

Town Council Meeting
Monday, January 12, 2015
6:30 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, January 12, 2015 at 6:30 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.

President Hoffman asked Clerk Treasurer Scott Finley to conduct the Oaths of Office for the newly elected council members Kami Ervin and Jack Shepherd.

Mr. Finley asked the members to stand, raise their right hand, and repeat after him. He conducted the oaths and congratulated them on their positions.

Members answering roll call were: Councilman Jack Shepherd, 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 was the election of officers. Councilman Simpson made a motion to appoint Ron Hoffman as President and Kami Ervin as Vice President. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda were the minutes of the council meeting of December 29, 2014. Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Councilman Shepherd abstained as he was not present for that meeting. All remaining members approved.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was the Bond Renewal for John Drybread. This bond is required for his position because of his responsibilities within the town.

Councilwoman Ervin asked what the amount was for the bond.

Mr. Finley said the bond was for \$50,000. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the bond as submitted. Councilwoman Ervin seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was Amended Resolution 2014-14 Approving a Deduction from Assessed Valuation for New Manufacturing Equipment, Amended Resolution 2014-15 Approving a Deduction from Assessed Valuation for Real Estate Improvements, and Amended Resolution 2014-16 Approving a Deduction from Assessed Valuation for New Manufacturing Equipment. He asked Town Attorney Huddleston to explain briefly the three resolutions.

Mr. Huddleston said the three resolutions on the agenda were passed in 2014 and were all to approve tax abatements for companies within the Town of Edinburgh. The reason these resolutions are being amended is, subsequent to the town passing the resolutions, those companies pledged to give back a portion of the abatement to the town for redevelopment purposes. It is a new element of Indiana Code that allows for this to happen and these are the first two companies to agree to give a portion back to the town. The original resolution must have that wording in the document which is the reason for the resolutions being amended. He said after the amended resolutions are passed he would then file them at the county auditor's office and the town can expect to receive that money starting next year.

President Hoffman asked if that money would have to be deposited into a separate fund.

Mr. Huddleston said yes and with the council's permission he will prepare another resolution authorizing the town to create a separate fund for the counties to deposit those funds into. In the same resolution the council would designate a board to administer those funds. Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to approve Amended Resolution 2014-14, Amended Resolution 2014-15, and Amended Resolution 2014-16. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Unanimous.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow Mr. Huddleston to draft the aforementioned resolution and to allow him to file the amended resolutions with the corresponding counties. Councilman Simpson seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was John Rondot with the Edinburgh Redevelopment Commission Annual Report.

Mr. Rondot said he had asked Mary Patterson to include a copy of the report with the council packet on Friday. He said he had not planned on making a formal presentation but he, Ted Lucas, and Bill West would be happy to answer any questions the council may have about the report. He asked that copies of the report be made available to the public.

President Hoffman said it was a very well thought out and detailed report. He thanked Mr. Rondot for his time putting the report together for the council.

Departmental Comments

Police Chief David Mann said it had been an exciting day. The department had the opportunity to expand its services. Previously drug classes at the schools were taken care of by Bartholomew County. However, Pat Bryant retired after 30 years at the Sheriff's department. Today Mr. Bryant was made a reserve officer for the Town of Edinburgh and he will now be presenting the D.A.R.E classes to Edinburgh Schools. The department will also be working more closely with the elementary school to try to build better community relations between the students and the police department.

Fire Chief Allen Smith said the department had a busy weekend. They were called out to help with a major fire in Marietta for several hours and were immediately called back out to a small house fire within the town. They were lucky to already be at the station when the call came in or the fire could have been much worse.

Council Comments

Councilman Shepherd said he is glad to have the opportunity to serve on the council and thanked the council members for helping explain some of the processes.

President Hoffman said he wanted to pass along a letter from Edinburgh Community School Corporation thanking the council for its continued support of Clothe-A-Child.

Public Comments

Rhonda Simpson said there have been several calls at the library asking for directions and she has noticed there is no street sign for Main Street at the intersection of Main Street and State Road 252.


Town Manager John Drybread said he would relay that message to the Street Department and work on getting one put up.

John Rondot said he believed the council had talked in the past about having way-finding signage put up downtown and it is something that needs to be looked at as a town.

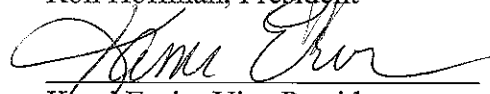
President Hoffman said that is a good point and might be a good project for the Redevelopment Commission in the coming years.

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

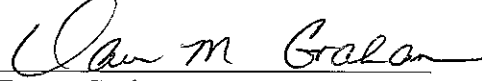
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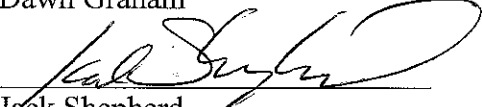
Ron Hoffman, President



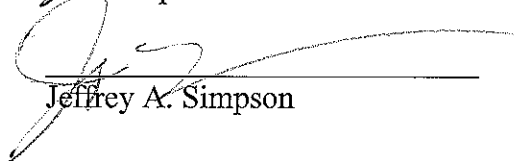
Kami Ervin, Vice President



Dawn Graham

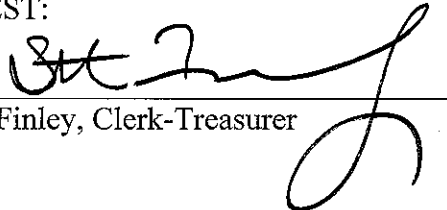


Jack Shepherd



Jeffrey A. Simpson

ATTEST:



Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer