

Town Council Special Meeting
Monday, May 6, 2019
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

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

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

Members answering roll call: Councilman William Jones, Councilman Jeff Simpson, Vice President Dawn Graham, Councilman Ryan Piercefield, and President Jerry Lollar. Also present were Director of Administration Mary Patterson filling in for Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley, Town Manager JT Doane, and Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston. Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley was absent.

Insurance Renewal Discussion – Town Manager JT Doane said the town's insurance is set to renew in June. He said he wanted to recommend to the council that we go through an agent of record and obtain quotes every three years as it is a lengthy process that eats up a lot of the staffs time.

Councilman Piercefield said he has no problem with a three year process but he knows there are local people like Kevin Parks that would like to quote. He would be in favor of obtaining quotes this year and then waiting three years to re-quote.

Discussion was held regarding previous years quotes.

The council consensus was to obtain three quotes this year and discuss a three year process at that point.

Ray's Trash Removal Discussion – Mr. Doane said there has been some issues with Ray's trash removal on one way streets. Ray's is not placing the garbage containers back where they picked them up from and forcing our citizens to go out of their way to put the cans away. Rays submitted a proposal in addition to our contract amount to cover the extra time for their drivers to replace the toters where they belong. He said the bidding process makes it very clear that they will provide curbside service to all citizens. He does not recommend approving this addition.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to allow Mr. Doane to express to Ray's that the contract stands as signed. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Fire Department Discussion – Mr. Doane said the council received copies of the proposals for a public safety study. He said before we do a study like this he would like to visit other fire departments in the area and see how they handle fire and EMS services.

Fire Chief Allen Smith said he will be retiring at the end of this year or the beginning of next year. He said the department is going to need to go to either a paid standby or career department. He explained the processes of Edinburgh and neighboring departments and gave a history of the town's fire and ambulance services. He does not believe the town can financially support a career department but a paid standby is a possibility.

Councilwoman Graham asked how paid standby would work.

Mr. Smith said there would be four to five people always on call working 12 hour shifts.

Discussion was held regarding how paid standby would work.

President Lollar said he does not think we need to spend \$30,000 on a study to figure out a solution to the fire department problem.

Councilman Piercefield said he feels the fire and EMS departments should be a part of the town and not a contracted service. He said we do not need to reinvent the wheel. There are systems that are working out there.

Mr. Smith said he will not leave if there is not a plan in place as he does not want to leave the town high and dry.

Mr. Doane explained the funds that could be used to help offset any increases in expenses.

President Lollar asked Mr. Doane to coordinate meetings with surrounding departments and asked Councilman Piercefield and Fire Chief Allen Smith to be involved as well.

Capital Project Discussion – Councilman Jones asked Mr. Doane where we were on getting 2 streets paved this year.

Mr. Doane said he went through the asset management plan and looked at some roads that were 3's and 4's. He plans on having some suggestions at the May 13th council meeting.

President Lollar asked about the water tower cleaning quotes.

Mr. Doane said we have one quote and are waiting on a quote from one other company. He said he will also have more information at the May 13th meeting.

President Lollar said the next project was the electric substation.

Mr. Doane said he attended a meeting with Mr. Gelfius. They will be meeting again soon and will have further discussion.

Mr. Doane said the vacuum truck was also on the projects list. He passed out some information on a new truck as well as lease options. There will also be numbers to repair the current truck. The last estimate on the trade in value of the truck was about \$140,000.

Mr. Doane gave an update on the East Main Cross project phase 2. He said the mosquito sprayers are up and running and spraying will begin on May 13th. He said they are looking into quotes for the LED sign for the Park and Recreation. The town hall landscape project has been put on hold due to the ADA requirements.

Council Comments

Councilman Piercefield ask Town Mashall David Mann how we are policing the dog feces in the downtown area.

Mr. Mann said the officers are performing foot patrol on a daily basis.

Councilman Piercefield asked if the department was equipped with radar guns to stop speeders.

Mr. Mann said the department does have two radar guns. One older and one new.

President Lollar said he has asked for a report on speeding within the town and he would like all of council to see that report when it is available.

Departmental Comments

Electric Superintendent Kevin Rubush said the electric department staff is dwindling. The department has one journeyman lineman, one linemen, and one apprentice. He has sent out job opening posts to utilities all over the United States but have not had any luck.

Discussion was held regarding the process for becoming a lineman.

Mr. Doane said the department is currently working with Alpha Engineering on a study on the department's employment needs as well as projects the department will be doing in the near future. He will share that information with the council when it is available.

Councilman Piercefield asked what would happen if we had a major electric emergency.


Mr. Rubush said the closest utility that would be available to assist us in an emergency would be Scottsburg. We would have to contact other utilities to help get the power restored.

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


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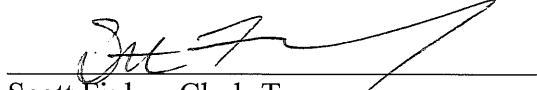


Ryan Piercefield



Jeff Simpson

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