

Town Council Meeting
Monday, April 27, 2015
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, April 27, 2015 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 Jack Shepherd, Councilwoman Dawn Graham, Vice President Kami Ervin and President Ron Hoffman. Councilman Jeff Simpson 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 April 13, 2015. Councilwoman Graham said there is a typo on the last page of the minutes. The minutes state that Councilman Simpson made a motion to adjourn, however, he was not present at the meeting. The motion was made by Councilman Shepherd. The minutes were tabled to be approved at the next meeting after the correction is made.

President Hoffman said claims were next on the agenda and handed it over to Clerk Treasurer Scott Finley. Mr. Finley said everyone should have received a copy of the normal claim docket in their council packets. He said he had one additional claim to be approved for Mike Ortiz who does the cleaning at the library. The claim was for \$360.00. The total of the docket was \$623,778.26. He said he had signed off on all the claims in that docket and handed them over to the council for approval. Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to approve the claims with the addition as submitted. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was Ordinance 2015-2 Amending Sewer Rate Ordinance. Deen Rogers and Scott Miller from Umbaugh were present at the meeting to explain the rate study.

Mr. Rogers handed out a copy of the rate study to the council. He gave a brief overview of the reason for the rate study. He said the rate study is a few years overdue and in doing the 3 year forecast they predicted negative cash flows in the coming years. A draft of the rate study was done in 2013 but at that time the town was looking at Sewage Works and Storm Water at the same time and focus shifted more to Storm Water. The rate study was updated in late 2014 and after a few more adjustments we now have a recommended rate adjustment.

He showed the council a few of the schedules from the March 24, 2015 Sewage Works rate study report. He showed a pro forma for annual cash operating disbursements, a summary of capital improvements, and a pro forma for annual revenue requirements. The net revenue requirements for the year were \$1,553,600. The normal sewage collections for the year at current rates were \$1,128,200 making the additional receipts required \$425,400. This makes for a rate adjustment of 38% or an average of an additional \$13.12 per month on a residential bill. It has been discussed that instead of implementing the entire rate adjustment

at one time, we implement it over a two year period. He opened up the floor for questions from the council or from the public.

President Hoffman asked when the first increase would be implemented.

Mr. Rogers said there is a legal process to work through as far as introducing the ordinance, advertising, mailing notice to out of town customers, and holding a public hearing. He said most likely it will be the end of June or early July.

President Hoffman asked Wastewater Superintendent Glenn Giles to explain the need for this increase.

Mr. Giles said the new plant has been running since 2005. It runs 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. As the plant gets older it requires more and more maintenance. There have also been two federally mandated programs that have been put into place and the department has had to find a way to fund those programs. There are also some issues with the SCADA system that runs the entire plant. The quotes to replace that system are right around \$90,000.

Mr. Rogers said since the plant was new in 2005, the department has been able to get by without many repairs or replacements. Now that the plant is getting some age, more and more repairs are needed and the funds are not there.

Town Manager John Drybread said this is something that the town should start to look at for all utilities and also look at more often.

Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to approve the rate study as presented by Umbaugh. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was the Timbergate update presented by the General Manager, Wayne Gibbs.

Mr. Gibbs handed out a PowerPoint presentation to the council. He said revenues for the first quarter of 2015 were \$84,107. Expenses for the period, which included the bond payment in January, were \$390,935 leaving a loss of \$306,827. Deducting the bond payment leaves a loss of \$75,827. He said it is not uncommon to have this sort of loss during the first quarter as there is very little golf played during those months and it is also when most of the years expenses occur. The next slide showed where the revenues came from. Numbers in all categories were up from the first quarter of 2014. Overall, revenues for the period increased by \$19,104 from 2014 to 2015.

Departmental Comments


Town Manager John Drybread said he would be meeting with Strand Engineering again on the filtration plant and wells. He said he will forward the information to the council after their meeting on Wednesday.

Building Commissioner Wade Watson said his office has been busy with phone calls related to weekly shoppers being thrown onto people's lawns. He said he would like to make a proposition that the Town Council authorize Mr. Huddleston to draft an ordinance prohibiting the distribution of any unsubscribed news print or advertisement delivered to any property within the Town of Edinburgh by being

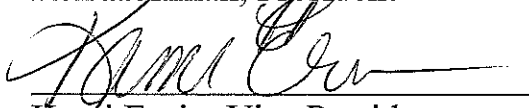
thrown from an automobile. Councilwoman Ervin made a motion for Mr. Huddleston to draft an ordinance as stated by Building Commissioner Wade Watson. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Unanimous.

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

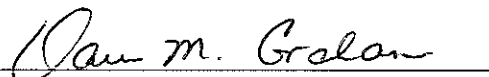
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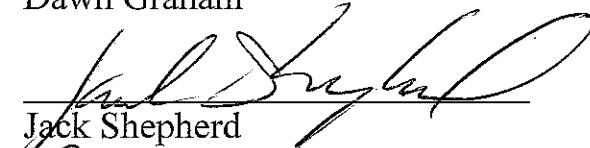
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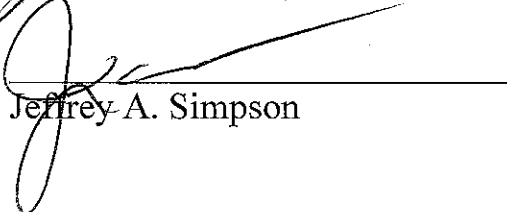
Kami Ervin, Vice President



Dawn Graham

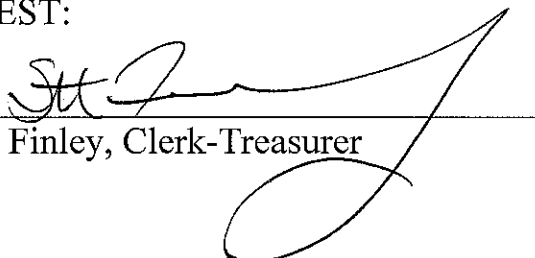


Jack Shepherd



Jeffrey A. Simpson

ATTEST:



Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer