

Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 12, 2019
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, November 12, 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, Councilman Ryan Piercefield, and President Jerry Lollar. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley, Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston, and Town Manager JT Doane. Vice President Dawn Graham was absent.

Minutes – Special meeting minutes of October 28, 2019, council meeting minutes of October 28, 2019, and executive meeting minutes of October 28, 2019. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilman Piercefield seconded. Motion carried.

Claims - The council received two claim dockets in the council packet. The first was an end-of-month docket for September totaling \$238,693.22 and the second was the regular docket for the period totaling \$178,719.00. 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. Councilman Piercefield seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2019-13 First Reading of Speed Limits – Town Manager JT Doane said on East Main Cross and High School Drive there are two different speed limits. As there has been a lot of speeding on that road since the recent paving projects, this ordinance would set the speed limit to 20 miles per hour for the entirety of East Main Cross Street as well as High School Drive.

President Lollar said he thinks this is needed. There has been a lot of speeding on both of these streets.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to waive the first reading of Ordinance 2019-13 and consider it for approval. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-13. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2019-14 First Reading of Stop Streets – Mr. Doane said this ordinance proposes a stop sign be placed on High School Drive and Fairlane Drive traveling both East and West.

President Lollar said this along with the change in speed limit will help tremendously with people speeding in that area.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to waive the first reading of Ordinance 2019-14 and consider it for approval. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-14. Councilman Piercefield seconded. Motion carried.

President Lollar said since that is a new stop sign he would recommend putting solar lights on the signs to make them more visible.

Town Marshall Doyne Little said he agrees and also some additional road striping to warn drivers that a stop is coming up.

Ordinance 2019-15 First Reading of Street Excavations – Mr. Doane said the town's current street cut verbiage gives very little protection in the event of street cuts. Since we have invested a lot in new paving he believed we needed stronger verbiage to hold contractors accountable for repairing street cuts.

Mr. Huddleston said he has reviewed the ordinance and discussed it with Mr. Doane. He made one minor change.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to waive the first reading of Ordinance 2019-15 and consider it for approval. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-15. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

School Resource Officer – Mr. Doane gave a brief background of the process. He said the interview board met this morning for further discussion. He recommend that we extend an offer to Michael Nunez to be an Edinburgh Police Officer that would be at the school for 180 days per year. He would work as a regular officer when school was not in session. The school board would pass a resolution to pay the town the grant funds that they received for the SRO to cover the cost of the officer.

Mr. Little said he could start on November 25th if approved.

Discussion was held regarding the law enforcement academy.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve Michael Nunez as the School Resource Officer with the stipulation that he will complete the law enforcement academy within one year of hire. Councilman Piercefield seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Finley performed the Oath of Office for Michael Nunez and congratulated him on his position.

2020 Road Projects – Mr. Doane said he has received some budget pricing for road paving in 2020. The town has already committed \$213,000 for County Road 900 through the Community Crossings Matching Grant. He gave an explanation of the lower grade roads on the list.

President Lollar said he would like a chance to drive the roads before taking any action.

Recycling – Mr. Doane said he obtained quotes on recycling containers and also met with Johnson County about a partnership. Johnson County has agreed to fund the container and pickup. An inter-local agreement would be drafted for this partnership. Johnson County would want someone to be at the container during operating hours to keep people from dumping trash. It would be done on a six month trial period initially to see if it would be used enough to justify the cost.

Operations Laborer – Mr. Doane said this would be the position that would staff the recycling container. It would be a part time position that would be at the container during operating hours and could help other departments when the container was not open.

Councilman Simpson asked what this person do if the container did not work out after the trial period.

Mr. Doane said he would have other duties but if the container did not work out that person's employment would need to be looked at.

Councilman Piercefield asked what the duties would be at the container.

Mr. Doane said the individual would ensure that people were not dumping things that are not meant for recycling.

Councilman Piercefield said he hates to see wasted money and thinks the same thing could be achieved with a camera. He is not in favor of this position at this time.

Mr. Simpson said he is not in favor either. He believes we could use a current employee.

President Lollar said he would like to see an overview of how Johnson County handles this as well as a job description for this position.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to table the operations laborer position until the next meeting. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

East Main Cross Phase I – Mr. Doane said there is an issue with standing water on Phase I of this project at the Clay Street intersection. The solution is to put a concrete drain that would route the water off of the street and sidewalk. This would fall on the contractor but we have had no luck contacting them. We still have the retainage from that project and the cost incurred will be deducted from the final retainage payment. Robertson Paving can do the sidewalk for \$1,175 and the remainder of the work for \$7,280.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the work by Robertson Paving on the corner of East Main Cross and Clay Street. Councilman Piercefield seconded. Motion carried.

East Main Cross Phase II – Mr. Doane said Phase II of this project is complete and the pay apps have been submitted and reviewed by the engineers. The total of the pay apps is \$447,052.58. Councilman Piercefield made a motion to approve the pay apps for Robertson Paving. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Buening Engineering On-Call Agreement – Mr. Huddleston said this is the exact same agreement as last year with only the dates changed. The agreement says his services will be used on an as-needed basis.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to approve the Engineering Agreement with Michael Buening. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

2020 Fire Department – Mr. Doane said there have been several meetings regarding this topic including a special meeting with members of the fire department. Volunteer Fire Chief Allen Smith is retiring at the beginning of next year. He gave a brief update on the current status.

President Lollar said we have had some productive meetings and the process is moving forward.

Edinburgh Gobble 5K – Mr. Doane said Saturday, November 16th will be the first annual Gobble 5K event starting at the community center. Currently there are around 35 participants. All proceeds will go to the Irwin Park Fund.

President Lollar asked if there would be any street restrictions.

Mr. Doane said he would get a map of the route together.

Departmental Comments

Mr. Doane said there is a meeting with INDOT for the 252 project on November 20th at 9:30 AM. Sidewalks have been a point of discussion. INDOT recommended that the town apply for an 80/20 matching grant for additional sidewalks.

Discussion was held regarding sidewalks between Lincoln Street and Lind Drive.

President Lollar said he would recommend a public meeting involving the residents in that area.

Mr. Doane said the application for the grant is due on December 13th.

Fire Chief Allen Smith said original estimates on refurbishing engine 41 were over \$100,000 dollars. After doing a lot of the refurbishing in house the estimates are down to \$25,000 to \$27,000. He would like to ask for permission to spend \$7,000 to rebuild the pump on engine 41.

Discussion was held regarding remaining items on the refurbishing project.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to approve the cost of \$7,000 to rebuild the pump on engine 41. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith said even though he is retiring on January 6, 2020 he would still like to be a part of the refurbishing project.

Mr. Smith said thanks to Brandon Routier the department received a grant for radios that would normally cost the department about \$72,000. The town's portion of the radios will be \$6,522. He asked for permission to spend the \$6,522.

Discussion was held regarding funding sources.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the grant match of \$6,522. Councilman Piercefield seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Little thanked the council for approving the hiring of Michael Nunez as School Resource Officer. He has been the department's go to guy on the reserve side. Since a few reserves have recently become full time officers, there are some opening for reserves he will be filling. He hopes to have 10 reserves on staff.

Public Comments

Cindy Stillabower of 215 North Kyle Street said she has had some trash pickup issues. They often leave the cans and trash in the middle of the road and also recently tore up her yard.

Councilwoman Buck said she has seen similar issues.

President Lollar said he too has heard similar things but has also seen some drivers stop and pickup loose trash. He asked Mr. Doane to look into those issues.

Janice Burton of 504 Fulford Drive said she too has had trash issues. She also wondered if January through June would be a good trial for the recycling since January through March are often very cold.

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

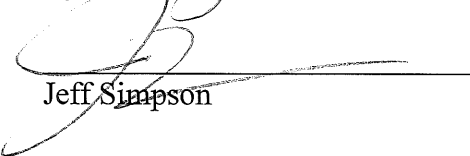
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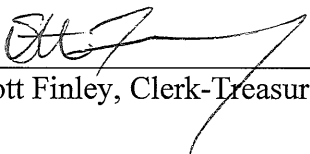

Dawn Graham, Vice President


Debbie Buck


Ryan Piercefield


Jeff Simpson

ATTEST:



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