tragic events that took place on June 6, 2014 at the Blue River Dam. Mr. Jessie, his wife and grandson were present at the meeting as well. President Hoffman read the proclamation aloud. Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to approve the proclamation. Councilman Rooks seconded. Unanimous.

The council then presented the proclamation to Mr. Jessie. Mr. Jessie thanked the council for their recognition.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was the stop sign discussion for the intersection at Sunset and Fairlane. He asked Mr. Drybread to lead the discussion.

Mr. Drybread said there had been a couple of residents come into the office and ask about having a stop sign put in at the corner of Sunset and Fairlane. The town has put two temporary signs out to see how traffic would work. The area has a lot of children and it is the main route to Applewood at the end of the street. It is a three way stop just like it is on Memorial Drive which already has stop signs.

Councilwoman Ervin said she has heard that some residents would also like to see a stop sign on High School Drive and Fairlane. It is a wider street that leads directly to Highway 31 and people travel fast down that street.

Councilman Rooks asked why a stop sign was put on Memorial but not on Sunset.

Councilman Drybread said that was the same point the two gentleman in the office made when asking for the stop sign on Sunset.

Councilwoman Ervin said she believed the same thing happened on Memorial. Residents complained about people speeding through the residential area and a stop sign was put there but the other two intersections were never thought about.

Councilman Rooks said he would like to see a stop sign put on both High School and Sunset.

Police Chief David Mann said he has had some issues with people speeding in that area in the past but had not heard anything lately. He said from a police point of view you can never have too many stop signs.

Council Comments

Mr. Finley asked the council if they would like to set the Trick or Treat hours for Halloween to the normal hours of 6 P.M. to 8 P.M. Councilwoman Kami Ervin made a motion to set the Trick or Treat hours to 6 P.M. to 8 P.M. on Friday, October 31, 2014. Councilman Rooks seconded. Unanimous.

Departmental Comments

Police Chief David Mann said the father of the young lady who was washed over the dam is very thankful for work of the town and the good people of Edinburgh. He has actually asked to be considered to do some work as a reserve deputy for the town. He wanted to pass that on to the council and let Mr. Jessie know that what was done on that day is much appreciated.

Fire Chief Allen Smith said he allowed the humane society use the fire station again for their spaying and neutering of cats and dogs. They again had a great turnout and he is happy he can give them a place to perform their service. He said he would also like to recognize his volunteer

EMS workers in the future for their efforts with the teenagers involved in the tragedy at the dam in June.

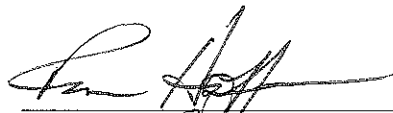
Parks Director Daniel Teter said the department would be putting on its annual Trunk or Treat at the Sports Complex from 5 P.M. to 9 P.M. There will be live music, a movie playing, blow up houses, a straw maze, and plenty of trunks for kids to have a safe place to Trick or Treat. He said the department is also planning on teaming with some local churches to use their facilities for some soccer and basketball leagues. It will give them an opportunity to start doing some winter programs at the parks department. Registration for those will happen in the coming months.

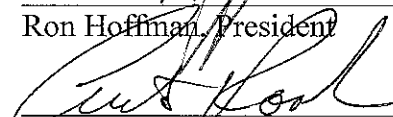
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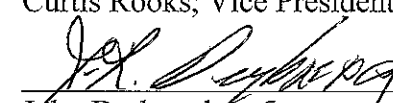
Kathy Hamm said she would like to thank the town council for the proclamation for her years of service at the Library and would also like to thank President Hoffman for being at the open house to present the proclamation to her.

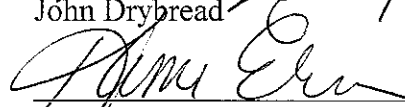
Being no further business or comments, Councilman Drybread made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Rooks seconded. Unanimous.

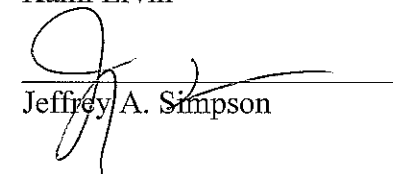
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Ron Hoffman, President

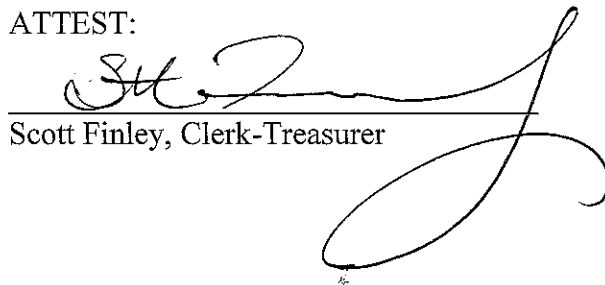

Curtis Rooks, Vice President


John Drybread


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Jeffrey A. Simpson

ATTEST:


Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer