

Special Council Meeting
Monday, August 12, 2019
7:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a special session on Monday, August 12, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, 107 South Holland Street, Edinburgh, Indiana.

President Jerry Lollar called the meeting to order.

Councilmembers present were: Councilwoman Debbie Buck, Councilman Jeff Simpson, Vice President Dawn Graham, Councilman Ryan Piercefield (via telephone), and President Jerry Lollar. Also present were Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston, Clerk Treasurer Scott Finley, Town Manager JT Doane, and all necessary department heads to present their preliminary budgets to council.

President Lollar asked Mr. Finley to lead the meeting.

Mr. Finley said the purpose of this meeting is to discuss the 2020 preliminary budgets. He passed out copies of the budget form 1's for each department to the council. He said tonight's meeting will only be for the department heads to present their preliminary budgets for the council to review. He said he has started calculating revenues but will have a more accurate number after attending the budget workshop with the DLGF on August 19th. Copies of the preliminary form 1's as well as the previous year's form 1's were filed with the 8/12/19 council packet.

Street Superintendent Clark McCollum presented his budget estimates. He explained the changes from the 2019 budget. He said he added some additional supplies in the concrete and stone line item to account for ADA ramps. The 2019 budget had no budget for repairs. He added \$17,500 for repairs.

Mr. Finley said workers compensation is going to be a shot in the dark for the whole town. We do not know at this point how much our increase is going to be for next year.

Mr. Finley said after calculating revenues he added \$25,000 to improvements to streets which made the budget balanced.

Discussion was held regarding mosquito spray costs.

Fire Chief Allen Smith presented the Fire and EMS budgets. Mr. Finley said Mr. Smith will be retiring at the end of the year and there will be some restructuring of the department. Mr. Smith's numbers are as if he were to run the department as he has in the past. These numbers could need adjusted before final adoption.

Mr. Smith said the main changes to his budget are for building and equipment maintenance. The building maintenance is for ADA updates including sidewalks and restrooms and the equipment maintenance is for the refurbishing of the old fire truck. He also had a line item for thermal imaging cameras and new hose nozzles.

Discussion was held regarding possible changes to the fire and ems budgets after restructuring.

Mr. Smith presented the EMS budget. He said again the main increase was \$75,000 for building maintenance for ADA improvements. He also budgeted for extraction saws for the ambulances.

Cemetery Sexton John Hoskinson presented the 2020 budget estimates for the cemetery. He said he has budgeted for an additional full time laborer as well as a part time secretary. He said the department struggles with having enough help. He said he also budgeted for a new dump truck and a new gator to replace some older vehicles.

Discussion was held regarding the Badger Fund.

Lieutenant Doyme Little presented the police department budget. He said he did increase wages to account for the possibility of a school resource officer. He would also like to see a little higher increase to current officers to try to retain officers. He doubled the training line item to get the officers better equipped to handle situations. The vehicles line item was increased by \$10,000 to purchase a 4-wheel drive vehicle rather than a standard patrol vehicle.

President Lollar asked what was included in the capital outlays line item.

Mr. Little said he budgeted for computers for each patrol vehicle and carried over the number from last year's budget.

Discussion was held regarding body cameras and video file storage.

Parks Director Daniel Teter presented his budgets next. The first was the tax based parks budget. He said he increased the full time line item in hopes of adding an employee to work four 10 hour shifts, 2 of which would be weekends.

Mr. Finley said the insurance line item was incorrect on the form the council received. He said he was unaware Mr. Teter was budgeting for a new full time person so the insurance line item should be about \$30,000 higher to account for that employees insurance. There were some increases in supplies that were offset by some decreases in utilities and insurance.

Discussion was held regarding advertising for the department.

Mr. Teter presented the Buildings and Grounds budget. The only change was raises for full time employees and a slight increase in part time wages.

Mr. Teter presented the swimming pool budget. He increased wages to account for the additional month the pool is open now. This was offset with a decrease in the repairs line item. There were a lot of repairs done before the 2019 season. He explained the new chlorination process which should cut costs in the future. The process is also much safer for the employees.

Discussion was held regarding repairs at the end of the season.

Mr. Teter presented the NRO Parks budget which is broken into three departments; B.A.S.E., Baseball, and Concessions.

Mr. Finley said this budget is based solely on park revenues. The budget is slightly out of balance but has a healthy operating balance to support the expenses.

Mr. Teter presented the Concessions budget and said he is planning on remodeling the concession areas in 2020. The \$15,000 for repairs was the only increase in the budget.

Mr. Teter said for the Baseball budget he cut the part time wages in anticipation of the new full time employee helping with those duties. He again increased maintenance and repairs due to ADA requirements. Overall the budget increase by \$1,000.

Discussion was held regarding ADA requirements for parks and flooding at the ball diamonds.

Mr. Teter said the Youth Club/B.A.S.E. budget had very little change from the previous year. He passed out to the council a comparison of revenues from 2010 to current. Revenues increased from \$64,561 to \$279,710 over that period.

Mr. Finley said he would be presenting the Golf Course, Sanitation, Council, and Clerk-Treasurer budgets.

Mr. Finley said the sanitation budget decreased from 2019. This is due to the new services provided by Ray's. The total budget was \$267,500.

Discussion was held regarding heavy trash.

Mr. Finley said Mr. Gibbs was not present so he would present the budget for the golf course. He said there was very little change in this budget. Mr. Gibbs has been making an effort to spend this budget down as low as possible to conserve revenue dollars for the bond payment. Overall there was only a \$3,000 increase.

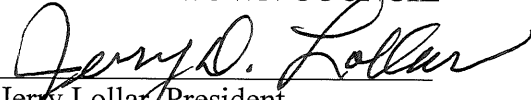
Mr. Finley said there was quite a bit of change in the Clerk-Treasurer budget. He explained that the State Board of Accounts wanted the utility staff's wages to be split to between utilities and the general fund. In order to put less strain on the general fund he also split the Clerk-Treasurer's salary between the utilities and the general fund. This switch was a net zero until we accounted for employee insurance. Overall there was a \$19,715 increase.

Mr. Finley said the council budget decreased due to Mr. Smith being paid from this department. He will be retiring and he replacement will not be paid from this budget. Also, the workers compensation line item was doubled in anticipation for a large increase next year. Still the budget decreased.

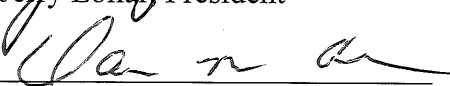
Mr. Finley said the current budget is out of balance and he will have a better idea of how out of balance at the next budget workshop. He said he will be meeting with the DLGF on August 19th to run through the budget. The public hearing for the budget is scheduled for September 9th and the adoption is scheduled for September 23rd.

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


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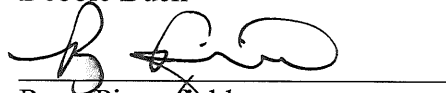
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 Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer