

Special Council Meeting
Monday, October 23, 2017
5:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a special session on Monday, October 23, 2017 at 5:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, 107 South Holland Street, Edinburgh, Indiana.

President Kami Ervin called the meeting to order.

Councilmembers present were: Councilman Jack Shepherd, Vice President Jeff Simpson, Councilwoman Dawn Graham, Councilman Jerry Lollar, and President Kami Ervin. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley, Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston, Parks Director Daniel Teter and Town Manager Wade Watson.

President Ervin said the council is meeting tonight to discuss a capital projects plan. She asked Mr. Finley to discuss what cash reserves we could afford to spend on capital projects.

Mr. Finley said during the budget process he explained that he would be comfortable doing \$1,000,000 worth of capital projects from the General Fund in each of the next couple of years. At that point we would need to reevaluate the cash balances and make a determination of what amounts we could spend from that point on. This meeting is to discuss projects to add to a capital projects plan so that the cash reserves are earmarked.

Councilman Simpson asked if there were any other funds with cash reserves available for projects.

Mr. Finley said yes. The sheet that Mr. Watson passed out had a list of funds he believed would be good sources for each project. He explained the approximate cash balances in each of those funds.

Mr. Finley asked Mr. Huddleston to give his analysis of the Badger Fund and its uses.

Mr. Huddleston said after reviewing the documents regarding the Badger Fund he found that the will states the funds are to be used for maintenance of Rest Haven Cemetery. Because this new building would be replacing the current deteriorating building he does not believe there is any issue using the funds for this project. The conservative approach would be to send notice of the use of funds to the trustee of the account however he does not know what grounds they would have to deny the use of the funds.

Discussion was held regarding the history of William A. Badger and the distributions and cash balance of the Badger Fund.

Councilman Lollar asked how much of the cash we can spend.

Mr. Finley said it depends of the fund. He said he has highlighted the funds with excess cash balances that can be spent. Any account that is not used for normal operations can be spent down to zero if the council so chooses.

Mr. Lollar asked if there was an inventory of sidewalks in the town.

Mr. Watson said we have an inventory of all the streets within the town but not sidewalks. The inventory lists the streets and rates them based on the condition of each one.

Discussion was held regarding the street inventory and the rating system.

Mr. Watson said we have not done a sidewalk analysis. The process takes a tremendous amount of effort. He said for sidewalk replacement you can assume \$10 per linear foot for materials only. To put sidewalks on Franklin Street from East Main Cross to State Road 252 would cost approximately \$56,000 for materials. If the work is hired out it would cost about three times that amount. The complication of adding new sidewalks is the whole area would need to be surveyed to find property boundaries and right-of-ways.

Discussion was held regarding surveying and imminent domain.

Mr. Watson explained his list of possible projects (Appendix A). It included possible funds, the project, and the estimated amount of each project. He explained that while the town does have a good cash balance now, we need to keep in mind future projects like the water filtration plant.

Councilman Lollar started explaining his list of possible projects. His first project was sidewalks throughout the town. His second was repaving East Main Cross Street. Third was the purchase of the property adjacent to the water department for future expansion. Next was the new food pantry followed by a Park and Recreation Gymnasium. Last was gateway entrance on State Road 252 near Timbergate.

President Ervin asked Mr. Teter about possibly moving the basketball goals and expanding parking or making room for a gymnasium.

Mr. Teter said the area near the new ball diamonds will be made into parking and will essentially double the amount of parking they currently have.

Discussion was held regarding new bathrooms at the sports complex and where they would be located.

President Ervin asked where a gymnasium would go if they chose to go that route.

Mr. Teter said he would like to attach it to the west side of the current building so that it would not need a separate staff.

Councilwoman Graham asked Mr. Watson what the gateway entrance on State Road 252 would look like.

Mr. Watson said he would like to do something similar to the US 31 and Eisenhower gateway entrance. He said he believes that is an important project for the development of the Timbergate Housing addition.

Councilwoman Graham said she walks a lot at night and even on East Main Cross it is pitch black. She said she believes they should look into better street lighting when doing street improvements.

Mr. Finley said Electric Superintendent Kevin Rubush has a plan for the lighting of East Main Cross but it has to wait until the street reconstruction is finished.

Mr. Watson said Electric Fund would pay for those improvements. The department has been upgrading old lights to LED as they go bad.

Mr. Watson said he has been supporter of the Food Pantry from day 1. The longer he thinks about it the more he wonders if that is the best use of funds. The pantry is used twice a month for 6 hours and to devote an entire building to that may not be in the town's best interest. He said he would instead propose using the property adjacent to the water filtration plant, if they can obtain it, until the town was ready to proceed with the new filtration plant.

Discussion was held regarding the appraisals of the C & D property adjacent to the water filtration plant.

Mr. Watson said if the town cannot obtain the C & D property, the cost of the water filtration plant will increase astronomically as we will have to run infrastructure to a new location.

Councilman Simpson said he drove all the streets in town and found several that are not on the list for repaving that are in need of repaving. He said he also believes the bathrooms at the Sports Complex are greatly needed. He believes the food pantry needs to be easily accessible because there are so many people that walk there.

Councilman Shepherd began discussion regarding connection to Eastern Bartholomew Water.

Mr. Watson gave a brief explanation of that project.

Councilman Shepherd said he is also all for back-up generators for the Water and Wastewater departments.


Mr. Watson said he agrees. There is no way to pump water if the power is out for an extended period of time.

Mr. Finley suggested each council members take each project discussed tonight and prioritize them and bring them back to the staff. At that point we can put the projects in a spreadsheet and list them by priority.

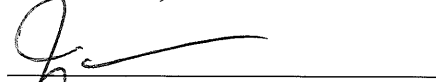
President Ervin said if everyone gets their projects prioritized we can discuss the capital projects plan in a future council meeting.

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

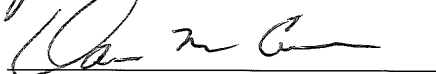
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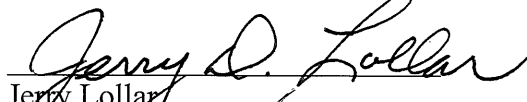
Kami Ervin, President



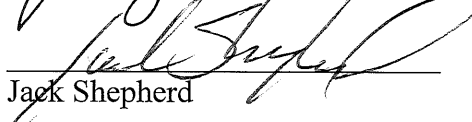
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Dawn Graham

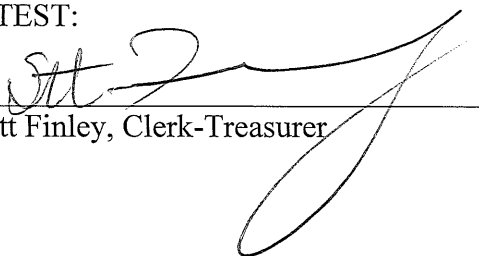


Jerry Lollar



Jack Shepherd

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Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer