

Town Council Meeting
Thursday, December 28, 2023
6:00 P.M.

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Thursday, December 28, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, 107 South Holland Street, Edinburgh, Indiana.

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

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

Minutes – Council meeting minutes of December 11, 2023, and executive meeting of December 11, 2023.

Councilman Simpson 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 the council packet. The total of the docket was \$800,730.59. 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 Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Swearing in of New Council Members – Mr. Finley swore in the new incoming Town Council Members - Councilwoman Miriam Rooks, Councilwoman Sherri Sweet, and Councilman Mike Bryant.

Ordinance 2023-19 Amending Salary Ordinance 2023-2 (2nd Reading) – Mr. Finley said that there were not any changes submitted since the last council meeting and that it is identical from what the council received at the previous meeting and needs to be approved by the council.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-19. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2023-20 Transfer of Appropriations (2nd Reading) – Mr. Finley said this ordinance is done at the end of the year as an accounting cleanup. He said also tied into this Transfer of Appropriations is transfers within the Fire Department budget, they had several line items in the positive due to having a lack of staff and they have some capital expenses they would like to purchase, and those funds have been moved into the Capital Outlays line item. The detail should show which line item the funds were moving to and from. He asked for any questions from the Council.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-20. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2023-21 Annexing of Real Estate (2nd Reading) – Mr. Huddleston said this ordinance is same format as the first reading. This is the second stage of the annexation. The council has adopted the Fiscal Plan for this annexation. The ordinance is ready for Council approval.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-21. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2023-22 Amending Chapter 53 Stormwater (2nd Reading) – Mr. Huddleston said this ordinance is same format as the first reading, it is a much need update to the Stormwater for possible future development. The ordinance is ready for approval by the Council.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-22. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2023-24 Board Appointments for Planning Commission, Joint Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Edinburgh Redevelopment Commission, Economic Development Board and Storm Water Board – Councilwoman Miriam Rooks gave an update on who would be appointed to these boards per Resolution 2023-24.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-24. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2023-25 Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Agreement – Mr. Huddleston said the next two resolutions are related to information received in a previous meeting concerning the purchase of Air-Pak's that are needing upgraded to replace the inadequate breathing devices currently being used by the Fire Department. In certain circumstances you can circumvent the bidding process if it is a special purchase, and this qualifies as a special purchase. The first process is to adopt Sourcewells Cooperative Purchase Agreement. Sourcewell is an entity that provides government with discounted rates. The first step is to adopt resolution 2023-25. The second resolution is reflecting that this is a special purchase to be made through Sourcewell for the equipment for the Fire Department.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-25. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2023-26 Special Purchase of Supplies for Fire Department

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-26. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

2023 Encumbrances – Mr. Finley said we have two encumbrances for purchases that will be made in 2024 from the 2023 budget. They are as follows:

Timbergate	
Beard Equipment	\$171,300.00
2-John Deere Mowers	
P.O. #17872	
101-030-449000	
 Fire & EMS	
Municipal Emergency Services	\$224,830.00
Air-Pak SCBAs	
P.O. #17873	
101-260-445000	

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the 2023 Encumbrances. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Public Official Bond Approval – Mr. Finley said we have several official bonds that need approved for 2024. These bonds are required for certain positions by state statute.

- Redevelopment Commission - \$15,000 per member
- Town Marshall Doyne Little - \$15,000
- Assistant Town Marshall Hector Mercado - \$15,000
- Town Manager Kevin McGinnis - \$50,000

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the Public Officials Bonds as presented. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Water Treatment Pay Application #19 – Mr. Finley said this is pay application #19 on the water treatment project. The total for this pay app is \$573,020.30. Upon approval it will be sent to SRF for review, approval, and payment.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve water treatment pay application #19. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to allow Councilwoman Graham to sign the pay application on behalf of the council. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Wessler Invoice 43192 for Water Treatment Plant – Mr. Finley said invoice 43192 from Wessler is for \$39,727.50. Upon approval it will be sent to SRF for review, approval, and payment.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve Wessler invoice 43192. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to allow Councilwoman Graham to sign invoice 43192 on behalf of the council. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Utility Poles Purchase – Steve Clark found during general maintenance and annual inspection of poles that there are 300+ poles that need to be changed. There are some poles in stock but need to replace what has been used. There are two quotes – one from Brownstown Electric and one from Brown Wood Company, who is a manufacturer that is willing to sell direct, and the cost is substantially less as they are the manufacturer and not the distributor. These quotes will provide two loads of poles that will provide for several months of scheduled maintenance.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the purchase of the utility poles from the Brown Wood Company for \$36,999. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

HWC Engineering Agreement for Services – Kevin McGinnis said this is for the Comprehensive Plan Update. Dustin has reviewed the agreement. What is needed is approval to allow Kevin McGinnis to sign the agreement.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve for Kevin McGinnis to sign the HWC Engineering agreement. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

Ecosystems Agreement – Kevin McGinnis said there is an agreement that both parties are willing to sign for the removal of the dam. Jerry with Ecosystems has signed the document, but they were missing an Exhibit which is the specifications on what is to be done. What is needed is to approve the construction agreement, which has been reviewed by Dustin, subject to getting satisfactory Exhibit A specifications for the project.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the Ecosystems Agreement subject to the Exhibit. Councilwoman Rooks 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.

Other Business

Council Members welcomed the new board members.

Councilwoman Graham thanked all the employees for allowing her to work with them.

Kevin McGinnis thanked Wade Watson & Scott Finley for their work and expressed what a great loss it will be with their leaving.

Departmental Comments

Kevin McGinnis Town Manager gave an update on current projects including Julie Young, Planning Director, Blue River Dam, Water Treatment Plant, Main Street Force Main, Developer Electric Deposit, Comprehensive Plan, and Subdivision Control Ordinance.

Police Chief Doyne Little said they had a scary situation overnight with the attempted shooting of an Officer during a traffic stop. Video shows how the officers on scene handled the situation when training kicked in and the situation was solved without the officers needing to fire any shots and with no injuries to anyone involved.

Doyme said the Johnson County Sheriff's office got new ballistic helmets and offered to donate their old ones to the Town of Edinburgh. They donated approximately \$20,000 worth of riot gear equipment in helmets and gas masks.

Doyme said the Carthage Police department shut down and they had a K-9 that had been donated to them through the 550 donation which they had to give back. The 550 donation reached out to see if we would be interested in another dog. There would be no upfront cost, but there will be cost for insurance, kennel, food, etc. The dog would not be put in service until we replace an older vehicle. Sean Pendleton would be the handler. The dog is a single purpose narcotics dog but could be recertified to be a dual-purpose dog.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to accept the K-9. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Wade Watson said it has been a privilege to serve the council since December 2011. An exciting career and a true joy to serve the community. Made lots of friendships. Will enjoy retirement but will miss everyone.

Julie Young thanked the council for the opportunity and looks forward to getting to know everyone. She knows she has some big shoes to fill.

Chuck Ridpath thanked the council for the opportunity to fill the Fire Chief role. Thanks to Wade for working with him and guiding him. Thanks to Scott for all of his help and patience. Thank you to the outgoing council members and welcome to the incoming council members.

Water Superintendent Bill Jones said they are having some WTP training on January 3rd and they should be starting up with automation on that following Monday. Thanked Wade and Scott.

Public Comments

Curtis Rooks of 109 N Main Street wanted to thank Dawn & Jeff for their service to the community. Dawn took Curtis's place when he stepped down to take a job with the town. He was on the board with Jeff when Wade and Scott were appointed.


Scott Finley thanked the board and everyone for their support in appointing him in 2013, he thanked all the department heads for their work, and Wade for his mentoring at the town.

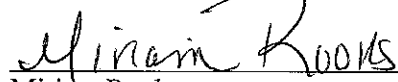
Being no further business or comments, Councilman Simpson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

EDINBURGH TOWN COUNCIL

Ryan Piercefield, President

Dawn Graham, Vice President


Debbie Buck


Miriam Rooks

Jeff Simpson

ATTEST:

Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer