

Town Council Meeting
Thursday, December 27, 2018
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Thursday, December 27, 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 special meeting of December 10, 2018 and the minutes of the council meeting of December 10, 2018. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilman Simpson 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 of the docket was \$1,328,988.73. Mr. Finley 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 second reading of Ordinance 2018-15 Salary Ordinance. She asked if there were any questions regarding the ordinance.

Councilman Simpson said at the previous meeting he wanted a chance to run through all the numbers. He thanked Mr. Watson for taking the time to discuss the ordinance with him.

Councilman Lollar thanked Mr. Watson for the report he had prepared although the numbers were not exactly apples to apples as there were only three towns to compare. He said counties are a little different than towns when it comes to wage scale.

Discussion was held regarding increases in wages and the 2019 budgets.

Councilman Lollar said he knows it will be a large expense but he would like to look at doing a salary study in 2019.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-15. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was second reading of Ordinance 2018-16 Transfer of Appropriations. She asked Mr. Finley to explain.

Mr. Finley said this ordinance is an accounting clean-up to move funds between line items within the same fund and within the same department. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-16. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was Resolution 2018-19 Rainy Day Transfer. She asked Mr. Finley to explain.

Mr. Finley said state statute allows the town to move leftover budgeted funds from the general fund to the rainy day fund. This resolution allows the transfer of \$300,000 to the rainy day fund from 2017 budget dollars. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-19. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was Resolution 2018-20 Board Appointments to Planning Commission, Joint Zoning Board of Appeals, Redevelopment Commission, and Economic Development. She said there were only a couple of changes from the prior year.

Discussion was held regarding the new appointments.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-20. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was 2018 Encumbrances. She asked Mr. Finley to explain.

Mr. Finley said the only encumbrances this year were from the swimming pool. We had planned for repairs to the aquatic center but did not get time to get them completed in 2018. We have bids for those projects.

Mr. Teter explained the few projects for which we would be encumbering funds.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the 2018 Encumbrances as submitted. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

Council Comments

Councilman Shepherd thanked the council and department heads for their work and said he has really enjoyed his time being on council. The town is blessed to have such dedicated people working on bettering the community.

Councilman Simpson said he was sorry to see Building Commissioner Lance Baker go but appreciates the time he spent with the town.

Councilman Lollar asked about the meeting with Karen Iverson.

Mr. Watson said he has not heard back from her. He tried to reach out again this week but has still not received a response. She had two dates open in January and he responded with best times for him and Mr. Huddleston.

President Ervin said she and Mr. Finley were invited to attend a meeting with the Johnson County Commissioners to discuss a county jail expansion. The county council will be looking to implement a County EDIT tax to fund this project and would like the communities within the town to donate 50% of their portion back to the county for use on this project.

Mr. Finley said the total project cost was projected at around \$15,000,000. The town's portion of the EDIT monies would be around \$400,000 with the county wanting 50% of that money back to go toward the expansion. The council's within the county would need to sign an inter-local agreement with the county.

President Ervin thanked the council and department heads. She said she enjoyed her 8 years on council and would not trade them.

The council members thanked President Ervin and Councilman Shepherd for their service on town council.

Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston said the resolutions establishing the TIF districts were unanimously approved at the last redevelopment commission meeting and have been recorded with the respective counties.

Mr. Huddleston said the council had asked him to review the construction agreement with O'Mara for the East Main Cross Project. He said he has reviewed the contract and drafted a notice of various defaults on the project. He asked for council approval to send O'Mara that notice.

Departmental Comments

Building Commissioner Lance Baker thanked the council for the opportunity to work for the town and even though he was only here for a short time he would miss working for the town.

Community Center Director SaraBeth Drybread said the center is still looking for volunteers to help with tax preparation service.

Town Manager Wade Watson gave an update on the East Main Cross Project. He said O'Mara has pulled off the project until the weather permits work. They will finish the intersection of Kyle and East Main Cross and the final coat of asphalt in the spring of 2019.

Mr. Watson said Habitat for Humanity has been awarded a lot just north of Salin Bank on which they would like to build a residential dwelling. The lot is not zoned for residential construction. They have discussed swapping a lot with the town but the town does not have a good option for a swap. In order to proceed they would need to pursue a variance for the construction.

Councilman Lollar asked if anything had been discussed with the property owner across from Casey's. After that building is demolished it would be ideal for a Habitat house.

Mr. Watson said a demolition permit was issued on that property in July but no progress has been made yet. He said that lot is not zoned for residential either so they will still need to apply for a variance on that

property as well. Mr. Watson said he can explore options. His recommendation was to take no action and let Habitat apply for a variance on the current lot.

Mr. Watson presented a change order for the restroom facility project. Before construction the plans were sent through all the necessary step with the state. After the plans were approved, Mr. Miehl of ADA Consulting of Indiana reviewed the documents and found that the facility was not ADA compliant. This change order makes the facility ADA compliant. The total increase for the project is \$8,472.00. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the change order on the restroom facility project as submitted. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Watson said Street Superintendent Curtis Rooks could not attend tonight's meeting but asked him to request a replacement employee for Jake Sizemore who was transferred to the wastewater department. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow Mr. Rooks to fill the vacant street department position. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried 4 to 1 with Councilman Simpson voting nay.

Parks Director Daniel Teter said he has an employee retiring in March who handles B.A.S.E. and Pool Concessions. This is a vital position so he would like to start advertising for the position now before it becomes vacant. Councilman Simpson made a motion to allow Mr. Teter to fill the vacant position. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comments

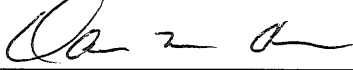
Bill Jones of 7795 East State Road 252 said if you are driving south on I-65 and come to the county line overpass there is a mattress laying on the side of the overpass that has been there for a long time. He asked that the council look at having it picked up.

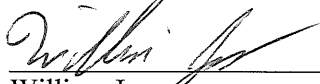
Rhonda Simpson of 503 East Campbell Street thanked Allen Smith for his work with the Cheer Fund baskets. People really appreciate it.

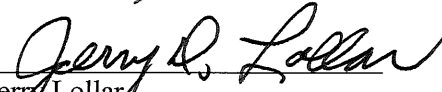
Mr. Smith thanked her and said this will be the last year he will be heading up that process. It is a lot of work so he is hoping to get another association to take it over.

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

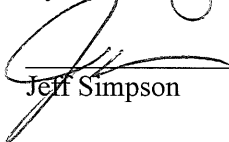
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William Jones


Jerry Lollar


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