

Town Council Meeting
Monday, January 23, 2023
6:00 P.M.

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, January 9, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. at 104 South Holland Street, Edinburgh, Indiana.

Vice President Dawn Graham called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes – Council meeting of January 9, 2023. Councilwoman Buck 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 their council packet. The total for that docket was \$929,255.47. Mr. Finley said he had signed off on all the claims in that docket and presented them to council for approval.

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

Public Hearing on Heckman Village Subdivision – Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston said the council needs to adopt rules on presentation limits for the presenter and the remonstrators. He recommended 20 minutes for each side. Anyone who wishes to speak on the matter will be sworn in prior to their comments.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to set a 20 minute limit for presenters and remonstrators for the Heckman Village public hearing. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Interim Town Manager Wade Watson said this was presented at the last meeting. The rezoning request came before the planning commission a few weeks ago. The commission considered and voted to approve the replat and rezone. The issue in the area for residential development is millings that were placed there years ago. They do not make a suitable foundation for residential but will be ok for commercial development. The ordinance on the agenda tonight would approve the planning commission's recommendation.

Mr. Huddleston swore in those individuals wishing to speak.

Tim Thomas with Milestone Design at 1428 Lafayette Avenue, Columbus, IN 47201 said they are the engineers and surveyors for this rezone and replat. The summary given by Mr. Watson was accurate to the reason for the request. The two primary factors for this request are the flood plain and the 35,000 cubic yards of asphalt millings. The replat does have 5 residential lots in an area where there are no millings. The northeast corner would be a 2.2 acre tract for greenspace and retention pond. The applicant feels there is a need for commercial space on this side of town based on commercial requests. The millings would be suitable to pave over but not for residential yards. The planning commission requested that the culs-de-sac be removed. Those changes have been made to the plans.

With no comments from remonstrators, the public hearing was closed.

Ordinance 2023-1 Approving Plan Commission Resolution 2022-2 (First Reading) – Mr. Huddleston said this is the ordinance relating to the public hearing. It will be presented at the next meeting for approval.

No action was taken on Ordinance 2023-1.

Rumpke Contract Addendum – Mr. Watson said the Rumpke Contract is a multiple year agreement with standard rate changes each year. This has been reviewed and the changes reflect the original contract.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the Rumpke contract addendum. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow Mr. Watson to sign the addendum on behalf of the council. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

State Road 252 Project – Electric Utility Easement Acquisitions – Mr. Watson said this has been spoken about at length. The project will begin in 2024. Ahead of that project, the electric in the area must be relocated. Included in the council packet was rough estimates for the acquisitions. He would like the council to approve a budget of \$20,000 for the properties and authorize Crossroads to obtain the utility easements. The estimates are based on the state's valuations.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve a budget of \$20,000 for property acquisitions for the 252 project and allow Crossroads to obtain the necessary easements. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Crossroads Main Street Extension Proposal – Mr. Watson gave an update on the READI grant program. We have had our first quarterly meeting on the project. Crossroads was approved to do the preliminary design work but we will also need someone overseeing the project during construction. This proposal approves Crossroads to oversee the construction process. The amount is \$38,500.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the Crossroads proposal subject to legal review. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to allow Mr. Watson to sign the proposal on behalf of the council after legal review. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Sacoma Specialty Products, LLC Tax Abatement – Sacoma has submitted a request for another tax abatement. The anticipated capital investment is \$850,000. They plan to retain the current 96 employees and add an additional 7. This would be a 10-year abatement.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to draft the necessary documents for the Sacoma Tax abatement. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Town Marshall Employment Agreement – Mr. Watson said this is the renewal of Doyme Little's employment agreement as Town Marshall. It includes a rate increase and runs through January 31, 2024.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the Town Marshall Employment Agreement. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Fire Department Grant Application – Mr. Watson said there is a grant opportunity for the fire department for SCBA gear. The application is due by February 9th. The last quote we obtained was \$334,000. The match for the grant would be around \$16,000. This is not an OCRA grant so it would not affect our current grants. We have a volunteer familiar with grant writing that is willing to assist with that process.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the grant application for SCBA gear. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Water Treatment Plant Pay App #8 – Mr. Finley said this is the 8th payment for the new water treatment plant to Graves Construction. The amount is \$228,679.07. Upon approval the pay app will be submitted to SRF for payment.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve water treatment plant pay app #8. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Rooney & Company Agreement – Mr. Finley said the town has used Lisa Rooney for several years now. She assists the town with obtaining additional Medicare and Medicaid money for ambulance runs. We do not pay for her services until we receive the funds.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the Rooney & Company agreement. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to allow Mr. Finley to sign the Rooney & Company agreement on behalf of the council. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Other Business

Mr. Watson said Water Superintendent Bill Jones could not be here today but wanted the council to know the backhoe sold through govdeals.com for \$26,800. In error, the staff forgot to officially have the backhoe deemed surplus.

Mr. Huddleston said he would draft a resolution for the backhoe.

Mr. Watson said the Planning Director recruitment has been unsuccessful. He would like approval to reorganize the department and change to a Building Official and a Zoning Official. He would then like to advertise the Zoning Official position.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to advertise for the Zoning Official position. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Watson said the town has the opportunity to obtain the Simpson property next to the Parks and Recreation and it could be a good project for the BOT process. The initial work for the town to use the BOT process has already been established so the process would be less cumbersome this time. Greg Martz has said they would submit a response to the RFQ if the town sent one out.

Councilwoman Rooks said she would rather see the full council be present for a decision on that property. Councilwoman Graham agreed.

Town Marshall Doyne Little said the town's AEDs are passed their usable life. To upgrade them will be around \$50,000. Also, he is organizing CPR and first aid training for all employees.

Electric Superintendent Kevin Rubush said he passed out to the council a quote for controls for the Roosevelt substation. He recommended option 2 which was a more "turn-key" product. With the department's staff, this is a better option. He has submitted a recommendation from Alpha Engineering as well.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve option 2 from KW Custom Controls. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Community Center Director SaraBeth Drybread said there is a new business downtown, Sakura Event Center. They are holding gaming nights on Fridays and it can be rented out for parties. It is owned by a local resident, Cody Martin. The parks department has spring league signups currently and Zoomba every Wednesday. There will be another pet vaccine clinic in March at the community center.

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

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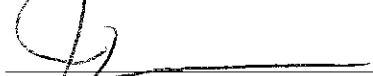
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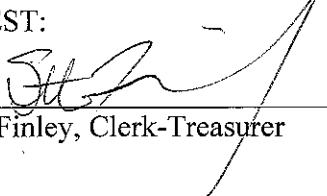
Debbie Buck



Miriam Rooks



Jeff Simpson

ATTEST:


Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer