

Town Council Meeting
Monday, January 13, 2020
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, January 13, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, 107 South Holland Street, Edinburgh, Indiana.

Councilwoman Graham called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members answering roll call: Councilwoman Debbie Buck, Councilwoman Miriam Rooks, Councilwoman Dawn Graham, Councilman Ryan Piercefield, and Councilman Jeff Simpson. Also present were Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston, Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley, and Town Manager JT Doane.

Oath of Office – Clerk Treasurer Scott Finley performed the oaths of office for Jeff Simpson, Miriam Rooks, and Dawn Graham and congratulated them on their election and re-elections.

Election of Officers – Councilwoman Buck nominated Jeff Simpson for council president. Councilwoman Graham seconded. There were no other nominations.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to elect Jeff Simpson as President of Town Council. Councilman Piercefield seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Piercefield nominated Dawn Graham for vice president. Councilwoman Buck seconded. There were no other nominations.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to elect Dawn Graham as Vice President of Town Council. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes – Council meeting minutes of December 30, 2019. Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0 with Councilwoman Rooks abstaining.

Bartholomew and Shelby County EDIT Discussion – Mr. Finley said every two years the counties with Economic Development Income Taxes request a resolution from town council stating the uses for the funds. He passed out the council Resolution 2018-2 and 2018-3 which laid out the previous uses for the funds. He encouraged the council to think about what they would like to see those funds used for in 2020 and 2021. The resolution would be on the next agenda for approval.

2020 Salary Ordinance Discussion – Mr. Doane said the council had requested that the salary ordinance be placed on the agenda for discussion. He said he would be happy to answer any questions. No further comments were made.

2020 Salaries – Mr. Doane said the council had tabled raises as we went through the salary ordinance last year. He recommended the council allow department heads to offer up to a dollar an hour raise at their discretion for 2020. Raises would be submitted to the town manager for approval before taking effect.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow up to a dollar an hour raise to full time employees for 2020 at the discretion of the department head. Councilman Piercefield seconded. Motion carried.

President Simpson recommended the council meet in an executive session to discuss Mr. Doane's performance before issuing a pay increase.

Cemetery Receptionist – Mr. Doane said he has had discussions with cemetery personnel regarding the benefit of a receptionist to handle administrative functions within the department. He would like to get approval from the council to hire a part time receptionist at the cemetery office to work no more than 29 hours per week.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the part time cemetery receptionist position. Councilman Piercefield seconded. Motion carried.

2020 Paving Update – Mr. Doane said the mill and overlay project approved by council went out for publication and the bid packet is complete. That project is to be completed by July 15, 2020. The bid packet is still being finalized for County Road 900.

Councilwoman Buck asked about the timeline for High School Drive.

Mr. Doane said the road has some infrastructure issues beneath it that need to be fixed before the road is repaved. The town is eligible to apply for a grant for that infrastructure in 2021 and the road will be fixed soon after that.

Councilwoman Buck asked that that information be communicated to the public as she gets questions frequently about that road.

2020 Fire Department – Mr. Doane said Mike Herron is officially the Fire Chief as of January 1. He is present and has hit the ground running with the department. Temporary sleeping quarters have been established at the station and there are 28 people on the roster for paid stand-by. There will be 5 firefighters on duty during the day and 5 on duty during the night. Appraisals for the Phillip's building should be in before February and the department is planning a ceremony to welcome the new fire staff.

President Simpson thanked everyone involved with this fire department re-structuring.

2020 Recycling Update – Mr. Doane gave a background on the recycling project. He will be meeting with a representative of Johnson County Recycling and Ray's to discuss the process. Tim Delk will be attending some training as he will be working the recycling container.

2020 Bulk Item/Community Clean-up – Mr. Doane said that he obtained a quote from Ray's to handle the town's bulk item trash removal. The current process uses a lot of man hours and it is a substantial burden on the taxpayer. The quote from Ray's is lower than the roll off containers alone cost the town last year. Ray's quoted \$5,600 to pick up 4 times per year and \$4,200 for 3 times per year. He gave a brief explanation of the bulk items they would and would not remove.

President Simpson said this was in with the original trash bids last year but there was some confusion on the bids and was not approved.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to approve the Ray's quote for bulk item removal 4 times per year for \$5,600. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Ray's Trash Service Reminders – Mr. Doane said there have been some residents complaining about trash being left laying around on trash day. He was spoken with Ray's and they have been cleaning up any trash that misses the truck. However, citizens should be bagging all trash before placing it in the totes so there is less of a chance of trash missing the truck. There will be a reminder in the February utility bill. Mr. Doane read the reminder that will be sent out.

Mr. Doane said the compactor at the wastewater plant is pulling employees from an already short staff from other duties they could be doing. He would like to minimize the hours the compactor is open. He proposed that effective January 27th the hours be reduced to Tuesday from 8am to 4pm, Friday from 8am to 4pm, and Saturday from 8am to 11am.

Discussion was held regarding residents and nonresidents using the compactor.

Wastewater Superintendent Rebecca Frakes said they are currently understaffed at the department and cannot focus on plant work because of the constant distractions with the compactor. She explained that the majority of the users are out of town residents.

Councilwoman Rooks asked if the hours could be changed back when the department is fully staffed again.

Ms. Frakes said yes, if the council would like to do that.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to try the hours as stated by Mr. Doane. Councilman Piercefield seconded. Motion carried.

Council Comments

Councilman Piercefield said the police department is running on older vehicles and even a salvaged vehicle that was totaled out. He did not believe police officers should be responding to calls in less than ideal vehicles. He recommended getting the police cars on a replacement schedule.

Mr. Finley said he received a quote from American Legal for online codification of our ordinances. This would make our ordinances available online to citizens and staff. The documents would also be searchable. The quote included a one-time setup fee of \$595, the annual hosting fee of \$495, and \$1.95 per page of codification.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to approve the quote for online codification from American Legal as presented. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Departmental Comments

Water Superintendent Bill Jones gave an update on well #1. Peerless will be in this week to look closer at the well. The well is failing, and the department will run the pump until it fails. The department and the council need to make a decision on next steps for a new well in the near future.

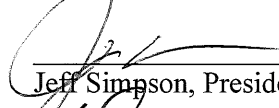
Public Comments

Janice Burton of 504 Fulford Drive said Ray's does not always put the toters back on the curb. Their road is very narrow, and it becomes difficult to drive through when there are containers on both sides.

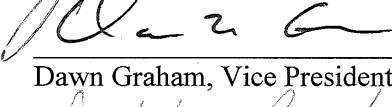
Matt Ervin, President of the Redevelopment Commission invited everyone to attend their meeting immediately following this meeting.

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

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Jeff Simpson, President



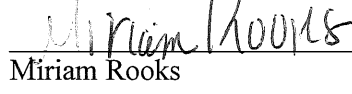
Dawn Graham, Vice President



Debbie Buck



Ryan Piercefield



Miriam Rooks

ATTEST:



Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer