

Town Council Meeting
Monday, December 29, 2014
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, December 29, 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, Councilwoman Dawn Graham, Councilwoman Kami Ervin and President Ron Hoffman. 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 December 8, 2014 and the special meeting of December 16, 2014. Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilman Drybread seconded. Councilwoman Graham abstained as she was not present for those meetings. All remaining members approved.

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 \$637,426.42. 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 Simpson seconded. Councilwoman Graham again abstained. All remaining members approved.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was Resolution 2014-20 Appointment to Town Council. This was the resolution appointing Dawn Graham to the Edinburgh Town Council to fill the vacant position. Councilman Drybread made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-20. Councilwoman Ervin seconded. Councilwoman Graham again abstained. All remaining members approved.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was Resolution 2014-21 Board Appointments for the Planning Commission, Joint Planning Commission, Joint Plat Use Committee, Joint Zoning Board of Appeals, and Redevelopment Commission. He said he will appoint the members he is designated to appoint and will then ask for a motion from the council to appoint the remaining members. President Hoffman appointed the members to the Edinburgh Redevelopment Commission as stated in Resolution 2014-21. Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to appoint the remaining members as stated in Resolution 2014-21. Councilman Drybread seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was Ordinance 2014-19 Transfer of Appropriations. He asked Mr. Finley to explain the ordinance.

Mr. Finley said this is the same ordinance the town does each year as an end of the year accounting clean-up. This allows appropriations to be moved from line items within the same fund that may have gone into the hole. He said there are a few of those accounts that will need to be adjusted but to his knowledge no actual funds went over budget. Councilman Drybread made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-19. Councilwoman Ervin seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was the MA Metal/CL Tech Easement and Lease Agreement. He asked Building Commissioner Watson to bring the council up to date on the matter.

Mr. Watson said this has to do with an agreement proposed by Ma Metal/CL Tech to lease a certain property from the Town of Edinburgh to use as a parking lot. His recommendation is to table the discussion for further investigation. Councilman Simpson made a motion to table the discussion of the MA Metal/CL Tech easement and lease agreement. Councilwoman Ervin seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was the Blue River Building Use Committee Report. He asked Mr. Watson to present the report.

Mr. Watson said he had sent the report to the council in the council packet on Friday. He said it was a lengthy report so he will not cover the report in detail. He said the results from the survey done by the committee show a real need for a community center. The unanimous proposal from the committee is to attempt to establish a community center in the building. Before the need can be determined though, more investigation will need to be done about the actual cost of remodeling the building. The committee has not yet been able to get an engineer's estimate on that cost which is necessary before the town can apply for an OCRA grant. He would like to ask that the council allow the committee to continue working on an as-needed basis in 2015 on this project.

Councilwoman Graham asked if there was a deadline the town would have to meet to apply for the grant.

Mr. Watson said yes, but OCRA has not yet announced that date. He said he also would like to commend the committee on their work on the project. It has been an extraordinarily good committee. Everyone involved is very passionate about the project and has put in a lot of hard work. Councilman Drybread made a motion to continue the Blue River Building Use Committee in 2015. Councilman Ervin seconded. Unanimous.

Departmental Comments

Parks Director Daniel Teter said the Holiday of Lights went well this year. It was the first year that Parks Department was completely over the event. He said the department does have some ideas for improvements in the future. They also had a lot of compliments on the Holiday decorations since they have replaced the bulbs with LED lights. The department plans on replacing the bulbs on the remaining decorations this year. He said the kids BASE program would be starting soon and they have 60 kids enrolled. The youth basketball league at the Whosoever Will Church has started and has 92 kids participating and the Soccer league for 4-6 year olds at the Methodist Church has also begun. He said they also have had plenty of girls sign up for the Jazz and Ballet classes. The newest opportunity has been for a men's basketball league at the Whosoever Will Church. In order for the league to be cost effective they will have to charge \$350 per team. There are already 5 teams interested in the league. He said he would like the council to approve the \$350 per team charge for the men's basketball league. Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to allow the Parks Department to charge \$350 per team for the men's basketball league at the Whosoever Will Church. Councilman Simpson seconded. Unanimous.

Police Chief David Mann said he has been very pleased with the Police department this year. There were some car break-ins early in the year and some officers were dedicated to that section of town and effectively eliminated the break-ins. He said he is very proud of his officers for the cases they worked.

Council Comments

Councilman Simpson said being as this is Councilman Drybread's last meeting as a board member he wanted to thank him for his dedication to the board for 24 years.

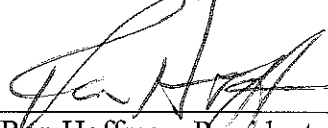
Councilman Drybread said he has had a lot of good people to work with over the past 24 years. He thinks the town has done some really good things in those years. He said one thing he learned from being on the council is that sometimes town employees get taken for granted. He has been amazed with the talent of the department heads and the employees that

have worked for the town. He said it has been a privilege and an honor to serve the town for 24 years.

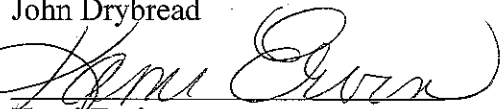
President Hoffman presented Mr. Drybread with a plaque from the council for his 24 years of service from 1990 - 2014. He said it has been an honor to serve the last 7 years with him.

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

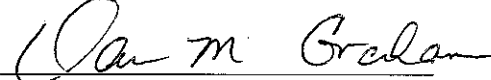
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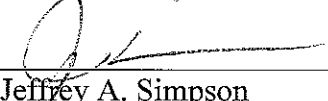
Ron Hoffman, President

John Drybread


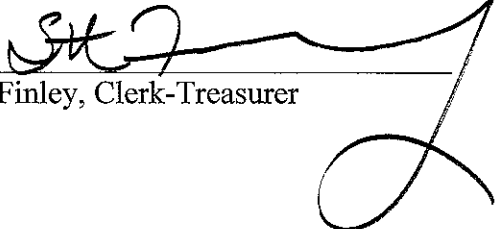
Kami Ervin



Dawn Graham



Jeffrey A. Simpson

ATTEST:


Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer