

Town Council Meeting
Monday, January 14, 2019
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, January 14, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, 107 South Holland Street, Edinburgh, Indiana.

Councilman Jerry Lollar called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members answering roll call: William Jones, Jeff Simpson, Dawn Graham, Ryan Piercefield, and Jerry Lollar. Also present were Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston and Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley.

Election of Officers - Councilman Simpson nominated Jerry Lollar for President. Councilman Jones seconded. Motion carried. 3 to 1 after a roll call vote with Councilwoman Graham voting nay and Councilman Piercefield abstaining.

Councilman Simpson nominated Dawn Graham from Vice President. Councilman Jones seconded. Motion carried. 4 to 0 with Councilman Piercefield abstaining.

Minutes - Executive Meeting Minutes of December 27, 2018 and Council Meeting Minutes of December 27, 2018. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried 3 to 0 with Councilman Piercefield and Councilman Jones abstaining.

Claims - The council received two end-of-month claim dockets in their council packet. The first was the November docket totaling \$291,331.29 and the second was the December docket totaling \$299,301.77. 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 made a motion to approve the claims as submitted. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion of Town Manager and Building Commissioner Positions – Councilwoman Graham made a motion to accept the request of Wade Watson to step down from the Town Manager position to the Building Commissioner position and serve as interim Town Manager until the vacant position is filled. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to advertise to fill the Town Manager position no later than January 18, 2019 and run for 10 days. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Public Official Bond Renewals – Mr. Finley said there are 5 bonds that need renewed for 2019.

- **Redevelopment Commission** – Councilman Jones made a motion to approve the Redevelopment Commission Bond as submitted. Councilman Simpson Seconded. Motion carried.
- **David Lutz** – Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the bond for David Lutz as submitted. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.
- **David Mann** – Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the bond for David Mann as submitted. Councilman Piercefield seconded. Motion carried.
- **Scott Finley** – Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the bond for Scott Finley as submitted. Councilman Jones seconded. Motion carried.
- **Wade Watson** – Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the bond for Wade Watson as submitted. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

First Reading of Ordinance 2019-1 Amending Fee Schedule – President Lollar asked about the increases to the parks department diamond rental and youth club. He said he does not want to exclude children who cannot afford the increased fee.

Mr. Watson said these fees are still under market and have been increased to cover increased costs.

Discussion was held regarding the finances of the Park and Recreation department.

Being a first reading, no action was taken on Ordinance 2019-1

Council Comments

Councilman Jones asked why East Main Cross was narrower east of Kyle Street than it is to the west.

Mr. Watson said from the back of the curb on one side to the back of the curb on the other side the streets are the same as they have been. The new rebuild does create the illusion that it is narrower as the curbs and cutters are more prominent. Also before the rebuild, cars could park on or beyond the curb because the asphalt was as high as the curb. The new curbs do not allow parking beyond the curb.

Councilman Simpson welcomed the new council members and thanked the Street department for their work on snow removal.

Councilman Piercefield also thanked the Street department for their work and thanked the Fire and Police departments for their quick response to a fire at his house.

Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston gave an explanation of the contract with Strand on the East Main Cross Project for the new council members. Phase 2 of the project will need an updated agreement rather quickly as the project must meet certain deadlines to keep the grant funds the town has been awarded.

Mr. Watson explained the importance of the timeline listed on the staff report to ensure the town does not lose the funds awarded to it through the Community Crossings Grant. The project must be under a fully executed construction contract by April 14, 2019.

Councilman Simpson made a motion approve the agreement with Strand Associates, Inc. for Phase 2 of the East Main Cross project subject to legal review and approval by Mr. Huddleston. Councilman Piercefield seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to allow President Lollar to sign the agreement after approval on behalf of the council. Councilman Jones seconded. Motion carried.

Departmental Comments

Cemetery Sexton John Hoskinson said the cemetery deeds will need to be updated with the new council members names and signatures. He said after the council members sign the deeds he will digitize the signatures for use only on cemetery deeds.

Community Center Director SaraBeth Drybread said the meeting with Karen Iverson about the sculptures in the mall area went really well. The Columbus Visitor Center is more than willing to modify or correct the signs to include the Town of Edinburgh.

Ms. Drybread said Work Ready Communities will be having a breakfast on January 23rd at Franklin College. They have two spots open if any councilmembers would like to attend.

Ms. Drybread gave an update on events happening at the community center. There will also be a Downtown Stakeholders meeting to get input about downtown efforts including parking and events. The newest downtown business, Not Just Pizza, is also open now.

President Lollar asked if there was a follow up meeting with Ms. Iverson scheduled.

Ms. Drybread said yes. She would keep the council informed.

Town Marshall David Mann said he would like to obtain bids for a new patrol vehicle. The department did not purchase any new vehicles in 2018 but purchased two in 2017. Councilman Simpson made a motion to allow Mr. Mann to obtain quotes for a new patrol vehicle. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Mann said the departments ID printing machine has failed. He has obtained 3 quotes with the lowest being \$2,830.50 from Total ID Solutions. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the purchase of a new ID printing machine as presented. Councilman Jones seconded. Motion carried.

Interim Town Manager Wade Watson passed around a thank you note from an employee regarding health insurance costs.

Mr. Watson said the parking space lease at the aquatic center has been signed by the requestor but some terms have been crossed out. As it stands there is no expiration date on the lease. His recommendation was to revise this and take it back to Mr. Ridpath. Councilman Jones made a motion to allow Mr. Watson to revise the lease agreement and take it back to Mr. Ridpath to sign. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Watson said the property owners of 113 North Pleasant Street have said they will begin demolition within two weeks. The owner has indicated that he would be willing to sell for the right price. Justin Toth has also asked that he bring to the council the opportunity to buy the property located at 302 East Center Cross Street. This property could be good for a land exchange with Habitat for Humanity. The council directed Mr. Watson to investigate further.

Mr. Watson gave an update on the Eastern Bartholomew Water connection project as well as the generators for the utilities.

Mr. Huddleston said he received an email today regarding the Eastern Bartholomew Water connection but has not reviewed it as of yet. The town also successfully closed on the three C & D properties adjacent to the water plant. He said he would like approval to draft a lease agreement as the property owners will continue to store some large equipment there until it is sold. Councilman Simpson made a motion to allow Mr. Huddleston to draft a lease agreement with the previous owners. Councilman Piercefield seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comments

Jan Martin of 519 Middle Park Drive said her neighbor, Mr. White, is making continuous calls to the police station regarding their dog. The department has written several \$500 tickets totaling over \$9,000. She thinks it is ridiculous.

President Lollar said he will look into the issue and get back with her.

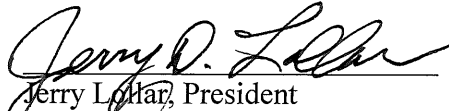
Jim Dunn of 1122 Constitution Drive said this area is absolutely beautiful in the summer time. He asked if there was an active redevelopment plan for the downtown area including parking.

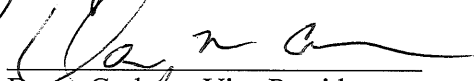
Mr. Watson said one of the reasons the community center was established is to address that very issue. One of the objectives of the Community Center Director is to revitalize the downtown area. The downtown area has also been established as a TIF district.


Janice Burton of 504 Fulford Drive said she would rather the Habit for Humanity house be put somewhere else and try to use that area downtown for parking.

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

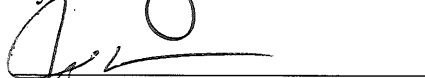
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