

Town Council Meeting
Monday, January 24, 2022
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, January 24, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, 107 South Holland Street, Edinburgh, Indiana.

President Ryan Piercefield called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes – Council meeting of January 10, 2022, and executive meeting of January 18, 2022. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Claims – The council received a copy of the claim docket in the council packet. The total for the docket was \$316,053.53. 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 Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2022-1 Amending Fee Schedule (First Reading) – Mr. Finley said the staff has been working on updating this fee schedule for quite some time. The main changes are for the parks department and compactor.

Town Manager Dan Cartwright said he would like to ask the council to waive the first reading of this ordinance. The parks department will begin registrations soon and the fees in this ordinance cannot be enforced until it is advertised for at least 30 days.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to waive the first reading of Ordinance 2022-1 and consider it for approval. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-1. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2022-2 Bartholomew County EDIT – Mr. Finley said the next two items are related to economic development funds we receive from Bartholomew and Shelby counties. The town is required to submit a resolution to the counties stating what the EDIT funds will be used for. The town gets approximately \$2,500 per month from Bartholomew County and the resolution says those funds will go towards the Parks department including the community center.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-2. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2022-3 Shelby County EDIT – Mr. Finley said this resolution states that the EDIT funds will be used for maintenance and upkeep of Timbergate Golf Course.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-3. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Public Official Bond Approval – Mr. Finley said there are 5 public official bonds that will each need separate approval. All dates are from January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022. These bonds are required by state statute.

Town Manager Dan Cartwright, \$50,000 bond. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the public official bond for Dan Cartwright. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley, \$300,000 bond. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the public official bond for Scott Finley. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Town Marshall Doyne Little, \$15,000 bond. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the public official bond for Doyne Little. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Assistant Town Marshall Hector Mercado, \$15,000 bond. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the public official bond for Hector Mercado. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Economic Redevelopment Commission Members, \$15,000 bond for each member. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the public official bond for the Economic Redevelopment Commission. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Residential Solid Waste Bid Award – Mr. Cartwright said he is very disappointed in the bids that were received. The town invited 6 bidders but only received two bids. One bid was from Ray's and was incomplete and therefore rejected and the other was from Rumpke. He went over the bid tab. The only complete bid was a 62% increase from the previous year. As of March 1st, the town will not have trash service if we do not approve the Rumpke quote. The only changes to the old contract are the town will no longer provide service to properties with more than 4 units and heavy trash will be run monthly. The staff recommendation was to award the solid waste removal bid to Rumpke. The contract is a 5-year contract renewable each year.

Discussion was held regarding heavy trash pickup.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to award the bid to Rumpke subject to legal review of the contract. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Town Marshall Contract – Mr. Cartwright said Town Marshall Little's contract expires on January 31st. The new employment agreement renews his contract for one year. The contract has already been signed by Mr. Little.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve Town Marshall Contract. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2022-4 Proposals to Lease Property – Mr. Cartwright said this lease is regarding the billboard on the golf course property. The survey has been complete, and we will put out an RFP to lease the easement. The billboard is currently operated by the Sprague Company. They will be submitting a proposal.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-4. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2022-5 Amendment to Personnel Policy – Mr. Cartwright said this resolution amends the personnel policy to not enforce the mandatory lunch hour at the golf course. If the golf course employees are forced to take a lunch, it will require another employee to fill that time. The amendment will only apply to the golf course.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-5. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Suez Amendment – Mr. Cartwright said this is not ready and will be put on the agenda of the next meeting.

COVID Policy – Mr. Cartwright said at the last meeting a committee was established to review the COVID policy. This policy refers to procedures if an employee test positive for COVID. The members of the committee will meet and discuss the policy before the next council meeting.

New Police Vehicles – Town Marhsall Little said the department replaces police vehicles each year and unfortunately the department lost a vehicle in an accident recently. The car lost was one that was going to be replaced anyway. The budget was approved for two vehicles. Fletcher has a few vehicles, but they are not sure if we can get them before they are assigned to someone else. The department received two quotes from Fletcher and Jon Jones. The Fletcher quote was \$36,500 per vehicle but they cannot guarantee we will get them. Jon Jones quote was \$41,491 per vehicle but they have them currently in stock. He is recommending we go with Jon Jones as we can ensure we receive those vehicles. We will be getting a check for the totaled car from insurance.

President Piercefield said from looking at the vehicle listing, there are several cars with high mileage and the one that was just totaled. He asked if it would it make sense to purchase three vehicles this year as it seems car prices are only going up.

Mr. Little said we could, and the department did also receive a grant for reimbursement of some capital expense this year from IPEP. His goal is to rotate vehicles out before they hit 100,000 miles as the repair costs at that point start to add up.

Mr. Finley said the vehicle budget was \$90,000 with an additional \$60,000 in capital outlays. The department can afford three vehicles but will have to cut whatever additional purchases they have planned.

Discussion was held regarding resell value of vehicles.

Mr. Little said the lighting costs have also gone up. For three vehicles the cost is \$37,331.07.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the purchase of 3 police vehicles from Jon Jones. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the purchase of car lighting for \$37,331.07. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Timbergate Equipment Purchase – Golf Course General Manager Wayne Gibbs said the department is requesting two pieces of equipment this year, a tractor and a sprayer. As the golf course bond paid off last year, the department budgeted for capital outlays in 2022 to upgrade some dated equipment. The current equipment is over 20 years old. The low bid of \$92,169 was from Greenville Turf and Tractor.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the equipment purchase from Greenville Tractor and Turn for \$92,169. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Other Business

Mr. Cartwright said the aquatic center updates are underway and we should be able to take care of all the issues within the \$75,000 budget. We are in the final steps of design on the town hall addition. The water plant bids will be received on February 17, 2022. The High School Drive repaving bids will be submitted on February 14, 2022. The town will also be submitting for CCMG money for repaving this year.

Mr. Cartwright said he submitted to the council members an annual report outlining everything that was accomplished in 2021.

Mr. Finley said the 2019-2020 SBOA Audit is completed. The exit conference was held on Thursday. That report is available for the council to review but is confidential until the final report is released.

Mr. Little said former Edinburgh Police Officer Jim Kelsay passed away recently. He served on the department from August 27, 1982 to February 22, 2005 when he retired but stayed on as a reserve officer. He was also the father of current Edinburgh Police Officer Shawn Kelsay. He asked for a moment of silence for Officer Jim Kelsay.

Mr. Little said the department has been down several officers but have fought through it. He thanked the council for all their support.

Planning Director Wade Watson said there was a Facebook firestorm this week regarding a building and zoning enforcement. He assured the council that the violation issued was a legitimate violation, but they have decided to cease and desist. The town has an ordinance that very clearly prohibits the action that was sited. This reiterates the need to update the zoning ordinance so that our officials can enforce the ordinances confidently.

Fire Chief John Henderson said he wished he had exact details for the council, but Officer Jim Kelsay also served as Fire Chief back in the 80's. He said he has submitted several grants for the department with the assistance of the administrative staff. There is about a 50/50 chance the town will receive the grant. The grant is for SCBA packs and extrication equipment.

Wastewater Superintendent Rebecca Frakes said work is finally beginning down High School Drive for the stormwater project.

Parks Director Daniel Teter said work is proceeding with work on the aquatic center. The work will include demolition, new electrical, and reconfiguring partitions. Registration will start soon for baseball/softball and the Father/Daughter Dance. The department is planning to expand the youth club and increasing hours. The department is advertising for seasonal staff now. There are several Bicentennial events coming up soon including a fundraiser event at the Pixie Theater.


Public Comments

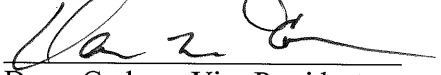
Ron Hazelgrove of the Edinburgh Lions Club was present to ask for assistance with the 2022 Fall Festival.


Councilwoman Buck made a motion to contribute \$3,000 to the Edinburgh Lions Club to assist with the 2022 Fall Festival. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

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

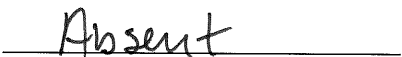
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ATTEST:


Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer