

Town Council Meeting
Monday, June 11, 2018
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, June 11, 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, Councilman Jeff Simpson, Councilwoman Dawn Graham, Vice President Jerry Lollar, and President Kami Ervin. Also present were Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston and Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley.

President Ervin said next on the agenda were the minutes of the council meeting of May 29, 2018.

Councilman Lollar said at the last meeting he had asked about liability insurance for Jeff Smith at the golf course. He said he would like to see that stated in the minutes.

Mr. Finley said he would add that comment to the minutes.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to table the May 29, 2018 minutes until the next scheduled council meeting. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda were claims. The council received a copy of the claim docket in their packet. The total for the claim docket was \$176,873.99. Mr. Finley said he had signed off on all the claims in that docket and handed them over to the council for approval. Councilman Lollar made a motion to approve the claims as submitted. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the public hearing for the first reading of Ordinance 2018-5 Additional Appropriations. She asked Mr. Finley to explain the reason for the ordinance.

Mr. Finley said at the last meeting he had briefly explained this ordinance. He said the appropriations would be from the Rainy Day fund. \$60,000 is to cover the remaining expenses on the community center and the \$50,000 is to re-fund the town's health reimbursement account.

Councilman Lollar asked what expenses remained for the community center.

Town Manager Wade Watson submitted a report showing the expenses to date as well as future expenses for the building. He explained the difference between budgeted expenditures to actual expenditures for each line item. He explained that if you take out the unexpected expenses they will actually be under budget on the building.

Councilman Lollar asked where the \$171,700 budget number came from. He said the capital projects list showed the project costing \$100,000.

Mr. Watson said the \$100,000 on that list was the estimated of what still needed to be spent. The project was under way at that point and money had already been spent. The \$171,700 came from the original estimate before any work on the project began.

President Ervin opened the public hearing for Ordinance 2018-5 to public comments. Being no public comments she closed the public hearing.

President Ervin said this is the first reading of the ordinance. The second reading will be at the next scheduled council meeting.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was Resolution 2018-5, an agreement with Smithville Telecom, LLC. She asked Mr. Huddleston to explain.

Mr. Huddleston said he drafted this agreement per the conversations at the previous council meeting. Today at 4:40 PM he received an email explaining that their attorneys had reviewed the document and were concerned about the amount of time it would take to enter into this agreement. They are going to work with another fiber optics company and use their line for the project. Therefore this resolution is not needed at this time.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the town insurance package renewal. She explained that this item was not ready to be awarded but there will be a public special meeting on June 19, 2018 at 5:00 PM to discuss the renewal. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to table the town insurance package renewal until the June 19, 2018 special meeting. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the East Main Cross Project bid award. She asked Mr. Watson to explain.

Mr. Watson said Dave O'Mara Contractor, Inc. was the apparent low bidder on the project. The staff recommendation was to award the bid to Dave O'Mara for the base bid amount, alternative one for sidewalks, and alternative two for curb painting. He explained that the town would be applying for the Community Crossings Grant to get part of this project covered.

Discussion was held regarding completing the entire project rather than just phase one.

Councilman Lollar made a motion to award the East Main Cross Project bid to Dave O'Mara Contractor, Inc. for \$506,155.42. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to authorize Mr. Huddleston to complete the construction agreement for the East Main Cross Project. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow President Ervin to sign the aforementioned construction agreement on behalf of the council. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the Wastewater Project bid award. She again asked Mr. Watson to explain.

Mr. Watson said the apparent low bidder for this project was Mitchell and Stark. The staff recommendation is to award the bid to Mitchell and Stark for the base bid and alternative one.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to award the Wastewater Project bid to Mitchell and Stark for \$553,643.00. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Shepherd made a motion to authorize Mr. Huddleston to complete the construction agreement for the Wastewater Project. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to allow President Ervin to sign the aforementioned construction agreement on behalf of the council. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the Johnson County Convention, Visitor & Tourism Board update presented by Building Commissioner Nick Valenzuela.

Mr. Valenzuela presented a PowerPoint on the topic. He explained that the Building and Zoning Department has attended the Johnson County Convention, Visitor & Tourism Board meetings for the last few months. He said he wanted to bring the council up to date on this board. The board approached Edinburgh and asked us to be involved. One project has been to develop a brand and they came up with "Festival Country Indiana." He explained that now that Sara Beth Drybread has started as the Community Center Director, she will be attending the monthly meetings.

Mr. Huddleston said he is also the attorney for that board and there is an opening on the board. He urged the council to find someone from Edinburgh to sit on the board.

Council Comments

Councilman Lollar asked if anyone had followed up on the presentation regarding the dam at the previous meeting.

Mr. Watson said there have been a few emails but nothing more.

Councilman Lollar said he thinks it would be a great idea and would like to discuss it further.

Councilman Lollar asked if Mr. Watson could give a capital projects update at the next meeting.

Mr. Watson said he will get that ready for either next meeting or the meeting after.

Councilman Lollar asked for a list of fund balances.

Mr. Finley said he could have that at the next meeting.

Councilman Lollar said he sees the street department has been overworked on brush removal. He asked if that is why no crack sealing or sidewalk repair has been completed. He said he would like to see a schedule showing where and when projects would be completed.

Mr. Watson said there has been more brush than usual but he would get a repair schedule to the council.

Councilman Lollar said he has reviewed the information given by Janice Burton at the last meeting and agrees the council needs to look into security at the cemetery.

Mr. Huddleston said after the last council meeting the Redevelopment Commission met and approved four separate resolutions to establish four tax increment finance (TIF) districts within the town. The next step is it will go before the Planning Commission for review and if they approve it will go before the council for approval.

Mr. Finley said per the council's request he did some research regarding collections policies. He gave an outline of the town's current procedures for collecting ordinances violations and utility bills. His recommendation was to allow Mr. Huddleston to research and draft a policy in conjunction with staff recommendation and state statutes. Councilman Simpson made a motion to allow Mr. Huddleston to research and draft a collections policy. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

Departmental Comments

Town Manager Wade Watson said the mural project on the back of the community center will be held on August 11, 2018. He explained the process.

Mr. Watson said the owners of the C & D property would like to postpone the closing until the first of the year. He said he has no issues with that as the town has no immediate need for the building.

Mr. Watson said he met with Michael Buening regarding the Rest Haven building and the Park and Recreation restroom facility. Those projects should be ready for public bid soon.

Mr. Watson said he received a handwritten letter from Brenda Ziegler who lives off of US 31 near the wastewater plant. She is interested in selling her property to the town for future expansion. He said he will get a copy of the letter to the council.

Building Commissioner Nick Valenzuela said he wanted to thank the council and the staff for the opportunity to work for the town. He said he has been in public service since his early 20's and thinks the town has a uniquely talented staff. He said it has been a privilege and he will continue to promote the Town of Edinburgh.

The council and the staff thanked Mr. Valenzuela for his service.

Public Comments

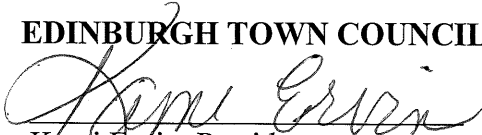
Gail McQueen of 521 High School Drive said the parking on the corner of East Main Cross and Walnut Street makes it difficult to maneuver that intersection.

President Ervin said she would have the staff look into that issue.

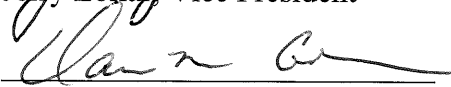
Ron Hazelgrove was present on behalf of the Lions Club to ask for financial assistance for the Fall Festival being held from September 12 to September 15. Councilman Simpson made a motion to donate \$3,000 to the Edinburgh Lions Club to assist with the Edinburgh Fall Festival. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

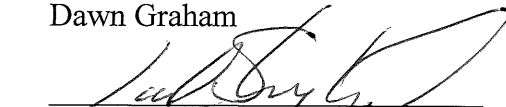
Being no further business or comments, Councilman Simpson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

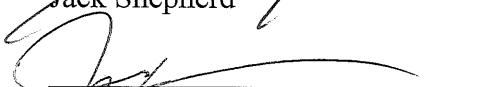
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Kami Ervin, President

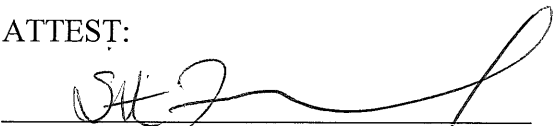

Jerry Lollar, Vice President


Dawn Graham


Jack Shepherd


Jeff Simpson

ATTEST:


Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer