

Town Council Meeting
Monday, January 27, 2020
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, January 27, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, 107 South Holland Street, Edinburgh, Indiana.

President Simpson called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes – Council meeting minutes of January 13, 2020. Councilman Piercefield made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Claims – The council received a copy of the claim docket in their council packets. The total for the claim docket was \$711,799.44. Mr. Finley said he had signed off on the claims in that docket and handed them over to the council for approval.

Councilman Piercefield asked about repairs to a 2007 Chevy at Brown's.

Wastewater Superintendent Rebecca Frakes said they were taking the Dodge in for repair a on the way the Chevy started smoking. It required immediate attention and while being repaired, they found two other issues that needed to be taken care of before it was safe to drive.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the claims as submitted. Councilman Piercefield seconded. Motion carried.

Public Hearing – Amending Fees for Sewage and Water Works – Mr. Huddleston said this public hearing is required for the sewer and water fee changes per ordinances 2020-1 and 2020-2. Advertisements have been published in all three papers, notice was sent to all out of town users, and notices were sent out to all vacant and/or unimproved properties.

President Simpson opened the public hearing for amending fees for sewage and water works.

Being no questions or comments, President Simpson closed the public hearing.

Resolution 2020-1 Bartholomew County EDIT – Mr. Finley said this was on the agenda for discussion last meeting and the staff has made a few changes to the resolution. The Bartholomew County EDIT funds will be used for operations and capital projects for the parks and recreation as well as phase two of the community center remodel.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-1. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2020-2 Shelby County EDIT – Mr. Finley said this is the same resolution except it refers to Shelby County EDIT funds. These funds will be used for maintenance of the Timbergate Golf Course property.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-2. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Public Official Bonds Approval – Mr. Finley explained that state statute requires certain positions within local government to be bonded. Those include the Clerk-Treasurer, Town Manager, Town Marshall, Assistant Town Marshall, and the ERC members. Councilwoman Rooks had pointed out that two of the positions were incorrect and he would have the insurance company correct that issue before recording the documents.

Councilwoman Buck pointed out that her name was spelled incorrectly.

Mr. Finley recommended tabling the bonds, correcting the errors, and approving them at the next meeting.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to table the public official bonds until the next council meeting. Councilman Piercefield seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2020-1 Amending Chapter 50 Regarding Sewage Works (Second Reading) – Mr. Doane said for this ordinance and the next ordinance on the agenda, all advertisements have been posted and public hearings have been held. He said he would be happy to answer any questions.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-1. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2020-2 Amending Chapter 51 Regarding Water Works (Second Reading) – Mr. Doane said similarly, this ordinance has gone through all necessary steps and is ready for council action.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-2. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Graham asked if these rates could be looked at more often. If we wait too long to revisit rates the increases become a burden on the residents.

Mr. Finley said the actual utility rates should be looked at every 3 years or so. The fees referenced in these ordinances should be looked at every 5 to 7 years.

Wessler Agreement – Water Plant Detail – Mr. Doane said our water plant is beyond its projected life expectancy. This agreement will allow Wessler to provide an asset management report to start to look at a new water plant. Mr. Huddleston has reviewed and approved the agreement.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to approve the Wessler agreement. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Police Department Vehicles – Mr. Doane said the council received a report showing a breakdown of the department's vehicles.

Town Marshall Doyne Little said the department would like to purchase two Dodge Durangos this year instead of the Chargers. The Durangos have lower maintenance cost, a higher resell value, and they last longer. He gave an explanation of the repair history on the current fleet. He said he would like to get the fleet on a rotation somewhere between 5 and 7 years.

Discussion was held regarding the submitted quotes, the police budget, and vehicle assignments.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to table the police vehicle discussion. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Electric Department Bucket Truck – Mr. Doane said the council received a quote for a bucket truck for the electric department. He said because of the price of the truck there is a more formal process.

Electric Superintendent Kevin Rubush said the current truck has reached the end of its life for electric standards. The vehicle is still usable by a different department. The truck is specialized, and it will be difficult to obtain bids.

Mr. Finley said he recommended authorizing Mr. Huddleston to review the statutes regarding public purchases to see if the truck needs to be bid out as it is a specialized vehicle and not readily available.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow Mr. Huddleston to review the statutes regarding public purchases and specialized vehicles. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Parks and Recreation Concession HVAC Unit – Mr. Teter explained the quotes for the HVAC unit. He said he did have one additional bid come in after the packets were sent out, but it was the high bid. It is difficult to keep the area cool due to the number of heat-producing appliances in the small area. He said he is recommending the quote from Finley's Heating and Cooling. The bid was not the lowest, but the design was the best. He had suggested adding a hood vent that would circulate the air above the ice machines. It also includes a ten-year warranty.

Discussion was held regarding the HVAC quotes.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the quote from Rick Finley's Heating and Cooling for \$8,800. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

2020 Mosquito Program – Mr. Doane gave a summary of the program. The town is planning a public awareness program on February 12th at the community center. Chris Novak will be in town to assess the mosquito sprayers. There is very little supply left for the mosquito sprayer. The town will also begin larvicide in March or April.

Councilwoman Graham said the spray does not do anything unless it comes in direct contact with the mosquitoes, correct?

Stan Brown of the cemetery department said that is correct. He said he thinks spraying should be used in emergency situations.

Discussion was held regarding the cost of spraying and the benefits.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the purchase of larvicide bricks and discuss the adulticide spray at a later date. Councilman Piercefield seconded. Motion carried.

Council Comments

Councilwoman Graham asked if there was still a position open at the electric department.

Mr. Rubush said yes.

Councilwoman Graham asked where we were on the ambulance billing.

Fire Chief Mike Herron said he has met with Med Bill to understand the current process. They provided some analysis of the billings and projections. We will continue to work on the project.

President Simpson asked about the status of the Eastern Bartholomew Water agreement.

Mr. Doane said we have received final plans. The agreement, however, said the rate could fluctuate. The town would like a wholesale for reduced rate if we ever need to purchase from them.

Departmental Comments

Mr. Doane said seasonal help for the cemetery has been posted and we will be posting for the parks and recreation soon. There will be a Vietnam War Veterans Day event on March 29th at the community center.

Mr. Doane said the recycling center should be opening soon. He will share with the council when the center is ready to be opened. The staff has attended training, the office area is being prepped, and we are working on signage. No glass will be accepted. The center will be called the Edinburgh Recycling Depot.

Parks Director Daniel Teter said registration for baseball and softball have begun. The Father/Daughter Dance will be at the beginning of February. The department is holding yoga classes at the community center and is planning a Valentine's Day event.

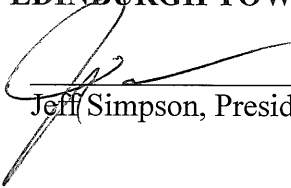
Wastewater Superintendent Rebecca Frakes thanked the council for adjusting the compactor hours. Today was the first day the staff has been able to get out in the field and do proactive work.

Water Superintendent Bill Jones thanked the council for approving the Wessler agreement. He gave an update on well #1. The well will continue to run until failure. We are working on an estimate for a test well near Irwin Park.

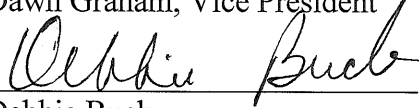
Reserve Police Officer Austin Bailey said he believes the department needs to get the vehicles on a rotation. They have several cars that are in rough shape and are costing the town a lot in repairs and maintenance. One vehicle has a salvaged title.

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

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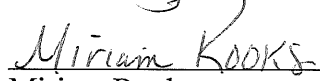
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