

Town Council Meeting
Monday, July 11, 2022
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, July 11, 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, Councilman Jeff Simpson, Vice President Dawn Graham, and President Ryan Piercefield. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley and Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston.

Minutes – Council meeting of June 27, 2022. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Claims – The council received two claim dockets in their council packets. The first was the regular claim docket for the period totaling \$337,757.69 and the second was an end-of-month docket for February totaling \$205,403.09. Mr. Finley said the regular claim docket was increased since it was sent to the council. Electric Superintendent Kevin Rubush was out last week and did not get his claims turned in until this morning. Those claims were added to the regular claim docket. One of those claims was the claim for Hoosier Edison when they assisted with the storm damage for \$90,803. He asked for approval of that expenditure separately.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the expenditure to Hoosier Edison for \$90,803. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Finley said he had signed off on all the claims in those dockets and presented them to the council for approval.

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

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to amend the agenda by moving Ordinance 2022-7 following Authorization to Advertise for a New Town Manger. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2022-8 IMPA Amendment – Mr. Huddleston said this is a memorialization of the agreement already approved with IMPA. He has reviewed it and it is ready for council action.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to waive the first reading of Ordinance 2022-8 and consider it for approval. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-8. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2022-9 Horizon Freight Zoning – Mr. Watson said this ordinance is for introduction only. The planning commission gave a favorable recommendation to re-zone the property owned by Horizon Freight in the buffer area. The staff report, findings and facts, and a copy of the planning commission resolution were included in the council packet.

Councilwoman Rooks said she will only vote to approve if Horizon agrees to create a visual buffer on the property.

No action was taken on Ordinance 2022-9.

Resolution 2022-14 Appointing an Acting Town Manager – Mr. Huddleston said this resolution reflects that Dan Cartwright has resigned his position as Town Manager and the council needs to appoint an acting Town Manager. The resolution appoints President Ryan Piercefield as acting Town Manager until other action is taken.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-14. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

Authorization to Advertise for a New Town Manager – Mr. Huddleston said the council needs to authorize the advertisement for a new Town Manager. In the past the town has advertised in all three local papers, the Indy Star, and online. A deadline and a resume recipient should also be set.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to advertise the Town Manager position in all three local papers and the Indy Star with a July 31, 2022, deadline and resumes to be sent to town hall. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2022-7 Salary Ordinance Amendment – President Piercefield said while he will be acting as interim Town Manager, Wade Watson will be handling the day-to-day duties. This amendment allows for a temporary increase to the Planning Director salary during the search for a new Town Manager.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to waive the first reading of Ordinance 2022-7 and consider it for approval. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-7. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

Robertson Paving Contract – Mr. Watson said this is the construction contract for the High School Drive CCMG project. It was drafted by Mr. Huddleston and executed by Robertson Paving.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the Robertson Paving agreement for High School Drive. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

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

SR 252 Electrical Underground/Aerial Discussion – Mr. Watson said Jim Hill of Alpha Engineering is present to discuss the options for the 252 electrical line relocation as required by the state's reconstruction of State Road 252.

Mr. Hill said a few years ago this project was discussed, and costs were given for underground and aerial. Those costs have changed significantly. The cost of underground is about 3 times the cost of aerial. The overhead option would not be a standard wood pole. It would be a more decorative metal pole with no crossarms. Underground uses a much larger cable and therefore is more expensive. While there are no poles, there are large connection boxes required. Those boxes will require the acquisition of right-of-way. Crossroads would attempt to obtain easements from the landowners. The cost estimate provided does not include any acquisition of right-of-way. A disadvantage of overhead is that it will look nice and tidy when the project is complete, but we cannot stop other utilities from attaching and they do not always attach in the most aesthetically pleasing manor.

President Piercefield asked if it was safer to be underground. He would really like to see the project proceed underground.

Mr. Hill said trees are the biggest issue with overhead lines. That should not be much of an issue with these lines, but they are more susceptible to storm damage. Another disadvantage to underground is when there is an issue, it is usually much more difficult to find.

Councilwoman Rooks asked if it was possible that landowners would not agree to an easement on their property.

Mr. Hill said he hopes that is not the case, but it is possible. It will come down to money.

Electric Superintendent Kevin Rubush said underground will be more aesthetically pleasing but it is harder to find issues as a lineman.

Mr. Watson said this is being presented to the council because the electric relocation has to be done prior to the 252 project, which is scheduled to be let in the fall of 2024. The plans that are being developed by the state are assuming underground electrical and would need to be redesigned if we decide to go aerial. The estimates in front of the council are best guesses at this time and could possibly increase.

Mr. Finley said ultimately the cost will come from electric operating, but the fund has several other large expenses coming up over the next year or so. Initial conversations have been held with our financial advisors about the possibility of a bond for the project.

Ben Huckaba of Alpha Engineering said this presentation was just to give the council an update on the cost increase on the underground work. Over the past year, cost and lead times have doubled.

The council consensus was to stay the course and continue with underground for the 252 project.

Transformer Deliver and Costs – Mr. Huckaba said we have previously discussed the industrial substation project. Alpha wanted to give the council an update on lead times and cost. We are expecting a bond to assist with this project. The transformer is the most important and expensive part of the substation. Lead times are currently 2 years. Costs have significantly increased. He said he would like council approval to proceed with obtaining costs for transformers. It will take about 4 weeks to obtain quotes. The town's system is reaching capacity and will be a bottleneck on the community's growth.

Mr. Rubush said the town has been approached by several large commercial users on the south side of town. The town needs capacity to serve those needs.

Discussion was held regarding the design of the substation and the old transformer.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow Alpha Engineering to proceed with obtaining quotes for a new transformer for the industrial substation. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

K9 Proposal Quotes and Job Description – Town Marshall Doyne Little said he reached out to some other communities to create a job description and SOPs. Quotes were submitted to the council in the council packet. He recommended Guardian K9 as they are cheaper, closer, and we will save money on lodging and food. He said he is also looking at some additional kennel options.

Councilwoman Graham asked if this officer would be on call at all times and would they have to live in a certain range.

Town Marshall Little said they could be on call at all times but they are not required to be. The officer would make the call as to whether they would respond or not. They should live close enough to respond in a timely manner. The officer he currently has in mind does live in town. The department is also working on possibly getting a dog at no cost to the town through the 550 Foundation.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the quote from Guardian K9 for \$16,000. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the K9 officer job description and SOPs as presented. Councilwoman Buck seconded.

Timbergate Equipment Purchase – Timbergate General Manager Wayne Gibbs said the department budgeted for some equipment purchases this year to replace some equipment that is original to the course. The cost for the equipment is \$131,024 and includes two mowers and a bunker rake.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the equipment purchase from Greenville Turf and Tractor for \$131,024. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

SRF Labor Standards – Kenna Consulting – Mr. Watson said there was an oversight when processing the paperwork for the SRF loan for the water treatment plant. The town signed a labor standards agreement with OCRA but did not sign one with SRF. This is required to be in compliance with labor standards.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the SRF Labor Standards Agreement. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

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

Other Business

President Piercefield said he had letter from Mr. Cartwright on his resignation. He was sad to leave the town and felt that the town had accomplished a lot during his time with the town. The letter complimented the town department heads and employees for all the work they do.

Mr. Watson said it was an honor to work with Mr. Cartwright and he will be missed. He was a great leader for the community.

President Piercefield thanked Mr. Watson for stepping up and helping with the day-to-day business.

Town Marshall Little said the department has had some great training over the last two weeks thanks to Officer Hector Mercado. The fire department did a great job knocking down a fire with people inside.

Fire Chief John Henderson said the department will have a fire class tomorrow. The department did a great job on a fire last week. It was the first fire in a long time they have responded to with people still inside the building. The response time was between one and two minutes. He would like to recognize those firefighters at the next meeting.

Community Center Director SaraBeth Drybread said the Bicentennial Celebration will continue this weekend with the Bicentennial Splash at the aquatic center. There will be a pizza food truck at the pool from 12 to 4. There is a pet vaccine clinic on July 23rd, but it is already full. On July 30th there will be a community paint by number from 9 to 12 at the bait shop near the dam.

Public Comments

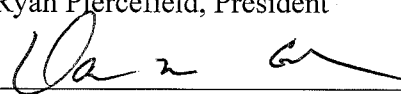
Curtis Rooks of 109 North Main Street said he appreciates the new stop signs but wondered if we could get some indicators and lines painted as school starts soon and they will be heavy traffic areas.

Debby Vaughan of 1127 Constitution Drive said she wanted to compliment Building Commissioner Robert Overton. She thinks he is doing a great job. She also wanted to thank Fonda and Wayne at the golf course for keeping the course in such great condition. She thanked Mr. Watson for always being available to answer her questions.

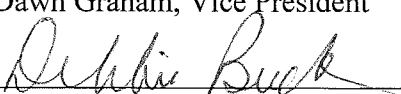
Being no further business or comments, Councilman Simpson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

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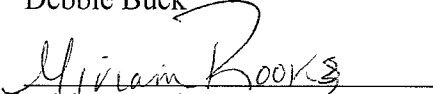
Ryan Piercefield, President



Dawn Graham, Vice President



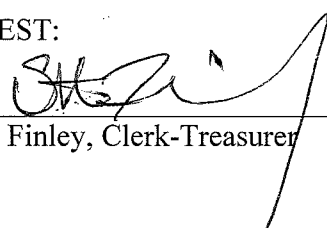
Debbie Buck



Miriam Rooks

Jeff Simpson

ATTEST:



Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer