

**Town Council Meeting
Monday, October 14, 2019
6:00 P.M. Town Hall**

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, October 14, 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: Councilwoman Debbie Buck, Councilman Jeff Simpson, Vice President Dawn Graham, and President Jerry Lollar. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley and Town Manager JT Doane. Councilman Ryan Piercefield and Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston were absent.

Minutes – Council meeting minutes of September 23, 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 the council packet. The first was an end-of-month docket for August totaling \$520,120.88 and the second was the regular claim docket for the period totaling \$346,228.09. 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 the claim dockets as submitted. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Timbergate Update – Golf Course General Manager Wayne Gibbs presented a PowerPoint presentation on Timbergate's 3rd quarter financials. He explained that backing out the bond payment that was paid in the 3rd quarter left the course with a profit of \$120,194.23. That number is up significantly from previous years. The second slide showed the year to date numbers. The final slide showed the breakdown of revenues with the majority coming from green fees.

President Lollar thanked Mr. Gibbs for his work increasing revenues over the last few years.

Ordinance 2019-8 Second Reading of Salary Ordinance Amendment – Town Manager JT Doane explained the changes including the changes to the top range of the electric department salaries. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-8. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Electric Department Staffing Update – Mr. Doane said at the previous meeting we had discussed a gentlemen interested in working for the electric department. He is willing to start for the salary set out in the salary ordinance. He will be filling a position that has been vacant for some time.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the hire of Braden Embry. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

School Resource Officer – Mr. Doane said on October 2nd he, Town Marshall Little, and President Lollar sat down with the school board to discuss candidates for the SRO position. It was narrowed down to 3 and they will hold interviews at town hall on October 21st. He explained the format of the interviews.

Ordinance 2019-9 First Reading of Electric Rate Increase – Mr. Doane said this was discussed at the previous meeting but after speaking further with the engineer there were some updates that needed to be made so we will be considering this as a first reading.

President Lollar said when this was first mentioned there was discussion about a two phase increase. He asked if that was still the case.

Ben Huckaba of Alpha Engineering said no. The ordinance presented is a one phase increase.

Councilman Simpson asked how long it has been since the last rate increase.

Electric Superintendent Kevin Rubush said rates have not been changed since 2009. The main reason for the increase is to improve current infrastructure as well as add additional infrastructure

for future development. Projects include the new substation, the 252 project, and Timbergate housing development.

Councilman Simpson asked how the rates compared to surrounding utilities.

Mr. Huckaba said after the increase the town's rates would still be lower than Duke or REMC.

Being a first reading, no action was taken on the ordinance.

Ordinance 2019-10 First Reading of Establishing Interconnection Standards – Mr. Huckaba said the town is in a long term purchasing agreement with IMPA. If an entity were to come along with a renewable or distributed generation project, there has to be cooperation and coordination to make sure that generation goes through IMPA. IMPA has drafted this language and it has been reviewed by Mr. Huddleston.

Being a first reading, no action was taken on the ordinance.

Resolution 2019-6 Expressing Interest in Real Estate and Appointment of Appraisers – Mr. Doane said we had discussed pursuing a blight clearance grant through OCRA for the building at the corner of Thompson and Holland. Mr. Huddleston drafted this resolution to memorialize this process.

President Lollar said he would be abstaining from the vote as his son is the real estate agent for this property.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-6. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 3 to 0 with President Lollar abstaining.

Blight Clearance Program – Mr. Doane said as discussed this grant would assist with demolishing the building at the corner of Holland and Thompson if obtained as well as the building adjacent to the water plant and the building at the cemetery. Kenna Consulting has been the town's grant administrator for several other grants and he would recommend proceeding with Kenna as administrator on this project.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to proceed with Kenna Consulting as grant administrator on the blight clearance grant. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2019-7 Providing Assistance to the Food Pantry – Mr. Doane said this was drafted by Mr. Huddleston based on the discussion of utilities at the food pantry at the previous council meeting. Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-7. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

Trick or Treat Hours – Councilman Simpson made a motion to set trick or treat hours from 6PM to 8PM on October 31, 2019. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Community Center Director Sarah Beth Drybread said Trunk-or-Treat will be moved from the sports complex to downtown this year.

2019 Community Crossings Matching Grant – Mr. Doane said the town was fully awarded the grant for County Road 900. The total project cost is \$852,000 with the grant covering \$639,075. The next step will be surveying the area and get the bid process started.

Council Comments

Councilman Simpson thanked Sarah Beth Drybread for her work with Downtown Development week including the visit by Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch.

Departmental Comments

Mr. Doane said he also would like to thank Ms. Drybread for her work on Downtown Development week.

Town Marshall Little said he had two new officers with him tonight, Andrew Brewer and Jesse Tompkins. Mr. Brewer has been a reserve with the department for some time and will make a great full time officer. Mr. Tompkins is from Community Correction in Johnson County. He has had the chance to work with Mr. Tompkins on several occasions and will make a great addition to the department.

Mr. Finley performed the Oath of Office for both officers and congratulated them on their positions.

Water Superintendent Bill Jones said the repairs on the filter media will be about \$2,800. The plant is at half capacity until it is repaired.

President Lollar said the plant is reaching the end of its usable life but we need to try to get a few more years out of the current plant.


Mr. Doane said the department has met with Wessler about future plant expansion and a study was done some time ago.

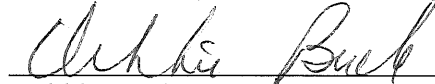
Ms. Drybread said she wanted to thank all the town employees that helped with Downtown Development Week. We had a great turnout and the Lt. Governor visit went great despite the rain. The town has had 5 new businesses in the last year. Simple Abundance said that Saturday was their highest sales day to date.

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


EDINBURGH TOWN COUNCIL


Jenny Lollar, President

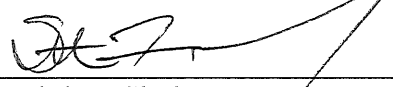

Dawn Graham, Vice President


Debbie Buck


Ryan Piercefield


Jeff Simpson

ATTEST:



Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer