

Town Council Meeting
Monday, July 8, 2019
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, July 8, 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.

President Lollar said before roll call he would like to announce that on June 25, 2019, William Jones resigned his council position effective July 1, 2019.

Members answering roll call: 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 24, 2019 and the executive meeting minutes of June 24, 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 \$132,448.37. Mr. Finley said he had signed off on all the claims in that docket and handed them over to the council for approval.

Councilman Piercefield said he has been keeping track of the flowers purchased for the town and has counted over \$12,000 to date. He asked if there would be anymore flower purchases this year.

Mr. Finley said Parks Director Daniel Teter is on vacation this week but he would be able to answer that question.

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

Industrial Park Circuit Electric Aerial Bid Award – Town Manager JT Doane said the town received sealed bids for the next two items on the agenda. This work would get power from the Roosevelt substation to the joint district for future expansion. The low bid for the aerial work was Linetec at \$79,558.

Electric Superintendent Kevin Rubush said he also has bids for the material to complete this work. The approximate cost for the materials is \$100,000. He gave a brief explanation of the need for this work.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to award the aerial bid to Linetec for \$79,558. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

Industrial Park Circuit Electric Buried Bid Award – Mr. Rubush said this would be a 6 inch bore along with a 2 inch bore for future fiber. The low bid for the buried work was \$91,625 from Sub-Surface of Indiana. Councilman Piercefield made a motion to award the bid for buried work to Sub-Surface of Indiana for \$91,625. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

VS Engineering – Mr. Doane said VS Engineering assisted with the additional paving projects. He had with him an agreement to retain them for their services on an as-needed basis. Mr. Huddleston has reviewed the contract and the only comment was if we had a large project we would need additional details including warranty on work.

Councilwoman said she did not see this document in the council packet.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to table the VS Engineering discussion until the council has had a chance to review the documents. Councilman Piercefield seconded. Motion carried.

2019 Road Paving Project Updates – Mr. Doane said he will be meeting with Robertson Paving regarding the additional paving projects. The projects are scheduled to begin in August. The project consists of mill and overlay of several streets within the town.

Thompson Family Gravesite Update – Mr. Doane said at the previous meeting a resident had brought to the council's attention the state of the Thompson family graves. Several departments worked together to get the site cleaned up. There is still some work to do but the area looks much better. He presented a PowerPoint presentation with pictures of the gravesites before and after clean-up. Kevin Rooks, who brought this to the town's attention, also brought some information to possibly get a historical sign put up at the gravesite.

President Lollar said he would like to thank Mr. Rooks for bringing this to the council's attention and said he was ashamed to say he had not visited the gravesites. We should have never let the area get in such bad shape. He also thanked the staff that helped get the area cleaned up.

Community Clean Up/Heavy Trash – Mr. Doane said this is a process that the town is proud to offer its citizens each year. We will be making a few changes to attempt to make the process a little smoother and eliminate people from bringing trash from outside the community. The process will start on July 22nd for the East side of the railroad tracks and July 29th for the West side of the tracks.

Town Auction – Mr. Doane said on Saturday, July 13th at 10 A.M., the town will be holding an auction at the street department. Dave Robertson will be conducting the auction. He explained the process regarding purchasing of vehicles.

School Resource Officer – Mr. Doane said this was a topic at the joint council/school board meeting. The grant for this officer may not be available until the second semester. He said he is currently working on a memo of understanding to engage in the process of getting a school resource officer. He will submit that to Mr. Huddleston for review when it is complete.

President Lollar said he believes this is very important and asked that it be ready by the next meeting.

Mr. Doane said there is also a community activity planned with the school on August 9th. There will be a flag football game between the school, the town employees, and alumni.

Lift Station Emergency Power Connections – Wastewater Technician Jake Sizemore said the department has determined there are 6 lift stations that need emergency power connections. The portable generator is great but it cannot support all lift stations in an outage.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the quote for lift station emergency power connections from Miller-Eads for \$24,317. Councilman Piercefield seconded. Motion carried.

Wastewater Department Superintendent Updates – Mr. Doane said he, Councilwoman Graham, and Councilman Simpson held interviews for internal candidates. External interviews are being scheduled and he will have more information at the next meeting.

Water Department Superintendent Updates – Mr. Doane said similarly, he, Councilman Piercefield, and Councilman Simpson held interviews for internal candidates. External interviews are being scheduled and more information will be provided at the next meeting.

Town Marshall Updates – Mr. Doane said this position has been opened internally and letters of interest should be submitted to him.

Councilwoman Graham said she would prefer to not have interviews for this position until Mr. Jones' council position has been filled so that we have a full council before any decision is made.

Severance Agreement and Release of All Claims – Mr. Huddleston said at the conclusion of the last meeting Mr. Mann announced his resignation of the Town Marshall position. Mr. Huddleston said he drafted a severance agreement that has been submitted to the council. The council would be approving the agreement retroactively back to July 1st. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the severance agreement and release of all claims. Councilman Piercefield seconded. Motion carried.

Council Comments

The council thanked Mr. Jones for his service on Edinburgh Town Council.

Councilman Simpson thanked the employees who have agreed to be interim department heads while the council fills the vacant positions.

Councilwoman Graham thanked Sarah Beth Drybread for her work on the downtown grant.

Councilman Piercefield said he was able to sit in on the interview for the Water Superintendent and he is glad to see that there are internal candidates who take pride in the departments and want to step up and fill those vacant positions.

Mr. Finley said he wanted to inform the council that the town received notification that the State Board of Account will be conducting its audit for years 2015-2018. The entrance conference will be held on Thursday at 10 A.M. He said he will keep the council informed of the audit process.

Departmental Comments

Mr. Rubush said he has the quotes from Brownstown for supplies for the circuitry approved earlier in the meeting. The amount is \$99,769.53. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the purchase of materials from Brownstown for \$99,769.53. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Doane also thanked Ms. Drybread for her work on the downtown development grant. He said also, there will be a 20th anniversary party for Timbergate Golf Course on July 27th. He invited all to attend. There will be food, music, golf contests, and a cruise-in.

Mr. Sizemore said he wanted to thank DJ Wilhelm from the electric department. He called the stand-by phone regarding an issue at a lift station and stayed at the lift station until a wastewater employee could get there to take care of the issue.

Ms. Drybread said the town did receive a grant from OCRA for Downtown Development week October 7th through October 12th. There will be a 5K, a craft fair, and farmers market. She said there was a job fair at the community center today and they had a good turnout. The Fall Festival is only two months away and the theme will be "Superhero's Unite."

Interim Town Marshall Doyne Little thanked the council for the opportunity to serve as Marshal until a new Marshal can be appointed.

Building Commissioner Wade Watson said he received a change order from the contractors on the Rest Haven Office. The original cabinets would not be ADA compliant and there is a \$599 upcharge for the cabinets to make the area ADA compliant. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the change order and up charge of \$599 for ADA compliant cabinets. Councilman Piercefield seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comments

Bill Jones of 7795 E. State Road 252 said he appreciates the opportunity to serve on town council.


Kevin Rooks of 8190 West Allison Lane thanked the council for the work on the Thompson family gravesites. He appreciates all the work that was put into that project.

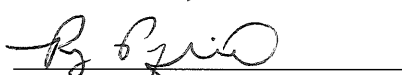
Jason Lawson of 204 Glasgow Drive said he noticed officers walking the downtown area and thinks it is great to see that presence in the community. He thanked the department for their work.

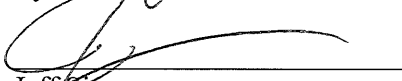
Being no further business or comments, Councilman Simpson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Piercefield seconded. Motion carried.

EDINBURGH TOWN COUNCIL


Jerry Lollar, President


Dawn Graham, Vice President


Ryan Piercefield


Jeff Simpson

ATTEST:


Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer