

**Town Council Meeting  
Tuesday, May 28, 2019  
6:00 P.M. Town Hall**

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, May 28, 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 Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley, Town Manager JT Doane, and Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston.

**Minutes** – Executive meeting minutes of May 6, 2019, special meeting minutes of May 6, 2019, and council meeting minutes of May 13, 2019. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilman Piercefield seconded. Motion carried.

**Claims** - The council received a copy of the claim docket in their council packet. The total for the docket was \$1,201,318.00. Mr. Finley had signed off on all the claims in the docket.

Councilman Simpson asked if the work done by B & W Lawn Care should be bid out.

Councilman Piercefield said his company has bid in the past so he believes it is being bid out.

President Lollar asked if the backup generators are onsite.

Mr. Finley said Electric Superintendent Kevin Rubush is on vacation but he believes before he left he said generator for town hall was still at MacAllister and they were awaiting training.

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

**Public Official Bond for JT Doane** – Mr. Finley said the town manager is required to be bonded by state statute. The bond for the previous town manager has been pulled and this will replace that bond. The bond amount is \$50,000. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the public official bond for JT Doane. Councilman Piercefield seconded. Motion carried.

**Tax Abatement Staff Report** – Building Commissioner Wade Watson said we have received tax abatement compliance forms from Sacoma (True Flex Stamping and Assembly, LLC), Copple's Wrecker Service, and Edinburgh Investments, Inc. (SAPP).

Sacoma has four personal property abatements and one real property abatement. They appear to be in substantial compliance with the original statement of benefits on all of those abatements. We did find that their 2018 CF-1's were not filed in a timely manner but the timeframe to deny for 2018 has expired. They did file the 2018 forms when the issue was brought to their attention.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve all CF-1's for Sacoma (True Flex Stamping and Assembly, LLC). Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Copple's Wrecker Service has one personal property abatement. They have exceeded their investment estimate but have not retained the amount of employees in the statement of benefits. They are attempting to fill those positions but have not been able to fill them.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to approve the CF-1 for Copple's Wrecker Service. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow President Lollar to sign all CF-1's on behalf of the council. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

**Town Attorney Contract** – Mr. Doane said before the council is the contract for our Town Attorney Mr. Huddleston. He said the contract is identical to the previous contract, the dates have just been changed. He recommended the council approve the contract.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the Town Attorney Contract. Councilman Piercefield seconded. Motion carried.

**Electric Department Apprentice Lineman** – Mr. Doane said he is working with Mr. Huddleston to draft some documentation stating the town will pay for lineman training if the employee stays with the town for certain period of time. When the documents are complete they will be presented to the council for approval.

**Street Department** – Mr. Doane said the street department has had some staffing issues recently. Greg Elkins has been working on a part time basis and he would like to move him to full time status at \$20 per hour. This employee was already in the 2019 budget.

Councilman Jones said he does not agree with paying \$20 per hour.

Councilman Simpson said he would like to have until next meeting to do some research on the position.

**Water Department** – Mr. Doane said Dave Rakes is currently serving as the Interim Water Superintendent. His plan is to post the position in house for two weeks and then advertise outside if there is no internal interest.

**Town Auction Items** – Mr. Doane said Mr. Huddleston has reviewed statutes regarding town auctions. The council has received a list of those auction items. The council just needs to decide when they want to hold the auction and the format of the auction.

Councilman Jones said the police department had a rifle in the auction items. He asked if there was a liability selling a rifle in the auction.

Mr. Huddleston said he would need to review that issue.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the auction list pending legal review of the rifle. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to hire an auctioneer. Councilman Jones seconded. Motion carried.

**Vector Truck** – Mr. Doane said the vector truck has been on the capital project list. He gave pricing for repairing the old truck and pricing on a new vehicle as well.

Mr. Finley said the previous truck was purchased by the electric, water, and wastewater departments. The electric and water departments currently have enough cash on hand to purchase the truck outright. The wastewater department has a good cash balance but a large purchase like this would significantly decrease that balance. Storm water could also fund a vehicle like this but the current storm water rates are not high enough to cover capital expenses.

Discussion was held regarding financing options.

Councilman Jones made a motion to proceed with the purchase of a new vector truck and keep the old truck as a back-up. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Finley said he would do a cash flow analysis of the stated funds and look into other financing options.

**Capital Projects** – Mr. Doane said he and Councilman Piercefield will be continuing with the fire department discussions. There are also a few projects on the list that have been completed.

President Lollar asked about the quotes for water tower cleaning.

Mr. Doane said another company has been in town to look at the water towers and we are awaiting a quote from them.

**Street Signs** – Mr. Doane said he reached out to INDOT regarding sign specifications. Any sign on a state road has color restrictions. The white signs with black letters meet those specifications. His recommendation was to do white signs with black letters throughout the town. He also gave quotes for the 13 sign posts on East Main Cross.

Discussion was held regarding posts and sign colors.

President Lollar said he suggests staying uniform within the town.

Councilman Jones made a motion to go with black signs with white letters on local roads and white signs with black letters on state roads. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the quote for 4 inch posts on East Main Cross Street. Councilman Jones seconded. Motion carried.

**Road Projects List** – Mr. Doane said Robertson Paving provided the town budget pricing on Main Street and Kyle Street in full and several other partial roads.

Discussion was held regarding engineering estimates and budget pricing.

Mr. Doane said Robertson provided budget pricing for the town and if the council approves this list it would formally go out for bid.

Councilman Jones made a motion to send notice to bidders to the newspapers for the submitted road work. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

**Art Sculptures** – Mr. Doane said we have received pricing from the artist to change the “C” on the sculptures at the mall area to an “E”. The cost was approximately \$30,000. The sculptures are on private property which means the owners could object to the changes.

Councilwoman Graham said she thinks the town has more important issues to spend \$30,000 on than changing a letter on an art sculpture.

President Lollar said he agrees but he would still like to speak with property owners to see if they would allow the change.

**ADA Consulting of Indiana Contract** – Mr. Doane said Mr. Miehl has completed the original contract and delivered the final reports. This agreement would allow us to use Mr. Miehl services on an as needed basis. His recommendation was to approve the contract as Mr. Miehl is a valuable resource for the town.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to table the contract until Mr. Huddleston has reviewed the contract. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

**Ordinance 2015-6 Alcohol and Controlled Substances/Taxman Brewery** – Mr. Doane said there will be an event in Irwin Park on June 27, 2019. Taxman Brewing would like to be a part of the event however Ordinance 2015-6 does not allow alcohol in the park.

Councilman Piercefield said Taxman could be a big draw for the event. Franklin has similar events and they are great for the community. He is all for allowing this on a case by case basis.

Mr. Huddleston said he could look into allowing exceptions under the current ordinance and have that information at the next meeting.

Community Center Director SaraBeth Drybread said the temporary beer and wine application has to be submitted at least 5 days prior to the event. The ATC requires council approval for any permit in a town owned park or facility.

After scanning the ordinance Mr. Huddleston said he believes the ordinance would need to be amended.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow Mr. Huddleston to look into amending Ordinance 2015-6 to allow alcohol on a case by case basis. Councilman Jones seconded. Motion carried.

**Timbergate Update** – Golf Course General Manager Wayne Gibbs presented the first quarter report for Timbergate (Appendix A). He explained that the numbers were pretty typical for the first quarter as the course is unable to do much business in the early months of the year.

### Council Comments

Councilman Jones asked about the status of the clean-up of 312 Grant Street.

Mr. Watson said he has been in contact with property management company responsible for the property. They had until last Friday to abate the issue.

Councilman Simpson asked about the house across from Casey's.

Mr. Watson said they had until April 30, 2019 to abate the nuisance. The issue has been turned over to legal counsel.

President Lollar said he had the privilege of attending the American Legion Memorial Day service. He complimented Mr. Doane on his moving speech about our veterans and those lost.

### Departmental Comments

Mr. Doane showed the council the neon green door hangers he had made to inform residents of ordinance violations. He said certified mail is clearly the best way to contact residents with these matters but this will assist with the process as well.

Mr. Doane reminded everyone of the joint meeting with the school board and the council on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM at the community center.

Parks Director Daniel Teter said he will have 3 quotes for the LED sign at the next council meeting. The grand opening of the community center went well and they had a good turnout. The pool is now open and they had a great opening weekend.

Ms. Drybread said Edna Whitlock has started at the community center and will be instrumental in helping get programming together. They are planning cooking classes, bingo, flower baskets, and yoga in the coming weeks. She said she will be working on a downtown development grant as well.

Mr. Watson said construction will begin soon on East Main Cross Phase 2. Final completion is scheduled by October 25, 2019.

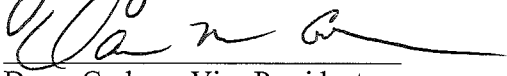
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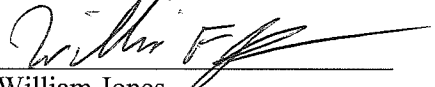
Steve Carter, Regional Director and Senior Advisor, was present on behalf of Senator Mike Braun. He wanted to thank the council for their public service to improve the community. He advised the council to contact Mr. Braun's office for assistance with any federal matters.

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

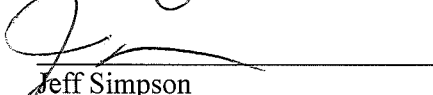
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Jerry Lollar, President

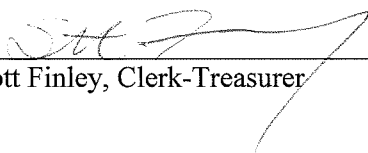
  
Dawn Graham, Vice President

  
William Jones

  
Ryan Piercefield

  
Jeff Simpson


ATTEST:

  
Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer

Appendix A

**Timbergate**


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 First Quarter Report  
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