

Town Council Meeting
Monday, August 10, 2015
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, August 10, 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, Councilman Jeff Simpson, Councilwoman Dawn Graham, Vice President 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 July 27, 2015. Councilman Simpson 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 normal claim docket as well as an end of the month claim docket for June. The total for the end of the month claim docket was \$646,381.99 and the total for the normal claim docket was \$136,638.31. 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 Ordinance 2015-4 Control of Animals. He said this ordinance has been table for several weeks. There have been some concerns and the council wanted time to review the ordinance and make recommendations for changes.

Councilman Shepherd said the only thing he disagreed with was limiting the amount of animals a resident could have. He said he understands the reasoning but does not think there should be a set number.

Councilwoman Ervin said she had several issues she would like to share. She said she too disagreed with limiting the number of animals a resident can have. Also, she recommended defining a dangerous animal based on the Department of Natural Resources definition. Another recommendation was to not allow farm animals, including chickens and other fowl, in town at all rather than the 200 feet from other residential units the original draft proposed. As for the trapping of animals section, she again recommended referencing DNR.

President Hoffman said he agreed that the council might be crossing a line limiting the number of animals a household can have. He said he also agrees fowl should not be allowed inside town limits at all.

Mr. Huddleston said he can make those changes to the ordinance and present a red lined draft showing where those changes were made.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was Ordinance 2015-6 Prohibiting Possession and Consumption of Alcohol and Controlled Substances on Town Property. He said there has been an issue in town where people are consuming alcohol in a public alley and have grills and tables blocking the alleyway.

Councilwoman Graham asked if there needed to be something in the ordinance that excluded Timbergate Golf Course.

Mr. Huddleston said if the council would like to make a specific exclusion of Timbergate to make that clear he could include that in the ordinance.

Councilwoman Ervin said that would be a good idea and also include wording for any future events the town might hold.

Mr. Huddleston said he would make those changes and present them at the next council meeting.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was the Contract Employing Attorney. He said Mr. Huddleston's fees did increase slightly from \$165 per hour to \$175 per hour. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the contract as submitted. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was the Historic Grant Staff Report presented by Building Commissioner Wade Watson.

Mr. Watson said he put the full staff report in with the council's packet. Kenna Consulting has been helping the town with the grant process but according to OCRA the town has to put forth public opportunity for other grant writers to apply for competitive purposes. That notice has been advertised in the paper. He said he would like to appoint a three member review committee to review the proposals as they come in. Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to allow Mr. Watson to appoint 3 staff members to review the proposals from interested grant writers and make recommendations to the council. Councilman Simpson seconded. Unanimous.

Departmental Comments

Parks Director Daniel Teter said fall softball league will be starting soon and also the before and after school program has started back up. The program is already at capacity. He said they hope to start moving dirt for the new softball fields in the next couple of weeks as well.

Building Commissioner Wade Watson said the public hearing for the Storm Water grant is scheduled for the August 24th council meeting. An income survey is required for the grant and those surveys have been mailed out to residents in the affected area. The town must receive 240 completed surveys and to date has only received 94.

Street Superintendent Curtis Rooks said he hired a local contractor for some minor repairs to some streets to get everything sealed up for winter. In February he will be looking for bids to do some major road work.

Council Comments

Councilman Simpson said he would like to thank Mr. Huddleston for his services and said he has done a great job since the town parted ways with its previous attorney.

Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston said since the last council meeting the bond refunding for the sewage works has been completed. The gross savings for the town is well over \$250,000 and he would have a net savings after all the closing costs have been finalized.

Eddie Suggett who operates a local ice cream truck was present to discuss some issues he has regarding other trucks in the area. He said he came to the office and purchased his solicitor's license through Mr. Finley's office. He said he spoke with Mr. Finley and he was the only ice cream truck operator that had obtained that license. There are two other trucks that have been running in the area without a solicitor's license. He said he just wanted to make sure the other trucks were required to obtain a license since he was pulled over and told he needed to get one.

President Hoffman said the council appreciates him coming in and they will make sure those people are required to obtain a solicitor's license.

Police Chief David Mann asked Mr. Suggett to give him a call the following day and they would discuss the matter.


Mr. Suggett thanked the council for their time.

Jerry Lollar wanted to ask what the timeline was for repairing the pot hole over by the high school.


Mr. Rooks said right away. The contractor should be starting on that in the next couple of days.

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

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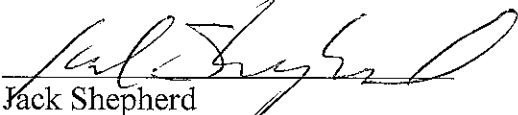


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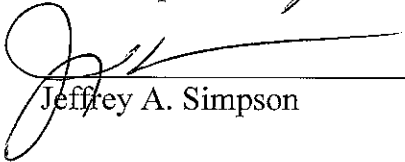


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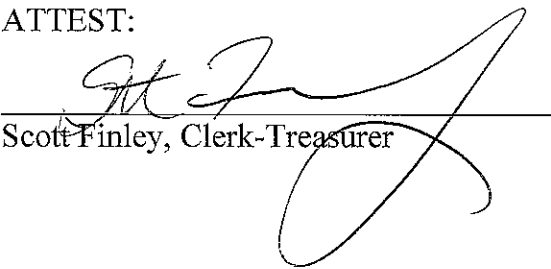


Jack Shepherd



Jeffrey A. Simpson

ATTEST:



Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer