

Town Council Meeting
Monday, March 26, 2018
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, March 26, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, 107 South Holland Street, Edinburgh, Indiana.

President Kami Ervin called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members answering roll call were: Councilman Jack Shepherd, Councilwoman Dawn Graham, Vice President Jerry Lollar, and President Kami Ervin. Also present were Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston and Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley. Councilman Jeff Simpson was absent.

President Ervin said next on the agenda were the minutes of the council meeting of March 12, 2018. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda were claims and handed it over to Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley.

Mr. Finley said the council received two claim dockets in their packet. The first was an end-of-month docket for January totaling \$224,344.89 and the second was the regular docket for the period totaling \$659,438.24. He said he had signed off on all the claims in those dockets and handed them over to the council for approval. Councilman Lollar made a motion to approve the claims as submitted. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the Public Hearing for the Petition to Vacate a Public Alley. She asked Building Commissioner Nick Valenzuela to explain the petition.

Mr. Valenzuela said the public hearing will be for Case # VTC-2018-01. The petition was filed by Greg and Aimee Stinson of 600 East Main Cross Street. The subject alley runs east and west between 109 Lincoln Street and 600 East Main Cross Street. Both parcels are owned by Greg and Aimee Stinson. The adjacent property owner has already had a portion of the alley vacated. The Town of Edinburgh has not maintained the alley for years and the alley contains no utilities. The petitioners have satisfied all documentation requests for public notifications. The staff recommendation is for approval of the vacation of public alley request.

President Ervin opened the public hearing.

Town Manager Wade Watson said the vacation makes sense as all other adjacent property owners have had the alley vacated.

Being no further questions or comments President Ervin closed the public hearing.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the petition to vacate a public alley, Case # VTC-2018-01. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow Mr. Huddleston to draft the necessary documents for the public alley vacation, Case # VTC-2018-01. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was Ordinance 2018-2 Transfer of Appropriations. She asked Mr. Finley to explain the ordinance.

Mr. Finley said during the budget process the council approved \$160,000 for street improvements from the Local Roads and Streets Fund. This ordinance allows appropriations to be moved from capital outlays category to the professional services category to be used for engineering costs associated with the street improvements. The amount of the transfer will be \$75,500.

Councilman Lollar made a motion to waive the first reading of Ordinance 2018-2 and consider it for approval. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Lollar made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-2. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

Council Comments

Councilman Shepherd said he noticed the parks department cleaning the river bank in Irwin Park. He wanted to thank them for their efforts. He said he also noticed the trash barrels in the park had been painted and it made the park look much better.

Departmental Comments

Fire Chief Allen Smith said the ambulance is still delayed slightly. The chassis has been built and ready for delivery to the manufacturer. The vehicle should be completed by July.

Mr. Smith said the part time employees he requested are not working out as planned. The staff is still operating on just two people several times a week. He said he would like to ask the council to allow him to hire one of the part time employees, Jacob Kelley, full time to replace Casey Taylor and do away with the part time positions previously approved. Councilman Lollar made a motion to allow Mr. Smith to hire Jacob Kelley as a full time EMT. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Town Manager Wade Watson said he provided the council a staff report on Timbergate Golf Course for review as requested at the previous meeting. He said he could answer any questions the council might have.

Mr. Watson said he and Mr. Huddleston met with INDOT and Trent Newport of Crossroad Engineers to discuss the 252 Project last Friday. He said Mr. Newport has been a valuable asset to the community as several things have been accomplished since he has been working with the town. The speed limit has been changed to 45 miles per hour from Interstate 65 to 800 East and several new stop signs have been put up at Main Street and State Road 252. They will also be looking into the speed limit from 800 East on through town as well as doing a traffic study at 800 East/Lind Drive. He said he was also informed that there could be funding available for sidewalks at a 20% community match for the project as well. He said they would like to put together a citizen committee to study some improvements in the project.

Mr. Watson said he provided the council with a report from Alpha Engineering regarding staffing for the Electric Department. He pointed out that the report showed how many the employees the department needs based on two different comparisons; kilowatt hours per employee and meters per employee. Using the kilowatt comparison shows the department should employ about 7 people and using the meter comparison shows the department should employ about 11 employees.

Mr. Watson said this is the last week for advertisement of the Community Center Director position. He has received seven resumes and will start the interview process in the coming weeks.

Mr. Watson gave an update on DJ Wilhelm's progress at climbing school. The instructor indicated that Mr. Wilhelm was doing very well in the classes.

Parks Director Daniel Teter passed out updated plans and a rough budget estimate for the bathroom facility at the Sports Complex. The next step would be to open the project for public bidding. Councilman Shepherd made a motion to allow the staff to proceed with putting the bathroom facility project out to public bid. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Teter said the town applied for a community mural program on the back side of the community center. Edinburgh residents will be able to participate in the painting and a professional will come in after clean everything up and apply an anti-graffiti coat.

Mr. Teter said this Saturday will be the Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast with the Easter Bunny.

Assistant Electric Superintendent Steve Clark was present to give a PowerPoint presentation about Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI). He explained that the department will be looking at improving the currently outdated metering system in the coming years and a system like this could potentially save the town money and man hours. The current system requires an employee to drive around every meter in town to collect data for the billing system. An AMI would allow the utility office to read meters, shut off/turn on meters, and collect data at set intervals. His presentation continued showing the benefits of the AMI system.

The council thanked Mr. Clark for his presentation.

Building Commissioner Nick Valenzuela said at the previous meeting he had discussed ramping up enforcement efforts on trouble properties around time. He asked the council to approve legal proceedings to address three trouble properties: 6232 East 800 South, 113 North Pleasant Street, and 101 Shelby Street/305 East Center Cross Street. Councilman Shepherd made a motion to move forward with legal proceedings on the three aforementioned properties. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

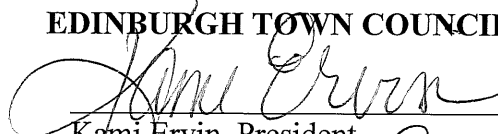
Public Comments

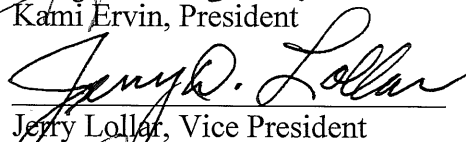
Jerry Deloach of 903 South Main Street said elections are coming up soon and he would like to see candidates have a place to talk about their agenda and what they would like to do for the town. He said he thinks often votes get placed on a name rather than what a candidate wants to do for the town.

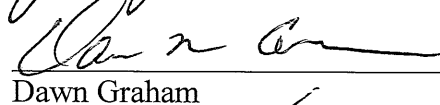
President Ervin said that has happened in the past but she believes it was put together by a citizen as there could be some conflicts if the town got involved. She said she will make note of the comment.


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

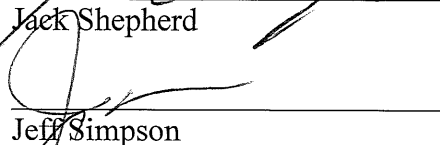
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