

**Town Council Meeting
Monday, June 24, 2019
6:00 P.M. Town Hall**

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, June 24, 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 June 10, 2019 and the executive meeting minutes of June 10, 2019. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Claims - The council received a copy of the claim docket in the council packet. The total for the docket was \$1,142,598.03. Mr. Finley said he had signed off on all the claims in that docket and handed them over to the council for approval. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the claim docket as submitted. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

2019 Pavement Replacement Bid Award – Town Manager JT Doane presented bids for pavement replacement. The town received 3 sealed bids for this project. The low bid for the work was from Robertson Paving for \$821,383.50. This number is slightly higher than the estimated cost due to wedging and base repair that the engineers added just in case. Mr. Robertson indicated he did not believe there would be a need for the wedging or base repair and therefore would not be expensed to the town.

President Lollar asked Mr. Finley about funding for this project.

Mr. Finley said the council did approve \$750,000 in street repair from the MVH budget. If the cost exceeds that number we could pull the remainder from the Rainy Day fund which currently has just over \$1,000,000.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to award the pavement replacement bid to Robertson Paving for \$821,383.50. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2019-4 Permitting the Sale of Alcohol in Parks and Recreation Center – Mr. Doane said the council had passed a resolution at the previous meeting allowing alcohol in Irwin Park for the upcoming event. However, Irwin Park is flooded and the venue will be changed to the Parks and Recreation Center. This resolution permits the sale of alcohol at the Parks and Recreation Center for this one event.

Councilwoman Graham asked about the alcohol permit for Irwin Park.

Community Center Director SaraBeth Drybread said we were able to stop payment on that check and submit a new application for the new location.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-4. Councilman Jones seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2019-5 Inter-fund Loan – Mr. Finley said Timbergate has a cash flow issue as it often does at this point of the year. This resolution allows the transfers of \$200,000 from the NRO Marketplace fund to Timbergate Operating to ensure we can make the July bond payment on time. The loan must be paid back by December 31. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-5. Councilman Piercefield seconded. Motion carried.

Street Department – Mr. Doane said Greg Elkins has been serving the town on a part time basis but there is a great need to have him work full time hours at the street department. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow Mr. Elkins to be moved to a full time position at the street department. Councilman Jones seconded. Motion carried.

Parks and Recreation Department – Mr. Teter said he has two vacant positions he would like to fill in the Building Grounds department. The council received copies of those job descriptions. Councilman Jones made a motion to allow Mr. Teter to fill the two vacant Building and Grounds positions. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Town Auction – Mr. Doane said he met with Dave Robertson and he indicated he could provide auction services for 10% of profits. The contract for the services has been reviewed by Mr. Huddleston. The auction is scheduled for July 13, 2019. Mr. Robertson will be responsible for advertising. Councilman

Simpson made a motion to approve the auction contract with Dave Robertson. Councilman Jones seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to allow Mr. Doane to sign the auction contract. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Capital Projects – Mr. Doane asked if the council had any additional projects they would like to add to the list.

President Lollar said he thinks we should let Mr. Finley see where the town sits budget and cash wise after we finish some of the current projects.

Street Signs – Mr. Doane said the new poles have arrived and will be installed on East Main Cross in the near future. He asked if the council wanted to do all caps or lower case and if they wanted the street type on each sign. Councilman Simpson made a motion to use all caps and add street types on all signs. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Community Clean Up/Heavy Trash – Mr. Doane said the last two weeks of July has historically been heavy trash pickup. He said he obtained quotes for some additional roll off containers to assist with this process. The lowest cost was Best Way Disposal. He recommended 6 containers.

Discussion was held regarding the process.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve 6 dumpsters from Best Way. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Alpha Engineering – Electric Rate Study Proposal – Ben Huckaba was present from Alpha Engineering to present the proposal. He presented the council with a PowerPoint presentation. He explained that the town has not increased rates in over 5 years and this proposed increase would be approximately 5.2% overall. Per category it would be a 1.76% increase to commercial, 3.32% to residential, and 5.67% to large power. This increase is needed to fund several capital projects in the near future including a new substation south of town and modernization of current lines. He showed a comparison to the town's rates to REMC and explained that even after this increase the town's rates would still be significantly lower. He said this presentation was just informational and no action is needed.

Discussion was held regarding previous rates.

Departmental Comments

Mr. Doane reminded everyone of the concert at the Parks and Recreation center on June 27th.

Mrs. Drybread said Taxman Brewery and Mallow Run Winery will be at the event along with Not Just Popcorn and Hillbilly Hot Dogs. The concert starts at 6:30. There will be dinner at the Lions Club for the band and the council members if they want to attend.

Parks Director Daniel Teter said the Firecracker Festival will be held on July 4th. The festival starts at 5 PM and the fireworks will be around 10 PM.

Town Marshall David Mann announced to the council he would be retiring effective June 30, 2019. He said it has been an honor and a privilege to serve the Town of Edinburgh and he thanked the council for the opportunity to serve.

The council thanked Mr. Mann for his years for service and for everything he has done for the town.

Public Comments

Keith Sells of 15041 North Fairmont Drive said he understands the electric rate proposal. Edinburgh Power and Light provides great service. He said he will hate to see Mr. Mann leave. He was a great asset to the town.

Kevin Rooks of 8190 West Allison Lane said he is really in to the history of Edinburgh. He was recently at the Thompson graves on school hill. They are in a terrible state and need cleaned and maintained on a regular basis. He presented pictures of the current state and an excerpt about the graves from Sarah Beth Otto's book about Edinburgh. He said he is also looking at getting a historical sign from the state for the site. He asked that the council look into this issue.

The council thanked Mr. Rooks for bringing that to the council's attention.

Debbie Vaughan of 1127 Constitution Drive asked what the large projects were for the Electric utility.

Electric Superintendent Kevin Rubush said the future golf course development and a new substation for future development in the industrial park south of town are two large projects.

Ms. Vaughan said she wants to make sure the council plans on keeping the same standards of homes that are currently at Timbergate.

Mr. Huddleston said there are covenants in place and they are enforceable by the town.


Curtis Rooks of 109 North Main Street said he was on the council when Mr. Mann was appointed to Town Marshall. He thinks he was great for the position and thanked him for his service and he knows the school appreciates him as well.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve any compensation due to Mr. Mann upon his separation from the town and allow President Lollar to execute any agreements regarding Mr. Mann's separation. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.


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


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