

Town Council Meeting
Monday, September 25, 2023
6:00 P.M.

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, September 25, 2023, 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 Miriam Rooks, Councilwoman Debbie Buck, Vice President Dawn Graham, and President Ryan Piercefield. Also present were Town Manager Kevin McGinnis, Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley, and Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston. Councilman Jeff Simpson was absent.

Minutes – Council meeting minutes of September 11, 2023, special meeting minutes of September 11, 2023, and executive meeting minutes of September 13, 2023.

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 their council packet. The total of the docket was \$1,065,163.20. Mr. Finley said he had signed off on all the claims in that docket and presented them to the council for approval.

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

Ordinance 2023-11 2024 Budget Appropriations and Tax Rate (2nd Reading) – Mr. Finley said the council has had numerous budget workshops and at the last council meeting we held our public hearing for the 2024 budget. This ordinance officially adopts the appropriations and tax rates for 2024. He said the adopted tax rate is 2.738 but he believes the actual rate will be closer to 2.2 after DLGF review and approval.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-11. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2023-14 UTV Ordinance – Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston said this was introduced at the last meeting with no discussion.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to table ordinance 2023-14. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2023-15 Annexing of Real Estate (2nd Reading) – Mr. Huddleston said at the last meeting the petitioner for annexation made a presentation of the 6.52 acres that were to be annexed. This ordinance is ready for approval if the council so chooses. After approval, it will be effective 30 days after assuming there is no remonstrance.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-15. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2023-16 Planning Commission Appointment – Planning Director Wade Watson said we had a Planning Commission member resign. There are political affiliation requirements for this position so it took some time to find someone to fill the role. Robert Ackerman will fill that role. The resolution memorializes that appointment. The appointment is through December of 2025.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-16. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Parks and Recreation Project BOT Proposals – Councilwoman Graham made a motion to table the BOT proposals. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Police K9 Donations – Mr. Finley said the police department has received a couple of donations for the K9 fund. Those were as follows:

- Samuel Strouse - \$800
- Gerald and Melody Brandon – \$50

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

Fire Department BOT Pay Application #9 – Town Manager Kevin McGinnis said the amount of this pay application is \$193,850. There is \$133,104 left in the project. There will be a ribbon cutting for the Fire Station and the Main Street extension in the coming weeks.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve BOT pay application #9. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Electric Rate Discussion – Scott Miller of Baker Tilly passed out an analysis of the project and the proposed rates and charges. They held a call a couple of weeks ago with the project team. The total project cost is around \$20 million. There are long lead times for some of the equipment and it would be helpful to have interim financing until we can obtain long-term debt. The town has also incurred costs related to the project. We are looking at a 5-year (at most) Bond Anticipation Note (BAN). The long-term financing would pay off the BAN. He gave an overview of the financial analysis. He said he would like the council to review the report now, but it would be updated when we have the 2024 IMPA rates. The goal is to breakout the increase over multiple steps to avoid hitting the customer all at once. Baker Tilly will be coming back with an actual rate ordinance after direction from the council.

The council thanked Mr. Miller for his presentation.

Other Business

President Piercefield thanked the departments for their work on the Fall Festival. He heard nothing but good comments.

Mr. Finley said with the EDIT funds we are receiving from Johnson County we are required to submit a plan to the county for what those funds will be used for. He asked the council to get with him regarding uses for those funds so he can get the resolution drafted.

Departmental Comments

Town Manager Kevin McGinnis gave an overview of his town manager's report. The water treatment plant is moving along on schedule and should be complete November 21st. The new fire station will have a grand opening in October. We have two more easements to acquire for the 252 project. The Main Street extension project is finished aside from a few minor things. We should hear back about the Johnson County Community Foundation grant in November. There have been a few meetings regarding the solar eclipse next year. We are planning for an influx of people during that event.

Town Marshall Doyne Little said he is having some issues getting the lights for the cars. He may be asking to go to another vendor in the near future. We have an officer, Shawn Kelsay that is being given the opportunity to train with LAPD SWAT. It will be a great benefit to the department. The department had active shooter training at the mall.

Electric Superintendent Steve Clark said the department has an issue with a transformer that was built in 2017 that has never been in service. It was planned to be used for the water treatment plant. The low quote for onsite repair is \$7,345. He will be having that work done so they can get that transformer in service.

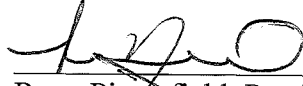
Parks Director Daniel Teter said the Fall Festival went great and they had a lot of participation from the community. He thanked the Lions Club for bringing the event to town and all the departments for their assistance. Fall League is underway and Basketball will be starting soon.

The 5K series starts this weekend. The department is switching POS systems as Quickbooks is doing away with their POS software. He said Trick-or-Treat hours need to be set by council before Halloween.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to set Trick-or-Treat hours from 6PM to 8:30PM on October 31, 2023. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

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

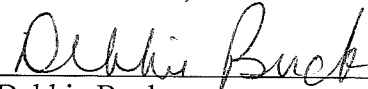
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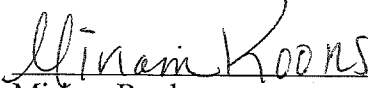
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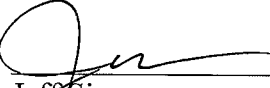
Dawn Graham, Vice President



Debbie Buck



Miriam Rooks



Jeff Simpson

ATTEST:



Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer