

Town Council Meeting
Monday, December 10, 2018
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, December 10, 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 November 26, 2018. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda were claims. The council received two claim dockets in their packet. The first was the regular claim docket for the period totaling \$815,981.58 and the second was the end-of-month docket for October totaling \$388,362.39. Mr. Finley said he had signed off on all the claims in those dockets and handed them over to the council for approval.

Councilwoman Graham asked about the profits from the carriage rides during the Holiday of Lights.

Parks Director Daniel Teter said the town does not turn a profit on the rides. The town has always charged a low rate and paid the rest out of town funds. Discussion was held regarding the price of the carriage rides.

Councilman Lollar asked if we had exceeded the budget on the trim work at the building.

Town Manager Wade Watson said we are over the projected amount for trim as it has taken them longer than expected but we have not exceeded the overall budget.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the claims as submitted. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the Mike Buening Consulting Agreement renewal. She asked Mr. Watson to explain.

Mr. Watson said Mr. Buening has done engineering work for the town for a number of years. He has been the consultant on the cemetery and parks projects this year. He is used on an as needed basis and the rate in the agreement has not changed. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the Mike Buening Consulting Agreement. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was Resolution 2018-14 Adopting a Title VI Program and Implementation Plan. She asked Mr. Watson to explain.

Mr. Watson said this is the adoption of the Title VI program as was discussed in the public meeting just prior to this one. This establishes the transition plan to get the town compliant with state and federal requirements.

David Meihls of ADA Consulting of Indiana said this resolution says that the town will now do business in a non-discriminatory manner and will not discriminate on things such as color, sex, race, age, gender, etc.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-14. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was Resolution 2018-15 Adopting an ADA Transition Plan. She said this was also discussed in the public meeting prior to this one. She asked if anyone had any more questions for Mr. Meihls. Councilman Lollar made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-15. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was Resolution 2018-16 Temporary Loan Extension. She asked Mr. Finley to explain.

Mr. Finley said the council approved a temporary loan to Timbergate a few months back. The way bond payments fall always puts the course in a tight cash position. 2017 and 2018 were especially tight with the bond refunding and extra bond payment that was made. He said this resolution allows the temporary loan

to be extended by 6 months. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-16. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was Resolution 2018-17 Seals Ambulance Agreement. She asked Mr. Watson to explain.

Mr. Watson said Mr. Huddleston has been working with SEALS to get an agreement put together that both parties are happy with. SEALS assist the town on transporting people needing advanced life support (ALS).

Mr. Huddleston said SEALS originally submitted a standard form agreement that he felt was inadequate so he drafted a new one. After some back and forth he believes he has pushed as far as he can.

Discussion was held regarding ALS intercepts for Franklin and Columbus.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-17. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was Resolution 2018-18 US 31 Economic Development Area. She asked Mr. Huddleston to explain.

Mr. Huddleston said as the council knows the ERC will be meeting at 7 PM to finalize the TIF Districts. A tax impact statement has been completed and during that process an error was found in the US 31 area. One of the parcels was, in fact, not within the town limits. This resolution corrects that error and eliminates that parcel.

Councilman Lollar made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-18. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the first reading of Ordinance 2018-11 Salary Ordinance. She asked if there were any questions.

Councilman Lollar asked where the figures came from for the increases.

Mr. Watson said the staff has done a lot of research on other municipalities.

Councilman Lollar said there are some large increases and he is not saying they are unnecessary but he would like to do some further research.

Discussion was held regarding retaining employees and attracting new prospects as well as salary surveys.

Being a first reading, no action was taken.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the first reading of Ordinance 2018-12 Transfer of Appropriations. She asked Mr. Finley to explain.

Mr. Finley said this ordinance will clean up a few line items that would go over by the end of the year. At the next meeting he will have more definite numbers after we get the majority of the claims entered for the year. No departments or funds have exceeded their overall budgets.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was Real Estate Purchase Agreement Number 1. She asked Mr. Watson to explain.

Mr. Watson said the next items on the agenda are two purchase agreements for the C&D Property adjacent to the Water Department. He gave a history of the purchase. The first half of the purchase will happen in 2018 and the second will happen at the beginning of 2019.

Councilman Lollar asked if this cost the town anymore to split the purchase up.

Mr. Huddleston said not greatly because the purchase agreements were nearly identical. There will be two closing costs, however.

Discussion was held regarding the need for this property and the risk in having two closings.

Councilman Lollar made a motion to approve Real Estate Purchase Agreement No. 1. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve Real Estate Purchase Agreement No. 2. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow President Ervin to sign both agreements on behalf of the council. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow Councilman Lollar to attend the closings and perform any necessary actions at those closings on behalf of the council. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the parking space lease. She asked Mr. Huddleston to explain.

Mr. Huddleston said at a previous meeting a citizen had requested a letter allowing him to park his tractor and trailer at the aquatic center at night. After some research he found that the document should really be a lease. This document would be signed by the town, Mr. Ridpath, and T & K Trucking as the owners of the tractor and trailer.

Councilwoman Graham asked if Mr. Ridpath has agreed with this document.

Mr. Huddleston said not yet. He has been very difficult to get in contact with.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the parking space lease. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to allow President Ervin to sign the SEALS agreement and the Parking Space Lease on behalf of the council. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

Council Comments

Councilman Lollar said on the hours worked report he sees there are still over 40 part time employees working. He asked if that number would be going down.

Mr. Finley said the part time number really drops off in the November and December months.

Councilwoman Graham asked when the meeting would be for Mr. Watson to discuss the sculptures in the mall area.

Mr. Watson said it was scheduled for tomorrow but Mr. Huddleston had a conflict.

Mr. Huddleston said per the council's request he investigated the sculptures. He looked into who has authority to place them and who was the governing body. The whole area is subject to a joint inter-local agreement that has been in effect since the mall was developed. The agreement created a joint planning committee and no municipality can annex until 90% of the area is developed. In the agreement, any details and decisions about planning default to Bartholomew County and the Edinburgh website actually directs you to Bartholomew County for those issues. The sculptures have been deemed art and art is exempt from the permitting process. Being that the "C" is not offensive, there is nothing the town could have done to prevent it from being put on the sculptures. The sculptures were also put on private property. That being said, there is also nothing stopping the Town of Edinburgh from placing art in that area.

President Ervin thanked everyone who put together the Holiday of Lights.

Mr. Finley said the town did receive its preliminary budget documents from the DLGF. He said he has scanned through it and does not see any changes that need to be made. He said that document will be available in his office if anyone wants to take an in depth look.

Departmental Comments

Community Center Director SaraBeth Drybread said the Holiday of Lights went very well this year. The Polar Express sold out and there were 23 vendors at the marketplace. Salon 105 raised \$580 to go to local charities with their miniature pony pictures. She said the new furniture store downtown, Simple Abundance, will be opening this Saturday. AARP is looking for volunteers to help with tax preparation services.

Town Manager Wade Watson said Common Wealth's application for the tax credit program for the apartment complex failed. They missed by 3 points. The properties that were involved will revert back to the original owners.

Mr. Watson said the engineering report for the 252 project has not been adopted by the state yet. Until the report is approved the town does not know what to apply for regarding sidewalks.

Mr. Watson gave an update on the current projects. The cemetery project has a parking lot completed. The restroom facility has the footing and slab completed. The Long Term Control Project is about 90% done but have been hindered by the weather delays. The East Main Cross project is moving along and should have all sidewalks done by the end of the year. The final asphalt and the Kyle Street intersection will be done in 2019.

Mr. Watson said the utility office computers are starting to fail and he has received a quote for three new ones from our IT company. The cost is \$2,400. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the purchase of three new computers for \$2,400. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Lollar asked about the penalties for the delays on the East Main Cross project.

Mr. Huddleston said he is working on that and will have it at the next meeting.

Public Comments

Kathy Hamm of 503 Lincoln Street asked if the sidewalks would be completed through Kyle Street on East Main Cross. She worries about kids walking to school.

Mr. Watson said there will be a short section not completed but they will not be allowed to leave any trip hazards.

Ryan Piercefield of 808 East Main Cross said he is currently on the Volunteer Fire Department and will be taking his council position at the first of the year. He does not want to give up his volunteer status if he does not have to do so. He asked if Mr. Huddleston could research that issue.

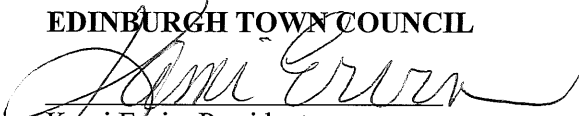
Mr. Finley said Mr. Piercefield is referring to the law that volunteer firefighters can serve on town council but cannot vote on the budget.

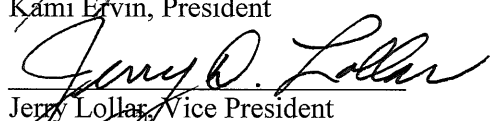
Rhonda Simpson of 503 Campbell Street asked if anyone knew when the window at the library would be fixed.

Parks Director Daniel Teter said they have been working on the issue for a while. A company was hired to fix the window but found that the sash under the window would not allow the new window to be installed. Another company would need to fix that issue. It has been a lot of back and forth and he apologized that it had not been fixed yet.

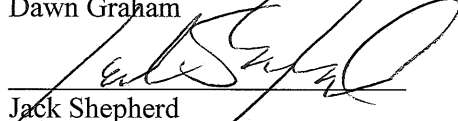
Being no further business or comments, Councilman Simpson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

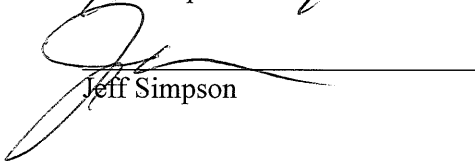
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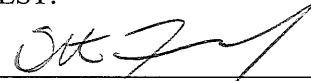

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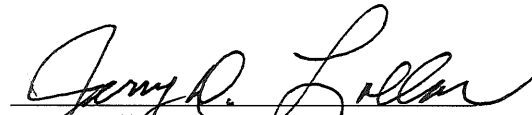
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Approved this 27th day of December, 2018.

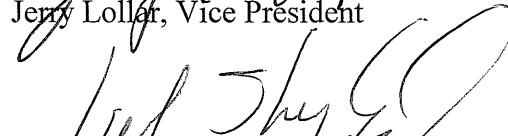
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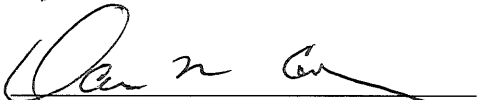
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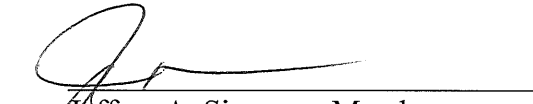
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