

Town Council Meeting
Monday, October 9, 2023
6:00 P.M.

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, October 9, 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, Councilman Jeff Simpson, Vice President Dawn Graham, and President Ryan Piercefield. Also present were Town Manager Kevin McGinnis, Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley, and Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston (via telephone).

Minutes – Council meeting minutes of September 25, 2023.

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

Claims – The council received two claim dockets in their council packet. The docket totals were as follows:

- July End-of-Month - \$883,422.47
- Regular Docket - \$233,743.54

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 the claims as submitted. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2023-17 Rainy Day Transfer – Mr. Finley said statute allows for excess General Fund budget to be transferred to the Rainy-Day Fund. This resolution approves the transfer of \$400,000 from the General Fund to the Rainy-Day Fund.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-17. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2023-18 Johnson County EDIT Capital Improvement Plan – Mr. Finley said this resolution establishes a capital improvement plan for the Johnson County EDIT funds. This must be submitted to the county after approval. The plan covers a 2-year period. The projects listed include a downtown revitalization project as well as salaries for economic development employees.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-18. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2011-1 Fire-EMS NRO Fund Discussion – Mr. Finley said he would like to have Mr. Huddleston look into revising this ordinance. The current ordinance does not allow for funds to be spent directly from the fund. They must first be moved to the General Fund. This makes the process for spending these funds more difficult and harder to track.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow Mr. Huddleston to review the Fire and EMS NRO Ordinance. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Wessler Invoice 42470 for Water Treatment Plant – Mr. Finley said this invoice is for engineering services related to the water treatment plant. The total of the invoice is \$38,034.65. Upon approval it will be submitted to SRF for review, approval, and payment.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve Wessler Invoice 42470. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to allow President Piercefield to sign Wessler Invoice 42470 on behalf of the council. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Water Treatment Pay Application #17 – Mr. Finley said this is the 17th pay application for the new water treatment plant. The total of the pay application is \$463,984.29. Upon approval it will be submitted to SRF for review, approval, and payment.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve water treatment pay application #17. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to allow President Piercefield to sign water treatment pay application #17 on behalf of the council. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

INDOT Utility Agreement – Planning Director Wade Watson said this contract was developed by INDOT for the 252 project. Page 3 is a summary of the project. It is for relocation of water mains under State Road 252. The cost is estimated at \$3,297,365 which is more than 10% of our annual revenue. Because of this, INDOT will pay all but 10% of our annual revenue. The town's portion will be \$175,882.17. Mr. Huddleston has reviewed the document, but it is a state document that cannot be amended.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the INDOT Utility Agreement. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow President Piercefield to sign the INDOT Utility Agreement. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Waterworks Wessler Contract Amendment #6 – Town Manager Kevin McGinnis said we have an agreement with Wessler Engineering for construction administration and inspection for the water treatment plant. There have been some delays due to supply chain issues. Wessler is working on an hourly basis and because of the delays they believe they may exceed their original contract amount. This amendment increases the amount by \$100,000. It's possible we will not use all of that amount, but they wanted to have enough to complete the project.

Water Superintendent Bill Jones said he asked Wessler to add a little to the amendment because he does not believe the plan will be done by the scheduled date. Graves is there working every day, but they are waiting on an electrical cabinet that was supposed to arrive 4 months ago.

President Piercefield said why are we having to pay additional for the delays. That should fall on the contractor.

Linda Sanders of Wessler said that is part of the contingency fund that is built into the project. These projects often take longer than expected due to equipment delays.

Mr. Watson said when we applied for the SRF loan, we put 10% in as contingency.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to allow Mr. Huddleston to review the Wessler contract amendment #6. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Departmental Comments

Mr. McGinnis gave an update on his Town Manager's report. He said the fire station and Main Street extension open houses will be at 5:30 on October 24th. Mike Jenner will be retiring as our IMPA commissioner, and the town will need to appoint a replacement. He asked the council to think about what to do with the building at 104 S Holland and the old fire station.

Town Marshall Doyne Little said he will be bringing the purchase of 2024 police vehicles to the council for approval at the next meeting.

Building Commissioner Robert Overton gave an update on 115 E Main Cross Street. He said there is a house at 7590 State Road 252 that is in our highway corridor that has been denied a

waiver and variance. He would like to have Mr. Huddleston draft a more formal request to remove the structure.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow Mr. Huddleston to review the property at 7590 E State Road 252. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

Water Superintendent Bill Jones said the department flushed hydrants a couple of weeks ago and it caused some leaks. They will be digging up a few roads and replacing the valves.

Community Center Director SaraBeth Drybread said the town is the recipient of an eclipse microgrant from the IU Center of Rural Development for \$2,000. There will be 2 new free libraries installed by a local citizen. Voting for Scarecrow Madness will be on Friday, October 13th. There will be a chili cook-off between the fire department and Gillman’s Home Center. All benefits will go to the Edinburgh Good Cheer Fund.


Interim Fire Chief Chuck Ridpath said R. Underwood Construction has volunteered to install flooring in the new fire station at no cost to the town.

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

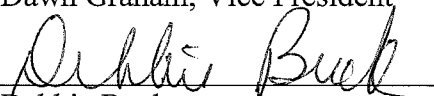
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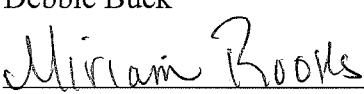
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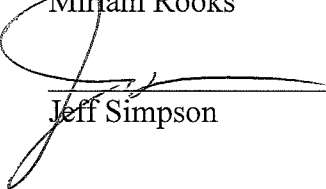
Dawn Graham, Vice President



Debbie Buck



Miriam Rooks



Jeff Simpson

ATTEST:



Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer