Town Council Meeting Monday, June 8, 2015 6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, June 8, 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. Also present were Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston and Clerk Treasurer Scott Finley. Councilman Jeff Simpson was absent.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda were the minutes of the executive meeting of May 22, 2015, the special meeting of May 22, 2015, and the council meeting May 26, 2015. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Unanimous.

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 and the April end-of-month claim docket in their council packets. The total for the end-of-month claim docket was \$191,930.79 and the total for the regular claim docket was \$483,652.58. He said he had signed off on all the claims in those dockets and handed them over to the council for approval. Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to approve the claims as submitted. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was Resolution 2015-4 Repealing Resolution 2015-3. He asked Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston to explain the resolution.

Mr. Huddleston said Resolution 2015-3 created an economic revitalization area (ERA) for a possible abatement for MacBeath Hardwood. Per Indiana law, the council has to set a public hearing date in that resolution. The resolution set the date as June 8, 2015 and because the statement of benefits was not complete when it was submitted it did not give the town enough time to advertise and give notice for the public hearing. Resolution 2015-4 simply repeals that resolution so the new resolution can be adopted with the new date. Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-4. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was Resolution 2015-5 Creating an Economic Revitalization Area. This resolution corrects resolution 2015-3 by changing the date of the public hearing. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-5. Councilwoman Ervin seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was the Sacoma Tax Abatement. He asked Building Commissioner Wade Watson to explain the abatement.

Mr. Watson said the council should have received a copy of his staff report in their council packets recommending approval of the personal property abatement.

Councilman Shepherd asked how closely the town monitors the company's compliance with their initial statement of benefits (SB-1).

Mr. Watson said each year the company is required to submit a compliance form (CF-1) to the town by May 15. The CF-1 is then compared to the original SB-1 to confirm the company is fulfilling its obligations. Sacoma has had several abatements in the past and has always exceeded what was stated in the SB-1.

Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to allow Mr. Huddleston to draft the necessary resolution for the Sacoma tax abatement. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was Ordinance 2015-3 Sewage Refunding Bond Ordinance. He asked Mr. Huddleston to explain the ordinance.

Mr. Huddleston said this ordinance officially authorizes the retained bond council to look around and see what kind of refunding options there might be for the bond and lowering the interest rate. Contained in this ordinance are three exhibits: Refunding Bond Purchase Agreement, Refunding Escrow Agreement, and Refunding Continuing Disclosure Undertaking Agreement. The ordinance gives the authority to President Hoffman and Clerk Treasurer Finley to sign those documents once it is known who will

purchase the bond. He said the council had two options for approving the ordinance. The council can introduce the ordinance and approve the ordinance at this meeting but both motions would have to be unanimous. The council could also introduce the ordinance at this meeting and propose to adopt it at the June 22 meeting. Mr. Huddleston said the ordinance was prepared in conjunction with Bose, McKinney, and Evans. He had reviewed it and it conforms with the current requirements.

Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to give the council's consent to introduce Ordinance 2015-3 for consideration. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Unanimous.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-3. Councilwoman Ervin seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the Agenda was Brandon Routier with a presentation on Edinburgh Fire and Rescue Training Facility.

Mr. Routier said he is a volunteer fire fighter for the Town of Edinburgh and also a career firefighter for the City of Shelbyville. He said in his experience, the Edinburgh Fire Department as well as other community's fire departments cannot provide realistic training. He gave a PowerPoint presentation proposing a fire and rescue training facility composed of repurposed cargo containers. Because the structure would not be a permanent structure and would be moveable it would not have to be updated anytime a building code was changed. The proposed location for the facility was between Fire Station 2 and the old electric garage off of State Road 252. This puts it away from residential areas but keeps the volunteers close enough to respond to actual emergencies if needed. He presented a slide showing the breakdown of the cost of the facility. He said the department is asking for \$25,000 to construct the facility which would be spent from the Fire and EMS NRO account.

Mr. Finley asked how much it would cost to get the structure back to normal after it was used for training.

Mr. Routier said that cost should be very low. He had spoken with Gillman's Home Center and they have said that all lumber, drywall, and interior doors will be furnished at no cost. If that was not the case it would cost around \$200 to reconstruct the facility.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the transfer of \$25,000 from the Fire and Rescue NRO fund to the General fund to be spent on a fire and rescue training facility as presented by Brandon Routier. Councilwoman Ervin seconded. Unanimous.

Departmental Comments

Fire Chief Allen Smith said the Fire Department and Police Department assisted with two motorcycle rides. The bridge over the dam was also shut down for about 10 minutes for the safety of the riders.

Council Comments

President Hoffman said he has been appointed to the Johnson County Solid Waste Management Board. Mr. West asked him to be a part of the board and he happily accepted. He said his first meeting was May 11, 2015.

Clerk Treasurer Finley said he would like to present an add-on to the town's financial software called Tyler Output processor. The application allows the town to distribute payroll direct deposit advises via email instead of physically handing them out. It would also give the utilities the option to e-mail utility bills in the future if the customer would prefer that method. He gave the council a quote for the application. The initial investment was \$6,500 with an annual fee of \$1,375 which would be added to the invoice the town already pays for software maintenance.

Councilwoman Ervin asked where these expenses would be paid from.

Mr. Finley said the annual fee would be paid from the CCD Fund which is where the Tyler invoices are paid from now. The initial investment would come from the Marketplace Fund. Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to allow Mr. Finley to move forward with the process of purchasing the Tyler Output Processor and approve the spending based on the presented quote. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Finley said he also had with him an agreement from a company called Spyglass. The company audits telecommunications bills and attempts to find over charging or unneeded lines to try to save the town money in the long run. If they find that there is no money to be saved there is no cost to the town. If they do find savings they are split between the town and Spyglass. He said if it is something the council would like to proceed with he would like to have Mr. Huddleston review the audit agreement and the letter of agency to make sure they are in the town's best interest. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow

President Hoffman to a sign the agreement and letter of agency based on Mr. Huddleston's recommendations. Councilwoman Ervin 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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ATTEST:

Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer