

Town Council Meeting
Monday, August 24, 2015
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, August 24, 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, Vice President Kami Ervin and President Ron Hoffman. Councilwoman Dawn Graham 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 August 10, 2015 and the special meeting of August 10, 2015. Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to approve both sets of 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 claim docket in their council packets. He said he handed out to the council a number of additional claims that were added to the docket for review and approval. The total for the docket was \$816,931.83. He said he had signed off on all the claims in the docket and handed them over to the council for approval. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the claims as submitted. Councilwoman Ervin seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was the Public Hearing for the OCRA Grant. He asked Kent Anderson of Kenna Consulting to lead the discussion.

Kent Anderson said the Town of Edinburgh will be applying for grant funds from Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) through their Disaster Recovery Appropriations No. 2. The funds will be used to make needed storm water improvements along Main Cross Street and Glasgow Drive on the east side of town. The need for this project comes from the flood of 2008. Certain areas were affected more than others and those areas have the biggest need for improvements. He asked Tony Anderson of Strand Engineering to discuss the actual project.

Tony Anderson said the project will implement new storm sewers on the east side of town that will connect to the existing 60 inch storm sewer running down Kyle Street. The project will relieve some pressure from the combined sanitary sewer as well which will help out the treatment plant. The total the town will be applying for is \$858,700 with a \$96,000 local match.

Kent Anderson said the application was originally due on September 11, 2015 but there was a two week extension granted. The award announcement will be on December 18, 2015. He asked that everyone attending the meeting sign in on the provided sheet.

President Hoffman opened the public hearing and asked if anyone had any discussion.

Karen White of 114 Glasgow Drive said she lived in one of the cul-de-sacs near the main storm water drain. When there is a quick downpour the end of her driveway fills up so much that she cannot get her car out. She said she has lived there for 25 years and in the beginning the water would drain after about 15 minutes but now it can take up to an hour and a half to completely drain. She has actually had to call the wastewater department to try to suck up some of the water. She said the water can also come up to her patio in the back yard as well.

Randall White, also of 114 Glasgow Drive, said his biggest concern is that kids will get out and play in the water in the cul-de-sac when it gets high. There have even been kids in a canoe. He said he is afraid there will be some kind of accident involving the kids.

Karen White said when the water rises, dirt and debris come up as well and causes awful smells and increased the number of mosquitos in the area.

Arryn Beatty of 116 Glasgow Drive said her kids have not been able to play in the back yard all summer because there are three dry wells in her back yard that constantly attract mosquitos. She said her daughters are covered in mosquito bites just from walking out the back door.

Wastewater Superintendent Glenn Giles said the whole neighborhood is served by a series of drywells that are piped together. Those drywells are at their capacities and there is nowhere for the water to go. The idea of this project is to send that water to the storm sewer on Kyle Street and eliminate the need for the drywells.

President Hoffman said he believes this is necessary for many reasons within the community. These issues need to be fixed for the safety and well-being of the community.

Councilwoman Ervin said cutting back on the storm water that goes to the treatment plant will help with any flooding on the other side of town as well.

Clerk Treasurer Finley said he lived on Glasgow but moved just before the flood of 2008 so he did not get to see that effect of the flood on that area. He said he does recall the cul-de-sac flooding constantly and children playing in that flood water. It did not take much rain at all to make that area flood.

Building Commissioner Wade Watson said the issue with the drywells in that area is so bad that any quick rain shower can overwhelm those drywells and cause flooding. This project will cause an immediate impact on that area and relieve a lot of those flooding issues. He said he also wanted to stress how important the income surveys are for this grant. He asked that anyone who has received a survey to please fill it out and return it and also ask neighbors if they have filled one out. Without the income surveys the town is not eligible for the grant.

Mr. Giles said after the flood of 2008 the town realized there were several inefficiencies in the storm water system. A storm water masterplan was made. The plan is a 6 phase project and this grant would cover the first phase. The main issue with this masterplan has been funding. The cost of the projects is more than the town can handle on its own. He thanked everyone from the public for coming and showing their support for the project.

Being no further discussion President Hoffman closed the public hearing.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was Resolution 2015-11 Application Submission and Local Match Commitment. He said the town is applying for \$858,700 with a \$96,000 local match coming from the storm water fund. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-11. Councilwoman Ervin seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was the NewWave Communications Land Lease Agreement. He said the agreement would be tabled until it can be approved by the town attorney. Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to table the NewWave Communications Land Lease Agreement until Mr. Huddleston has had a chance to review the agreement. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was Ordinance 2015-4 Control of Animals. He said this ordinance has been on the agenda several times and there have been numerous revisions. He asked if there was any further discussion or changes that needed to be made. Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-4. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Unanimous.

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 this ordinance was also previously on the agenda but was tabled to make a change regarding Timbergate Golf Course. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-6. Councilwoman Ervin seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was the Disposal of Whitlock Real Property. He asked Mr. Watson to lead the discussion.

Mr. Watson said on July 27, 2015 the council determined that the best use of this property was to sell it to an abutting property owner. Public notices were issued and notice to sell the property was sent by certified mail to the abutting property owners. The town received an offer on August 10, 2015 from one of the property owners but nothing from the other property owner. The staff recommendation is to approve the sale of the property and move forward with processing that sale to the abutting property owner. Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to approve the disposal of the property as recommended by Mr. Watson. Councilman Simpson seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was Copple's Economic Revitalization Area (ERA) and Tax Abatement Request. He asked Mr. Watson to lead the discussion.

Mr. Watson said the council members should have received a copy of the staff report in their council packets requesting the establishment of an ERA for a site on the south side of State Road 252. Copple's Wrecker Service will be moving their business to that location. The project went before the planning commission and has been approved for development. His recommendation was for approval of the ERA. The idea is to try to encourage further development in that area just off of Interstate 65. Also, this will eliminate the non-conforming use in the subdivision where the wrecker service is currently operating. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the establishment of an economic revitalization area as recommended in Mr. Watson's staff report. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was the Keep Edinburgh Neat Campaign Proposal present by Ted Lucas.

Mr. Lucas said the council received a copy of the proposal prepared by John Rondot. The Redevelopment Commission met at a special meeting and unanimously voted to bring the proposal to the council. The commission's recommendation was to move forward with the creation of a committee to help finalize the ideas in the proposal. Councilman Simpson made a motion to move forward with the Keep Edinburgh Neat Campaign as presented by the Redevelopment Commission. Councilwoman Ervin seconded. Unanimous.

Council Comments

Town Attorney Huddleston said the items regarding the disposal of the Whitlock property as well as the Economic Revitalization Area will require him to prepare documents. Councilman Simpson made a motion to allow Mr. Huddleston to prepare all necessary documents regarding the disposal of the Whitlock property and the Economic Revitalization Area for Copple's. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Unanimous.

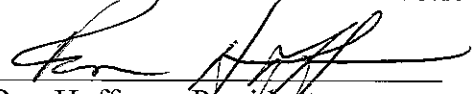
John Rondot asked what was going on with the recycling containers at the transfer station. There are three containers that say paper recycling only but he was told to dump into those containers. It is a confusing situation.

President Hoffman said he will look into that at the next solid waste management meeting in September.

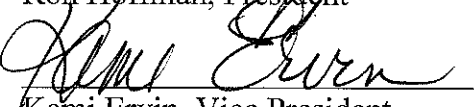
Jerry Lollar said he wanted to thank the Street Department for getting the street repair work done. The new patches look great.

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

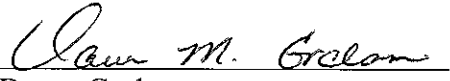
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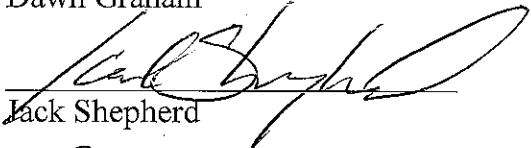
Ron Hoffman, President



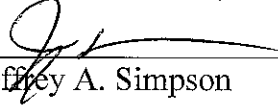
Kami Ervin, Vice President



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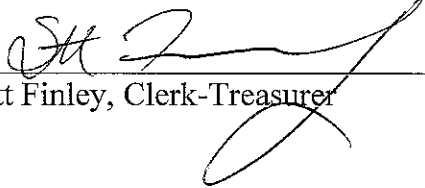


Jack Shepherd



Jeffrey A. Simpson

ATTEST:



Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer