

Special Council Meeting
Monday, August 26, 2019
5:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a special session on Monday, August 26, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, 107 South Holland Street, Edinburgh, Indiana.

President Jerry Lollar called the meeting to order.

Members present: Councilwoman Debbie Buck, 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.

Budget Workshop – Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley said he had provided the council an excel workbook (Appendix A) showing the estimated receipts, disbursements, and cash balances for the 2020 budget. He explained briefly how the worksheet was set up.

Mr. Finley said he has not made any major changes to the budget since the department heads presented their numbers. As it sits, we do have a deficit budget in the general fund. He said this does not worry him as the cash balance in that fund is much higher than it needs to be. He gave a brief overview of the other funds on the sheet.

Mr. Finley presented the council with a list of possible capital projects (Appendix B) that could be paid for from the general fund in 2020. He said he took from the original capital project list and deleted anything not related to the general fund and added a few projects that had been previously discussed. He gave an explanation of each of the projects.

Mr. Finley said he has no recommendations on cuts for the budget as the town can fund them as they sit even though they are out of balance. His recommendation was to add \$500,000 to capital outlays in the council budget to start on some of the projects listed.

Councilman Piercefield asked about the fire department funding.

Mr. Finley said that number is an unknown until we get some better estimates. He said we can fund some one-time expenses from our cash balance but the recurring costs could be an issue down the road. As the town has done a lot of street repair this year, there will be less of a need for repairs in the near future. Because of that we can transfer some levy back to the general fund to help with any increases in expenditures.

President Lollar said hopefully in the next month we will have a better idea of the fire department's needs.

Councilwoman Buck asked for an update on the fire department as she is new to the council.

Councilman Piercefield gave an update on the status of the department.

Discussion was held regarding the fire department.

Town Manager JT Doane said the LED sign on the project list is being submitted for grant funds from the Bartholomew County Innkeepers Tax. He asked Mr. Finley to discuss the plan for a new council chambers.

Mr. Finley said we have two options for a new council chambers. The old clerk-treasurer's office next door is currently sitting empty with no use. If that building was gutted it could make a larger chambers. It could also kill two birds with one stone as the town hall bathroom cannot be ADA compliant and really needs to be removed. The council chambers would have two bathrooms that could be used by town hall. The other option is the old senior center/food pantry building across the street.

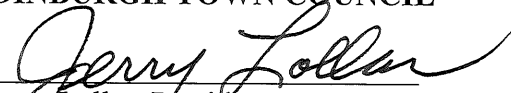
Councilman Simpson said he thinks the building across the street needs to be fixed and the parking lot put in. It is an eyesore to the downtown area. He also likes the idea of automatic gates at the cemetery.

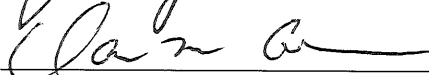
Mr. Finley said he will leave the other numbers alone and add \$500,000 to the council's capital outlay line item to be earmarked at a later date. The Form 3 has to be submitted by August 30th, the public hearing will be held on September 9th, and the adoption will be on September 23rd.


The council thanked Mr. Finley for his work on the budget process.

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

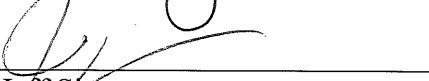
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Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer