

Town Council Meeting
Monday, September 14, 2015
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, September 14, 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 August 24, 2015. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilwoman Ervin 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 two claim dockets in their council packets. A regular claim docket for the period and also an end-of-month claim docket for July. The total for the regular docket was \$145,145.44 and the total for the end-of-month docket was \$569,248.04. 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 2015-12 Electric Vehicle Municipal Lease. The council had previously approved the purchase of a new bucket truck for the Electric Department. Sealed bids were accepted and only one company submitted a bid. The truck is now complete and this resolution allows the president of the town council to sign the lease documents. Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-12. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was the Historic Grant Administration Appointment. He asked Building Commissioner Wade Watson to lead the discussion.

Mr. Watson said on September 4th, 2015 OCRA announced that the Town of Edinburgh had been awarded the historic grant for the restoration of the Blue River building. In anticipation of that the town published a notice on August 6th, 2015 inviting grant administrators to apply for the opportunity to service that grant in the event it was awarded. A certified letter was also sent to 5 grant administrators in the area. Kenna Consulting was the only administrator that showed interest. He said his recommendation, based on previous experiences with Kenna, was for the town council to appoint Kenna Consulting as the grant administrator for this project.

Councilwoman Ervin asked what he anticipated those fees to be.

Mr. Watson said he had the proposal in his office and he could get that information to the council after the meeting. Councilman Simpson made a motion to appoint Kenna Consulting as the grant administrator for the Blue River building project. Councilwoman Ervin seconded. Unanimous.

Council Comments

Councilman Shepherd asked if someone had purchased the old Danner's building downtown.

Mr. Watson said Indiana Landmarks purchased the building from the Swift family. They are using grant funds to repair the building structurally including new bricks and a new roof. They

intend to secure the building structurally and put it back on the market eventually to be used as a downtown business.

Councilwoman Graham said the Toner District signs that were put up by Indiana Landmarks are being knocked down and one has been stolen from Walnut Street. She said she picked one up and returned it to the town hall.

President Hoffman said it was brought to his attention recently that there is an ordinance stating that campaign signs cannot be put up more than 45 days before the election. He said he had some time and had the signs so he put them up unknowingly in violation of the ordinance. The signs have since been taken down and will be put back up when the ordinance allows. He apologized for the issue.

Clerk-Treasurer Finley said he wanted to inform the council that the State Board of Accounts field examiners are currently in the office doing an exam of the 2011 to 2014 period. He said he will keep the council updated on that process.

Departmental Comments

Police Chief David Mann said the department was awarded the grant for the bullet proof vests it applied for earlier in the year. The grant will help free up some funds for other necessary expenditures in the department.

Public Comments

Tammy Copple asked about the status of the ordinance approved at the last meeting for the Economic Revitalization Area.

Town Attorney Huddleston said that would be ready for the next council meeting.

Pastor Paul Burton of the Christ Fellowship Church on Lind Drive said he was present to ask that the town annex the church property. He passed out a written request with a legal description of the property. The property had always been on a septic system and a well but approximately a month ago they were connected to town water and sewer.

Town Attorney Huddleston said when a voluntary petition for annexation is submitted the governing body has 150 days to decide whether or not to accept. If it is accepted, it is adopted in the form of an ordinance. He said his recommendation is to authorize him to review the petition to make sure it complies with statute and give a report at the next meeting. It is also a good idea to look at the logistics of the property when there is annexation. Is the property already being serviced? What are the benefits to the town? Wade can make a staff report regarding those issues.


Mr. Watson said he wanted to point out that the Church is surrounded by annexed property on all four sides.

Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to allow Town Attorney Huddleston to review the petition submitted by Pastor Burton and allow Building Commissioner Wade Watson to prepare a staff report regarding the annexation. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Unanimous.

Jerry Lollar said when he filed to run for town council he received a packet with political campaign sign information. He was quite surprised to see signs up on September 1st. He said he spoke with Chief Mann to make sure the ordinance had not been changed. It had not and Chief Mann said he could file a complaint if he wanted to. He said he did not want to file a complaint he just wanted everyone to be on a level playing field. He thanked President Hoffman for removing his signs after he realized the issue. There is still a gentlemen running for council with signs out that have not been removed. He requested that either a councilmember or the police chief contact him and let him know about the ordinance.

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

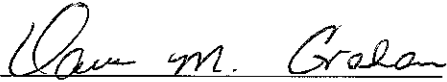
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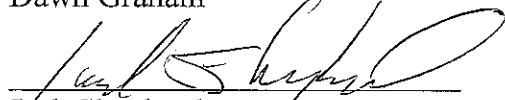
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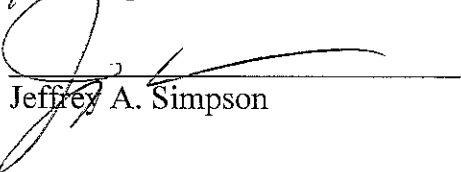
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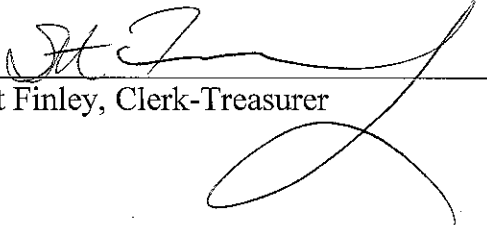


Jack Shepherd



Jeffrey A. Simpson

ATTEST:



Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer