

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

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, February 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 February 12, 2018. Councilman Lollar made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilman Shepherd 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 a copy of the claim docket in their packet. He said he made one change to the docket since it was sent to the council. The claim to Salin Bank for bond fees decreased to \$1,908.00 making the total for the docket \$687,130.74. He said he had signed off on all the claims in the docket and handed them over to the council for approval. Councilman Shepherd made a motion to approve the claims as submitted. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the Edinburgh Redevelopment Authority 2017 Report which was included in the council packet. The council accepted the report and thanked the Authority for the report.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was old business – hiring decision tabled from the previous meeting.

Councilman Lollar said he was not aware this was going to be on this week's agenda. He said he had reviewed the material but still needed more time and would like all council members to be present for the vote.

Councilman Shepherd asked if there were any deadlines we could miss by postponing the decision.

Electric Superintendent Kevin Rubush said there is a climbing class that the gentleman needs to be signed up for in March. He has to be certified to climb to help with the crews.

Councilwoman Graham asked if the class had a limit.

Mr. Rubush said yes. There are other classes he could attend but this class is hosted by IMEA and the department is already a member of the association.

Mr. Huddleston said the council can table the issue until the next scheduled council meeting or hold a special meeting between now and then when all members are present.

Councilman Shepherd made a motion to table the hiring decision until the next council meeting or a special meeting. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried 3 to 1 with Councilwoman Graham voting nay.

Council Comments

Councilman Lollar said he had asked to meet with Building Commissioner Nick Valenzuela on some complaints with properties around town.

Departmental Comments

Town Manager Wade Watson said Trent Newport was present from Crossroads Engineers. He said he would like the council to consider engaging Mr. Newport and Crossroads to assist with the 252 Project. He gave a brief update on the status of the project. The state wants to do a plain rebuild and replace

curbs and sidewalks where they currently exist. It is possible they may want to discuss relinquishment either pre- or post-construction. It is in the town's best interest to engage a professional with experience in the process. He said he has obtained two estimates for engineering firms and Crossroads is the least expensive. Mr. Huddleston has reviewed the agreement and agrees it is ok to approve.

Mr. Newport introduced himself and explained what Crossroads does and some of the similar projects on which they have worked.

Councilman Lollar said he believes it is a good idea to have someone represent the town's interest in the project. He researched the company and it appears to be reputable.

Mr. Huddleston said the consulting agreement does not include any design plans for this project. Any design work would be billed in excess of the agreement amount.

Councilman Lollar made a motion to approve the consulting agreement with Crossroads Engineers for the 252 Project. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Watson presented the council with a flier for the Johnson County Trails Rock the Block event on April 21, 2018. At the last meeting he explained the trails system the county was planning. The event is 5K/10K run/walk to raise money for the trails system. The event needs volunteers as well as participants if anyone is interested.

Mr. Watson said we have agreed on a price for the property adjacent to the water plant. The price was the average of the two appraisals. There is no great urgency in this acquisition and the owners have made a request to keep their operations in the building for up to one year. He said he will keep the council informed as the process continues.

Fire Chief Allen Smith said he would like to request that the council allow him to hire two part time employees to replace Mr. Taylor as opposed to one full time. There was no internal interest in the position but he has had three outside people interested and two of them would be interested in part time employment. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow Mr. Smith to hire two part time employees to replace the full time employee who resigned. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

Building Commissioner Nick Valenzuela said the building and zoning department does a lot of civil ordinance enforcement in the community by sending notices asking for voluntary compliance with local ordinances. Most of these property owners comply voluntarily but there are some around town that either cannot or will not comply. This year he expects some escalated enforcement. He wanted to make the council aware of one property in particular; 122 North Blue River Drive. He explained that litigation may be the only option for compliance at this property and possibly others in the community.

Mr. Huddleston said if the council wants to proceed with litigation they would need to make a motion to allow him to proceed with that litigation.

Councilman Lollar said he has driven around with Mr. Valenzuela to assess properties and he thinks his first year has been very productive. He said he agrees some of these issues need to be escalated.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow Mr. Huddleston to proceed with litigation to compel civil ordinance violation fine collection on 122 North Blue River Drive. Councilman Lollar Seconded. Motion carried.

Golf Course General Manager Wayne Gibbs presented a hiring request for seasonal help at Timbergate Golf Course. He explained that the request is identical to last year's request. He requested to fill the hours with part time employees. The number of employees could vary depending upon how much each employee can work. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the hiring request as presented. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

Pubic Comments

Janice Burton of 504 Fulford Drive said she hopes the council will stand behind Mr. Smith and his department as it is vital to the community.

Ms. Burton also commended Mr. Valenzuela on the work he has done in the community.

Ms. Burton said she would like the council to consider putting lights in the cemetery to illuminate it at night to attempt to cut down on people using the cemetery for things in which it should not be used.

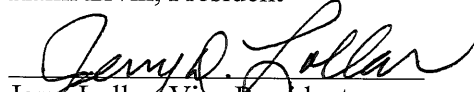
Kirby Cochran was present to introduce himself. He said he was running for Johnson County Sheriff and would like to work with smaller towns in the area on eliminating the drug issues in the county. He thanked the council for their time.

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

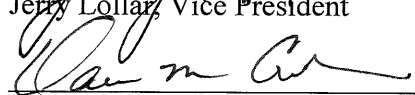
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ATTEST:



Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer