

Town Council Meeting
Monday, September 26, 2022
6:00 P.M.

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, September 26, 2022, at 6:00 P.M. at 104 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, Vice President Dawn Graham, and President Ryan Piercefield. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley and Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston. Councilman Jeff Simpson was absent.

Minutes – Council Meeting of September 12, 2022. 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 \$1,182,156.03. Mr. Finley said he had signed off on all the claims in those dockets and presented them to the council for approval.

President Piercefield asked why we reimbursed the City of Greenwood.

Town Marshall Doyme Little said the department caused some damage while using their range and paid to fix the damage.

President Piercefield asked which backhoe was repaired by RPM.

Parks Director Daniel Teter said it was the cemetery backhoe.

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

Ordinance 2022-10 2023 Budget Appropriations and Tax Rate (Second Reading) – Mr. Finley said he presented the council the Form 4 from the budget process. This form shows the adopted budget of \$7,204,223. Of that, the majority, \$4.7 million, is the General Fund. The advertised tax rate would be 2.89. He handout to the council a form showing his estimates of actual tax rates. He said he believes the tax rate will actually be closer to 2.38. The 2022 rate was 2.34.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-10. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Three Month Office Space Lease (610 Mary Drybread Ct.) – Interim Town Manager Wade Watson said a company called OLCO needs to lease office space in the area for a project they are doing for the state. The town has space available at the old electric garage that they have deemed suitable. They would pay \$500 per month and provide all furniture and equipment. The lease would be for 2 to 3 months. They are anxious for the space. We would like to ask Mr. Huddleston to review the statutes to see if we can bypass the lease rules for a short-term lease to a government contractor.

Single Family Dwelling Lease (712 Eisenhower Dr) – Mr. Watson said this is the house owned by the cemetery that had a long-term tenant that recently left. There were several repairs that needed to be done before the space was ready for lease. The space is now available and would like to get that advertised.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow Town Attorney Huddleston to review the lease statutes for the two above mentioned properties. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Parks Equipment Proposal – Parks Director Daniel Teter said this equipment was discussed during the budget workshop. It will allow the department to lengthen the life of the gators by taking a lot of work off them. There is a line item in the parks budget to cover the cost and he would also like to look at a grant through the Bartholomew County Tourism fund. The equipment is 12 months out from delivery and would not be paid for until received. We only have one bid as it is a specialized piece of equipment from Toro.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the parks equipment proposal from Toro for \$41,301.22. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

President Piercefield asked if he had any news on the cemetery truck.

Mr. Teter said yes. A truck was purchased but not picked up by another company, so it is now available for purchase. The quote is for the truck chassis and shortening of the frame. It does not include a dump bed. That will have to be purchased separately.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the purchase of the new truck chassis for \$47,883 from Uebelhor and Sons Isuzu Truck. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Fire and Rescue Response Vehicle – Fire Chief John Henderson said the department contacted all the dealers in the area and could not find anything available. They finally located a ¾ ton truck from Bob Poynter. The truck is small but can house a lot of equipment. Having this smaller truck will allow the department to stop sending the large apparatus out on non-fire related calls. The cost is \$50,722.92.

Discussion was held regarding the funding for the truck.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the purchase of a new truck for the fire department from Bob Poynter for \$50,772.92. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Police Vehicle Proposals – Town Marshall Doyne Little said the council approved the purchase of two new police vehicles in the 2023 budget. He would like to get those on order through Fletcher. They will not process them until after November. The cost is \$42,050 per vehicle.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the purchase of two new police vehicles from Fletcher for \$42,050 per vehicle. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Wastewater Chemical Quotes – Wastewater Superintendent Rebecca Frakes said the lowest quote for chemicals this year was \$39,551.72 from Krofta.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the chemical quotes from Krofta for \$39,551.72. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Other Business

Councilwoman Rooks thanked the staff for their work on the Fall Festival. The parade was one of the best she has seen.

President Piercefield said the police department raised some money for the K-9 unit with the dunk tank at the festival. He thanked the crews for the work on the clean-up.

Mr. Watson said there was a water issue doing the mill and overlay at Grant and Thompson. The project will require new curbing. The cost for the 140 feet of curb work is \$12,600. Robertson is already on site and will not have to mobilize to do the repairs.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the curb repairs at Grant and Thompson for \$12,600. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Teter said the department has received numerous complaints that people are watching ball games from the cemetery. The department has added signage and fencing and has also started closing the back gate at night. That has seemed to cut down on the issue. The fall league tournament will be this week. Basketball signups have begun. The Halloween festival and Holiday of Lights planning is underway. He thanked everyone who helped with the Fall Festival and parade. There were 138 units in the parade. There was some vandalism in the park recently but Town Marshall Little was able to track that person down within an hour.

Ms. Frakes said the camera equipment and blower are in at the department. The truck for the camera equipment is currently being repaired.

Fire Chief John Henderson said the department will be participating in a chili cookoff at Gillman's on October 14th as a fund raiser for the Good Cheer Fund.

Town Marshall Little said there have been several overdoses recently and they have served several narcotics search warrants. Both dogs will be in service soon. They have already had over 20 deployments with numerous arrests.

Water Superintendent Bill Jones handed out a packet showing the cost of new service to the department. The costs are increasing, and we may want to revisit the fee schedule for those costs. The bulk water station is now online and the plant is still moving forward.

Community Center Director SaraBeth Drybread said she also wanted to thank everyone who helped with the Fall Festival. The Tri Kappa queen contestants raised over \$38,000 this year compared to \$3,000 last year. The Pie-Centennial event will be held this Thursday from 5 to 7 at Irwin Park.

Public Comments

Kathy Streeval of 170 Workman Drive said her neighbor Herman Norton is leaving junk cars around his property. He has moved them all in the last couple of days because he knew she was coming to the council meeting, but he will bring them back.

President Piercefield asked her to submit her photos to Mr. Watson and he would work with the Town Marshall to get the issue taken care of.

Kyle Caraway of 124 West Thompson Street said the alley between his house and the library has been an issue because of the post office. Semi-trucks are destroying that alley and his driveway going down that alley to get to the post office. The alley was not designed for that type of traffic. He said 3 to 9 semis a day will go down that alley. He is asking for an ordinance restricting large trucks from using that alley. The post office operates for 4 days a year without that alley during the Fall Festival. He does not want to make repairs to his driveway just for this to keep happening.

Ms. Drybread said she spoke with the drivers, and they complain that the post office was built when semis weren't as long as they are today. During the Fall Festival they bring a box truck rather than a semi.

Further conversation was held regarding traffic in that area.

President Piercefield said they would investigate the matter and get back with him.

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

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ATTEST:

Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer