

**Town Council Meeting
Monday, June 10, 2019
6:00 P.M. Town Hall**

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, June 10, 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 – Council meeting minutes of May 28, 2019, executive meeting minutes of May 28, 2019, and special meeting minutes of June 4, 2019. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Claims - The council received two claim dockets in their council packet. The first was an end-of-month docket for April totaling \$241,990.01 and the second was the regular docket for the period totaling \$145,729.92. Mr. Finley said he had signed off on all the claims in those dockets and handed them over to the council for approval. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve both claim dockets as submitted. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Town Property and Casualty Insurance and Workers Comp Insurance Renewal – Town Manager JT Doane explained that the town obtained quotes from three different agencies. The three agencies were HBG Insurance, Edinburgh Insurance, and Zeller Insurance. He presented an excel sheet showing the comparison of coverages and costs.

Councilman Jones asked why HBG and Edinburgh Insurance had not provided a quote for Workers Compensation.

Mr. Finley said Zeller Insurance had already quoted through IPEP and therefore the other two agencies were not able to obtain a quote.

Larry Mayfield of Zeller Insurance said he secured the IPEP quote through Gregory and Appel. Andy Brown of Gregory and Appel would be the agent of record on that policy.

Mr. Brown explained that Gregory and Appel would also provide risk management services to reduce the number of claims.

Mr. Mayfield said he also attempted to obtain quotes from seven other workers comp providers but they all declined to quote based on the town's claim situation.

Discussion was held regarding additional coverages.

President Lollar asked HBG and Edinburgh Insurance if they could provide workers comp through IPEP.

Both said they could. John Parmley of HBG Insurance said it is also possible to leave the workers comp with Gregory and Appel, who provide risk management services, and move to a different agent for the rest of the policy.

Mr. Doane asked each agent to explain coverage on the dam.

Mr. Mayfield said his policy covers premise liability and also covers damage downstream due to a dam failure.

Mr. Parmley said his policy covers premise liability as well but would not cover property damage downstream.

Kevin Parks of Edinburgh Insurance said their policy would cover both premise liability and property damage due to a breach.

Councilman Lollar said he would like to see the town localize and would be in favor of awarding the quote to Edinburgh Insurance.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to award the insurance renewal to Edinburgh Insurance. Councilman Piercefield seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2019-3 Permitting the Sale of Alcohol in Irwin Park – Mr. Doane said Taxman Brewery and Mallow Run Winery are interested in serving alcoholic beverages at the event on June 27th. This resolution allows alcohol to be served for this event only. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-3. Councilman Piercefield seconded. Motion carried.

ADA Consulting of Indiana Contract – Mr. Doane said this contract would retain Mr. Michls on an “as needed” basis for any ADA issues the town might have in the future. Mr. Huddleston has reviewed the contract and had no changes. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the ADA Consulting of Indiana contract. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

Town Auction Discussion – Mr. Doane said at the previous meeting we had discussed moving our part time street rifle on the auction list. This item will be removed from the list. He said he had spoken with 3 auctioneers but needs to get further clarification on price from one of them.

Mr. Huddleston said the town could auction the rifle but stipulations would have to be put in place including limiting the sell to licensed gun owners and running criminal background checks.

Wastewater Discussion – Mr. Doane said Glenn Giles has retired from his position of Wastewater Superintendent. We currently have an interim superintendent. The position will be opened internally first and they advertised externally.

Street Department – Mr. Doane said at the previous meeting we had discussed moving our part time street employee to full time. The department has a lot of projects going on and need the help.

Councilman Simpson said he does not believe we need any more full time employees. He would be in favor of hiring part time help to help with the projects.

Councilwoman Graham said she disagrees. She feels most of our departments are understaffed and the street department needs another full time employee.

Councilman Jones said he thinks we need to table the discussion and discuss pay before proceeding.

President Lollar asked if there had been any further discussion about hiring more part time employees.

Mr. Doane said there has and Mr. McCollum has adjusted the limb and brush schedule to balance the man power that he has. The department is still understaffed for the projects that need completed.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to table the street department discussion. Councilman Jones seconded. Motion carried.

Street Signs – Mr. Doane said the initial 13 sign posts for East Main Cross have been ordered and should be installed in the near future.

Road Projects – Mr. Doane said notice to bidders has been put in the paper and will run again this Wednesday. There will be a pre-bid meeting on Thursday and the bid opening will be on June 19th. There is a deadline of October 1, 2019 in the notice to bidders.

Capital Projects – Mr. Doane said several of the projects have been completed or nearly completed. He asked if the council had any additions or changes to the list.

President Lollar asked about the status of the Electric Substation.

Mr. Doane said there was a meeting with Mr. Gelfius regarding the land for the substation. We should have a report by the end of the month from Wessler Engineering.

President Lollar said we have made good progress on the list but should not move forward until we check with Mr. Finley regarding funding for future projects.

Mr. Finley said he agrees. There are a lot of projects going on and we should see how our cash balances are after the budget season.

Water Tower Cleaning – Mr. Doane presented three quotes for water tower cleaning. The low bid was from National Wash Authority for \$12,600. National Wash Authority said they would be able to clean the towers in July.

Councilman Jones said National Wash Authority was the last company to clean the water towers.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to approve the quote from National Wash Authority for \$12,600. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

Tax Abatements – Building Commissioner Wade Watson said we have two remaining tax abatement CF-1's. These were issued under Edinburgh Investments but the company has split into L & K Machinery and SAPP. They have not met the commitments stated in the SB-1 as they lost a contract with GM through no fault of their own. He recommended approval of both CF-1's.

- Vacant Building Abatement, L & K Machinery. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the CF-1 for L & K Machinery. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.
- Personal Property, SAPP, Inc. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the CF-1 for SAPP, Inc. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

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

2020 Census Full Count Committee – Mr. Finley said he drafted a letter from President Lollar to the Census representative. The letter states that the town will form a full count committee to ensure the most accurate count possible for the 2020 census. He said he volunteered himself as the committee chairperson. Subcommittees would be formed including individuals from the school and other community organizations.

President Lollar thanked Mr. Finley for volunteering and thinks he will do an excellent job representing the town.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the 2020 Census Full Count Committee letter and authorize President Lollar to sign the letter. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

Judy Newkirk – Personal Grievance – Ms. Newkirk was not present to address the council.

Council Comments

Councilman Jones asked if they are going to demolish the structure across the street from Casey's or rebuild the structure.

Mr. Watson said the property owner is attempting to abate the nuisance and not demolish the structure. They would like to remodel and add on to the structure in 2020.

Councilman Simpson asked Mr. Huddleston about the issue.

Mr. Huddleston said the issue is in litigation and will proceed. We will not wait until 2020 to proceed.

Councilman Jones asked if the vector truck had been ordered yet.

Mr. Finley said he had looked at alternate financing options for the vector truck and also looked at cash flows in the funds that would be effected. His recommendation was to pay cash for the truck and split the cost between four different funds. 1/3 would come from Electric, 1/3 from Water, 1/6 from Wastewater, and 1/6 from Storm Water as the Storm Water fund is technically under the Wastewater Department. He explained that paying cash would save around \$40,000 in interest.

Mr. Huddleston said he wants to make the record clear that the council would like to commence litigation against the property located at 113 N. Pleasant Street. Councilman Jones made a motion to commence litigation against the property located at 113 N. Pleasant Street. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Jones made a motion to allow President Lollar to sign any necessary documents associated with litigation on 113 N. Pleasant Street. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

Departmental Comments

Mr. Doane said the Water Superintendent position has been posted internally and will be posted externally next week. He said he also has been working with Mr. Huddleston on an agreement for apprentice lineman that would state that the town would pay for schooling for employees if the employee stayed with the town for a certain amount of time.

Mr. Huddleston said this process would require future employees to sign the employment agreement.

Mr. Doane said Mr. Huddleston has drafted a letter to be sent to utility customer with accounts in deceased individuals names informing them that the accounts need to be transferred to the current occupants. He will coordinate with Mr. Finley regarding getting those letters sent out.

Councilman Jones made a motion to approve the letter and process drafted by Mr. Huddleston regarding deceased utility account owners. Councilman Piercefield seconded. Motion carried.

Community Center Director Sarah Beth Drybread thanked the council for passing the resolution regarding alcohol at the event in Irwin Park. She said there will be a cooking class on June 19th and yoga classes twice a week going forward.

Mr. Watson said he received a letter from Bradshaw Building Specialists requesting an extension until July 31, 2019 on the Rest Haven building project. Severe weather has set them back slightly. They are still attempting to finish by the end of June but would like to have the extension in case the extra time is needed. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the extension until July 31, 2019 on the Rest Haven building project. Councilman Piercefield seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow President Lollar to sign the extension on behalf of the council. Councilman Piercefield seconded. Motion carried.

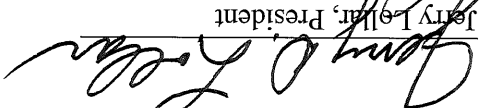
Park Director Daniel Teter said the pool is open for the summer. They have had a few hiccups and are doing some repairs. Tournaments and little league are also under way at the sports complex.

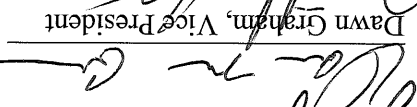
Public Comments

Janice Burton of 504 Fulford Drive said she is in favor of hiring a full time employee at the street department. She sees the work they are doing and agrees they need more help.

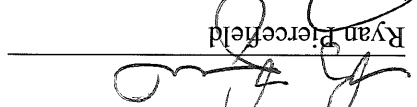
Being no further business or comments, Councilman Simpson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

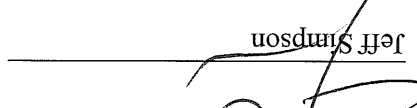
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Jerry Lollar, President

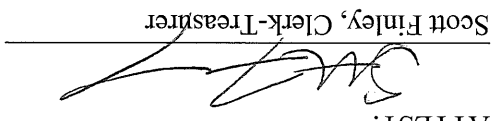

Dawn Graham, Vice President


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Ryan Piercefield


Jeff Simpson

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Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer