

**Town Council Meeting
Monday, October 28, 2019
6:00 P.M. Town Hall**

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, October 28, 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, Councilman Ryan Piercefield, and President Jerry Lollar. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley, Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston, and Town Manager JT Doane.

Minutes – Council meeting minutes of October 14, 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 \$848,908.68. 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 Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2019-11 First Reading of Additional Appropriations – Mr. Finley said we discussed earlier in the year the possibility of needing additional appropriations for the general fund. That amount will be \$60,000 for personal services for the police department. We also need an additional \$60,000 in Local Roads and Streets as we will be exceeding that budget amount by the end of the year. The additional appropriation request has been advertised in all three papers.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to waive the first reading of Ordinance 2019-11 and consider it for approval. Councilman Piercefield seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-11. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Finley said he would get the necessary paperwork submitted to the DLGF and it will probably be a few weeks before we receive notification from them.

Ordinance 2019-9 Second Reading of Electric Rate Increase – Mr. Doane said this was presented to the council at the previous meeting and is before the council for approval tonight.

Councilman Piercefield asked how often we would be looking at rate increases.

Electric Superintendent Kevin Rubush said we will be looking into increases every five years or so.

Discussion was held on the new tariffs.

President Lollar said of course nobody likes a rate increase. He said he believes the department has enough funds currently to make the necessary improvements. All of the work being done is going into Bartholomew County and he does not see them reciprocating. Bartholomew County is also increasing the size of their TIF district.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-9. Councilman Piercefield seconded. Motion carried 4 to 1 with President Lollar voting nay.

Ordinance 2019-10 Second Reading of Establishing Interconnection Standards – Mr. Doane said again this was presented and explained at the previous meeting by Ben Huckaba of Alpha Engineering.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-10. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Roosevelt Substation Breakers Bid Award – Mr. Doane explained that the next three items were bid out and the recommended contractors and products were submitted by Alpha Engineering.

President Lollar said Alpha is recommending the second lowest bid for the breakers. Why did they not recommend the lowest bid.

Wayne Galamore of Alpha Engineering said their recommendation was based on a review of cost of maintenance over the life of the breaker. The breakers from Midwest Utility Sales cost significantly less to maintain than the other brand.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to award the breaker bid to Midwest Utility Sales (see table below). Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Roosevelt Substation Disconnect Switch Bid Award – Councilman Simpson made a motion to award the disconnect switch bid to Royal Switchgear (see table below). Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Roosevelt Substation Contractor Bid Award – Councilwoman Graham made a motion to award the contractor bid to Banta Electric (see table below). Councilman Piercefield seconded. Motion carried.

Roosevelt Bid Awards	Vendor	Amount
Disconnect Switches	Royal Switch Gear	\$26,445.00
Breakers	Midwest Utility Supply	\$201,105.00
Contractor	Banta Electric	\$282,587.00

Mr. Doane explained there will also be a cost associated with relays for the substation.

Mr. Galamore explained that the current relays are as old as the substation and are being phased out. He recommended replacing the relays as well while the other work is being done. The estimated cost was \$65,000.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the purchase of new relays not to exceed \$65,000. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

School Resource Officer Agreement – Mr. Doane gave a brief background on the SRO process.

Mr. Huddleston said he has found some potential issues with the original memorandum of understanding. He believe the method should be different to limit the exposure to the town. He said he has spoken with the school board's attorney and proposed his thoughts.

School Superintendent Dr. Doug Arnold said he spoke with the school board attorney today. He said the grant was originally written that the school would hire a town police officer. He is concerned with liability if the officer would be an employee of the school.

Mr. Huddleston said he does not want to get the town into a position where a town employee taking direction from someone outside of the town. There needs to be further discussion to reduce the liability.

President Lollar said the town is still committed to assisting the SRO we just need to iron out all the legal issues.

School Resource Officer – Mr. Doane said even though the agreement has not gone through yet, there was consensus among the interview panel to extend and offer to Michael Nunez for the SRO position. Mr. Nunez has been a reserve officer with the police department.

Mr. Nunez said he appreciates the opportunity and is eager to start.

Discussion was held regarding employment terms for the SRO.

Ordinance 2019-12 First Reading Establishing Irwin Park Fund 294 – Mr. Doane said this fund is being established to receive donations and other revenue that could be used to improve Irwin Park.

Parks Director Daniel Teter said other funds can still be used on the park this will just set aside funds to be used specifically for Irwin Park. There has been a desire to utilize the park for more events. The area floods occasionally but is an asset to the town.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to waive the first reading of Ordinance 2019-12. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-12. Councilman Piercefield seconded. Motion carried.

Edinburgh Gobble 5K Event – Mr. Doane said on November 16, 2019 at 10:00 AM the town will hold the first Gobble 5K event starting at the community center. All registration fees will go to the Irwin Park fund that was just approved.

Parks and Recreation LED Signage – Mr. Doane said the town applied for a grant through the Bartholomew County Tourism Board. The town was awarded \$13,500 from the innkeeper's tax funds to go toward an LED sign at the Sports Complex.

Mr. Teter showed pictures of the sign they had used to apply for the grant. The total for the sign was \$33,455. He said he would need to revisit the quotes as it has been several months since he obtained them.

Mr. Doane said we have to have a signed purchase order by December 31, 2019 to receive the grant funds.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to proceed with the purchase of the LED sign from Sign Solutions. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Eastern Bartholomew Water Corporation Connection – Mr. Doane said this has been a topic in the past. He wanted to see if the council still wanted to proceed with this project. An agreement has been drafted.

Mr. Huddleston gave a brief history of the project. He said the agreement has been worked back and forth between attorneys. He said if the council wants to proceed he will finalize the agreement and get back in contact with their attorney.

The council agreed to proceed with the process.

Carmen Parker with Johnson County Trails – Ms. Parker handed out information to the council members. She explained how the trails committee was formed and the Johnson County Master Trail Plan. The committee was one of nine across the nation to receive \$40,000 for trails. They found a gentlemen who was starting his own business and agreed to take on the master trail plan. The plan is to connect all communities within the county. She showed a map with potential routes. The total trail would be about 168 miles of path. The plan was submitted to the planning commission and was approved 3 to 0. Phase two will be working with smaller communities to see how the committee can help with the trails.

The council thanked Ms. Parker for the update on the trail plan.

Departmental Comments

Mr. Doane gave an update on the East Main Cross turf project. He said while is has been overseeing the project he has noticed a lot of speeding on that road. Part of the street is a 20 mph speed limit and part is 30mph. He recommended dropping the speed limit to 20 on all of East Main Cross.

Mr. Teter said there is rain and cold in the forecast for Halloween so they are moving Trunk-or-Treat inside the elementary school from 5 to 8. He said basketball signups have started and planning is in full force for the Holiday of Lights.

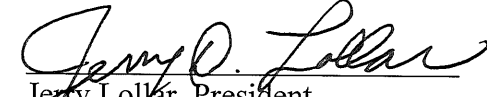
Wastewater Superintendent Rebecca Frakes said there had been some residents complaining about odor near the outfall at 800 North. The department has increased odor control in that area and have heard the odor has reduced.

Town Marshall Doyne Little said the department will have some extra patrol out on Halloween to ensure the children have a safe evening of Trick-or-Treating.

Water Superintendent Bill Jones gave an update on the filter repair. Everything was back online Wednesday but they found a leak shortly after. The leak was repaired and has been running well ever since.

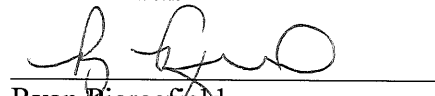
Being no further business or comments, Councilman Simpson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.


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 Jeff Simpson

ATTEST:


 Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer