

Town Council Meeting
Monday, June 13, 2022
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, June 13, 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, Councilman Jeff Simpson, and President Ryan Piercefield. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley, Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston, and Town Manager Dan Cartwright.

Minutes – Council meeting of May 23, 2022. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Claims – The council received a copy of the claim docket in their council packets. The total for the docket was \$481,402.53. 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. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

Town Property and Liability Insurance Renewal – Mr. Cartwright said the town's renewal date is June 25th. There are several policies included in this renewal. The town has obtained quotes from the current agent, Kevin Parks with Edinburgh Insurance, as well as Gregory and Appel. He allowed the agents to explain their quotes.

Kevin Parks of Edinburgh Insurance said he shopped 5 carriers and obtained 3 complete quotes. His recommendation was to switch to Berkshire Hathaway. They provide very comprehensive coverage. The town had about 30 claims last year. Of those, 28 of those went smoothly while 2 had some issues. He said his firm has had a rough couple of years with staffing shortages. The coverage he is recommending is great coverage for the town and he is not aware of anything they have missed.

Randy Teltoe of Burham and Flower said this year they have added front and back wage coverage and moved inland marine coverage to a different company. The firetrucks will still be coverage at replacement cost.

Andy brown of Gregory and Appel said he has an established public risk practice with Gregory and Appel. Charlie Vaught was also present who work with the town on the workers compensation plan. If they town were to select Gregory and Appel, they would be assigned an account manager and a technician. Mr. Vaught will still assist with workers compensation but will also assist with the property and casualty side. The town will also have an assigned risk analyst and claims advocate. Gregory and Appel has submitted 2 complete quotes from Selective and Liberty Mutual. He explained the coverages in those quotes. Those include replacement cost on inland marine items that are 5 years or newer and increased crime insurance coverage. The dam would be covered under premises liability.

Mr. Vaught said he is certified through Carnegie Melon for cyber insurance. He said he is at the town office at least every quarter and will always be available to assist with any kind of claim.

Mr. Cartwright said he wanted to thank Director of Administrative Services Mary Patterson for her work on these quotes. She understands these policies more than anyone in the town. He said these quotes cannot really be compared apples to apples. Gregory and Appel gave a breakdown of each of the policy coverages individually while Edinburgh Insurance did not. He provided two sheets to the council. The sheets showed the low quotes from each agent. The low quote from Gregory and Appel was \$126,763 and the low quote from Edinburgh Insurance was \$116,022.

Mr. Cartwright said service and coverage are the two most important parts of the insurance quotes. Our department heads have a lot of responsibility and should not have to do much more than contact the carrier to file a claim. Service with Edinburgh Insurance has been substandard. The staff has to do a lot of extra work with claims. The service we have had with Gregory and Appel for workers compensation has outstanding. Mr. Vaught holds safety meetings every quarter as well as additional training on an as needed basis. Gregory and Appel also has dedicated team members to assist the town with claims.

Mr. Cartwright said with those issues in mind, the staff recommendation is to award the General Liability and Property and Casualty quote to Gregory and Appel for \$126,763 with Selective, Chubb, and Travelers. The staff recommendation is to renew the workers compensation policy with Gregory and Appel for \$98,099.

President Piercefield asked if any of the storm damage costs were going to be covered.

Mr. Cartwright said the town is accumulating the costs on that, but we have not discussed it with insurance yet. He was hoping there would be some state or federal support, but he has recently heard there will not be any assistance.

Discussion was held regarding terrorism coverage and workers compensation.

Mr. Cartwright said with Edinburgh Insurance, we have a claim still outstanding that was submitted on March 11th.

Mr. Finley said with of the costs the town would be able to absorb with the increases we account for in the budget. From a service standpoint, our coverage with Edinburgh Insurance has put a lot of work on Ms. Patterson and the department heads. The claims process is rarely smooth with Edinburgh Insurance. He said he has nothing but good things to say about Gregory and Appel. They have been great to work with on the workers compensation side.

Mr. Brown said they town can get anyone to place your coverage. Gregory and Appel want to be risk managers for the town. Gregory and Appel want to lower the overall cost of risk by lowering and preventing claims.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to award the workers compensation policy to Gregory and Appel with IPEP. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to award the Property and Casualty and General Liability policies to Gregory and Appel with Selective, Chubb, and Travelers. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2022-13 Implement K-9 Unit – Mr. Huddleston said at the last meeting, the implementation of a K-9 unit was discussed. This resolution shows the council's support for implementing a K-9 unit.

Discussion was held regarding the funding and donations.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-13. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Town Hall Construction Contract – Planning Director Wade Watson said bids on the town hall construction have been accepted. The construction contract was drafted by Mr. Huddleston and had been executed by Toby Perry. The contract is now before the council for approval. Construction is set to begin on July 18th and should be completed by January 31, 2023.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the Contract with Toby Perry for the town hall expansion. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to allow President Piercefield to sign the contract on behalf of the council. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Main Street Extension Engineering – Mr. Cartwright said the future plans in the industrial park including the fire station create a need for the extension of Main Street to CR 900. A design proposal has been submitted by Crossroads Engineering. The town is working on a couple of grants for this project including the READI grant. This quote is just for the design of the project, not for construction.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the Main Street Extension Design proposal from Crossroads engineering. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to allow Mr. Cartwright to sign the proposal on behalf of the council. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Pleasant Street Sewer Repair – Wastewater Superintendent Rebecca Frakes said she mentioned a sewer issue on Pleasant Street at the last meeting. The staff attempted to get multiple quotes but only obtained one. The quote was from Robertson Pipe cleaning for \$86 per linear foot or \$30,100. The quote is for a cure-in-place liner. She has the video of the pipe if the council wants to review the footage. The pipe is a 100-year-old concrete line. The work would start in 4 to 6 weeks.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the quote from Robertson Pipe Cleaning for \$30,100. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to allow President Piercefield to sign the quote on behalf of the council. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Water Grant Progress Payment Approval – Mr. Finley said this is the first pay application for the water plant project. The total is \$227,056.72. The pay app has been reviewed and approved by Wessler and is now before the council for approval. Upon approval it will be signed and submitted to SRF for payment.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve pay app #1 for \$227,056.72 for the water treatment plant project. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Conover Foundation \$25,000 Donation to Aquatic Center – Mr. Finley said the town has received a \$25,000 donation from the Conover Foundation for pool repairs. He wanted to bring that donation to the council for acceptance. If it is accepted, we would receipt into the General fund and keep a file of the repairs done with those funds.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to accept the \$25,000 donation for pool repairs from the Conover Foundation. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Amendment to Traffic Code Request – Mr. Watson said he has presented the council with a staff report with a recommendation from the BZA. There has been visual clearance variance from a property owner on Clay Street. They variance was approved by the BZA subject to the council making the intersection of Clay and Shelby a 4-way stop. It is the only intersection on Shelby in that area that is not a 4-way and there is a lot of school traffic there. Often times the view is blocked by cars parked on the road.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to allow Mr. Huddleston to draft an ordinance amending the traffic code per the BZA recommendation. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Street Superintended Clark McCollum said if the council is making an amendment to the traffic code, he would recommend also adding the intersection of Campbell and Pleasant.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to include the intersection of Pleasant and Campbell in the traffic amendment to be drafted by Mr. Huddleston. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

Other Business

The council thanked Community Center Director SaraBeth Drybread for her work on the Bicentennial Celebration over the weekend. It was a huge success and a great event.

Councilwoman Rooks asked about the possibility of rolling blackouts in the near future.

Electric Superintendent Kevin Rubush said our power supplier has a plan in place to reduce the possibility of rolling blackouts. The town would have some warning if it was going to happen.

Mr. Huddleston said since the last meeting the town successfully closed on the new fire station project.

Mr. Finley said the police department has received \$19,700 for a K-9 unit. He asked for council approval to accept those donations.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to accept the \$19,700 in donations for the K-9 unit. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Cartwright said GM development spoke with him shortly after we closed on the fire station and said rates went up to 4.1% just after closing. It was good that the town got that completed when we did. He said there will be a groundbreaking on the new water plant on June 27th at 4:30.

Mr. Cartwright said he did not get it on the agenda but had before the council a Bicentennial Proclamation. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the Edinburgh Bicentennial Proclamation. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

Ms. Drybread thanked all the departments for their hard work making the Bicentennial Celebration a success. Keeley Street was a great location for an event, and we may use it in the future. The event had over 25 volunteers and Job Corps provided security. The hot air balloon company did 236 balloon rides.

Parks Director Daniel Teter said Ms. Drybread and her committee did such a great job with the event over the weekend. The annual flowers are now out around town and the department is held a state softball tournament last weekend. He said he wanted to thank the fire department for assisting his stepmother who had an episode at the bicentennial event. The responded immediately and took great care of her.

Town Marshall Doyne Little said the department has made some substantial drug busts. This weekend made him proud to call Edinburgh his home.

Water Superintendent Bill Jones said the building where the new water plant will be located has been completely torn down. A small well has to be removed and they will be digging for the backwash tank soon. The material for the fire station line extension has been delivered and they will work on that project soon.

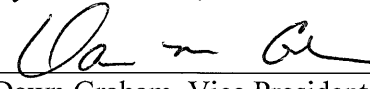
Public Comments

Curtis Rooks of the Franklin Parks and Rec said he is glad that Franklin could assist by providing a stage for the event. He and Chip are happy to help the town anyway they can going forward. He invited everyone to the music event at the new amphitheater in Franklin this weekend.

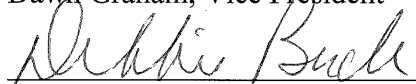
Being no further business or comments, Councilman Simpson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

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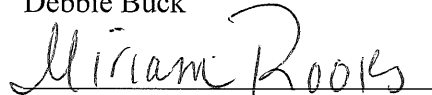
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