

Town Council Meeting
Monday November 8, 2021
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, November 8, 2021, at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, 107 South Holland Street, Edinburgh, Indiana.

President Jeff Simpson called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members answering roll call ((e) represents virtual attendance): Councilwoman Debbie Buck, Councilwoman Miriam Rooks, Vice President Dawn Graham, and President Jeff Simpson. Also present were Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston, Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley, and Town Manager Dan Cartwright. Councilman Ryan Piercefield was absent.

Minutes – Executive meeting of October 25, 2021, Council Meeting of October 25, 2021, and the Executive Meeting of October 25, 2021. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Claims – The council received a copy of the claim docket in their council packet. The total for the docket was \$502,229.82. Mr. Finley said he had signed off on the claims in that docket and handed them over to the council for approval.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve claims as submitted. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Request for Continuance from Gradison Development - Gradison has asked that the first reading of the PUD amendment be continued until the first meeting of December. They are exploring options and improvements to the original plan to gain support from remonstrators.

Discussion was held regarding the PUD amendment and how long they could extend the changes.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the request for continuance from Gradison and hold the first reading on December 13, 2021, and the second reading on January 10, 2022. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Public Hearing on Petition to Vacate Alley – President Simpson said this petition is related to the alley located between 502 and 504 S. Main Street. He opened the public hearing.

Planning Director Wade Watson said the petitioners, Scott and Miranda Finley, have satisfied all documentation requirements including public notice in the newspapers and certified mailings to adjacent property owners. He explained that the alley has not been actively maintained by the town. It has been reported that the alley is occasionally used by pedestrians but there is minimal evidence of regular use by motor vehicles. The entrance on Pleasant Street is difficult to navigate due to a retaining wall and a utility pole. He said he has spoken with the Electric and Street departments and neither have any objections to the vacate request. The staff recommends approval of the vacate request.

Being no further questions or comments, President Simpson closed the public hearing.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the alley vacate, Case Number V-TC-2021-01. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Watson said the next step would be to draft an ordinance confirming the alley vacate.

Ordinance 2021-20 Commercial Knox Box (Second Reading) – Councilwoman Graham made a motion to table Ordinance 2021-20 until the next council meeting. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2021-25 Authorization for Execution of INDOT Agreements – The town has recently been awarded a Community Crossings Grant for the rebuild of High School Drive. This resolution authorized the Town Manager to execute documents related to this Community Crossings Grant.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-20. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Access and Maintenance Agreement – Town Manager Dan Cartwright said this has been on the agenda a few times and it is regarding an agreement to protect the town when doing utility work in an easement and needing to remove structures. Mr. Huddleston is still trying to trim the agreement down to make it less intimidating for the citizen but still protect the town.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to table the Access and Maintenance Agreement until the next meeting. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

2021 Paving Contract Change Order – Mr. Cartwright said the paving work approved earlier this year has been completed. The cost came in higher due to additional concrete and asphalt work on Holland Street, Pleasant Street, Main Street, Critney Street and County Line Road. The change order is for \$60,111.85 making the total \$300,416.25 which was still under the original budget.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the 2021 paving contract change order of \$60,111.85. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Walnut Street Paving Change Order – Mr. Cartwright said the Walnut Street paving has also been completed. This was paid for partially from the Community Crossings Grant. The total increase was \$528.18.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the Walnut Street change order of \$528.18. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Alarm System Discussion – Town Marshall Doyne Little said the department has had issues with habitual false alarms. Many of these come from the mall area. The fee for false alarms in excess of 5 is only \$50 per offense. He recommended that fee be increased to maybe cut down on the false alarm calls. These types of calls take emergency services away from legitimate emergencies.


Councilwoman Buck made a motion to allow Mr. Huddleston to draft an amendment to change the fines from \$50 to \$100 per offense. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

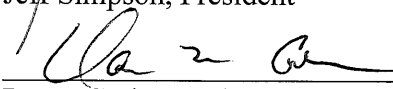
Other Business

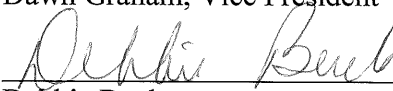
Mr. Cartwright gave a brief explanation of his managers reports. He said the town was awarded \$883,621 from the Community Crossings Grant for High School Drive. That work will begin in spring after the stormwater project is completed. He said the Electric Department is in need of utility pole testing. Many of their poles have rotted over time and have become dangerous. This type of testing will tell what poles need to be replaced.

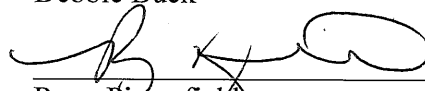
Being no further business or comments, Councilwoman Buck made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

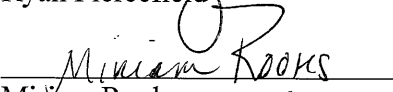
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