

Town Council Meeting
Monday, February 24, 2020
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, February 24, 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 – Executive meeting minutes of February 10, 2020 and council meeting minutes of February 10, 2020. Councilman Piercefield 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 their council packets. The total for the docket was \$760,239.67. Mr. Finley said he had signed off on the claims in that docket and handed them over to the council for approval.

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

Rooney & Company Agreement – Mr. Finley explained that Lisa Rooney handles the town's Medicaid reimbursement. This is money that the town does not automatically receive but must apply to obtain. The money goes to the Fire and EMS for emergency runs. We pay Ms. Rooney 25% of the money we receive for her services up to \$4,000. She is not paid until the money is received. He gave an overview of how much money the town has received in the past. She expects the town to receive \$4,000 to \$5,000 this year.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the Rooney & Company agreement. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2020-4 Board Appointments – Mr. Finley said 3 council members were appointed to the Planning Commission by the last board appointment resolution. This could cause issues where planning commission meetings would also need to be advertised as council meetings as well if all three members were present. Because of this, President Simpson has agreed to step down and Bill Jones has agreed to be on the board.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-4. Councilman Piercefield seconded. Motion carried.

Sacoma International, LLC Tax Abatement – Building Commissioner Wade Watson said a staff report (Appendix A) was submitted to the council regarding this abatement. The abatement was approved in 2016 and the project was completed. Sacoma exceeded the obligations in the original statement of benefits. However, their accounting firm failed to file the Form 322 with the county and therefore the county denied the abatement. Sacoma has petitioned the town to draft a waiver of non-compliance for this abatement. He explained that this mistake rests solely on Sacoma. The town fulfilled all its obligations for this abatement.

Mr. Finley explained the budget shortfall that has occurred over the past couple of years due to the abatement not being filed correctly. Had the abatement been filed correctly, the assessed value would have been adjusted accordingly and the town and other entities would not have budgeted for those dollars.

Mr. Watson said he and Mr. Finley discussed this in depth and gave options for the council but felt that it was really a council decision and therefore did not give a staff recommendation.

Mr. Huddleston explained that the third option on the staff report basically says the abatement will continue however they will not get the benefit of the first years.

Councilman Piercefield said he would be in favor of approving a waiver of non-compliance as Sacoma is a large employer in the community.

Mr. Huddleston said option one says the town will hold a public hearing and adopt a resolution waiving Sacoma's non-compliance. The resolution would be sent to the county. The town and other entities would lose some taxes as the assessed values for those years were calculated incorrectly. He recommended having Sacoma pay any necessary fees associated with the waiver.

Further discussion was held.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to approve option one on the staff report and allow Mr. Huddleston to draft the necessary resolution for the waiver of non-compliance and have Sacoma pay all fees associated with waiver of non-compliance. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2020-4 Travel Policy – Second Reading – Mr. Doane said after discussion at the last meeting a few changes were made to the policy.

Mr. Finley said we had discussed a 50-mile radius for hotel stays being added to the ordinance. After some internal discussion we decided to change that to outside the tri-county (Shelby, Johnson, and Bartholomew) borders as there are often conferences with evening events in Indianapolis.

Councilwoman Buck said she would still like to see the distance be 50 miles.

Discussion was held regarding conferences and hotel stays.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to table Ordinance 2020-4 and adjust the mileage range to 50 miles. Councilman Piercefield seconded.

Ordinance 2020-5 Credit Card Use Policy – Second Reading – Mr. Finley said the typos that were present in the last draft have been corrected and the ordinance is ready for approval barring any changes by council.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-5. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2020-6 Vehicle Use – Second Reading – Mr. Finley said again the errors in the ordinance have been corrected and adjustments have been made. It is ready for council approval barring any changes.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-6. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2020-7 Recycling Depot Fines – First Reading – Mr. Doane said the recycling depot will be opening soon. This ordinance enforces fines for violations regarding the depot.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to waive the first reading of Ordinance 2020-7. Councilman Piercefield seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-7. Councilman Piercefield seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Huddleston said because this ordinance contains fines, it will need to be advertised before it can become effective.

Ray's Trash Service Addendum – Mr. Doane said the council had approved at the last meeting the bulk trash removal service by Ray's. Mr. Huddleston has reviewed and approved this addendum. A flier will go out in the next utility bill and an ordinance revision will be necessary to establish parameters.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the Ray's Trash Service Addendum. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

104, 106, and 108 South Holland Street Property – Mr. Doane said there has been an offer for the building across the street from the utility office as well as the two empty lots adjacent to it. The appraisal has been done and the council needs to set a starting price. Mr. Huddleston will be drafting notices for adjacent property owners of the intent to sell.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve a starting sale price of \$48,000. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Baker Tilly Agreement – Mr. Doane said Baker Tilly provides financial services for the town and its utilities. This specific agreement is for the tracker for utility billing. This is a similar agreement to past agreements with a \$50 increase in rates.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to approve the Baker Tilly agreement. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Fire Department Engine 41 – Mr. Doane said the refurbishment of Engine 41 has been completed and will be picked up this week. This amount was approved last year when Allen Smith discussed the refurbishing process.

State Road 252 NOFA Grant – Mr. Doane the town has been awarded funding for additional sidewalks and lighting on the 252 project in the amount of \$563,591.14. The funding will be awarded in 2023 and the project will take place in 2024. There will be a community forum in the spring for INDOT to explain the project to the public.

Council Comments

Councilwoman Graham said she heard great things about the Presidents' Day event at the school. She thanked the staff involved with that program. She asked that next year there be more publicity on the State of the Town as she had numerous people say they did not know it was happening.

Councilman Piercefield said he and Fire Chief Herron have been discussing how to implement Advance Life Support and paramedics. The department is looking at an aerial vehicle that is about \$100,000 which is a great price as a new one would cost \$1.5 million.

Mr. Huddleston said the agreement with King's Trucking for the County Road 900 has been signed by both parties and submitted to INDOT.

Departmental Comments

Mr. Doane said he wanted to thank the Fire Department and Park and Recreation for their help setting up and tearing down for the State of the Town address. The address will be planned for around the same time next year.

Mr. Doane said the aerial truck demo has been moved to Friday for anyone interested in seeing that vehicle in action.

Town Marshall Doyne Little said he will have two officers going to the academy this year, one of which is the School Resource Officer. At 6 P.M. on March 16th there will be a graduation ceremony for new reserve officers at the community center if anyone would like to attend.

Parks Director Daniel Teter said Little League signups are underway and the concession remodel project should be completed soon.

Timbergate General Manager Wayne Gibbs submitted a request to hire part time employees at the golf course. He explained that hours to be filled have not changed since last year's request.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the part time hiring request for Timbergate. Councilman Piercefield seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Gibbs submitted a request to spend Shelby County EDIT funds that have been earmarked for Timbergate. The request was for driving range and short game area equipment. The cost was \$3,213.

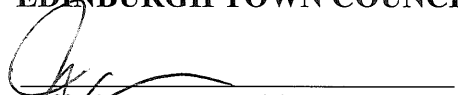
Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the \$3,213 from the Shelby County EDIT fund. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Wastewater Superintendent Rebecca Frakes thanked the council for all their support. She has an employee signed up to become a certified pretreatment coordinator and two others studying for similar licenses.

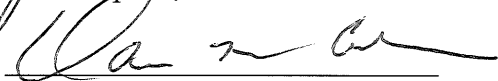
Water Superintendent Bill Jones said the plant had a water filter leak this morning. Bastin and Logan should be in this week to fix the issue. He also has two employees studying to get treatment licenses.

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

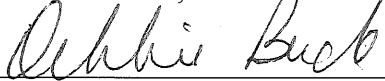
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 Jeff Simpson, President

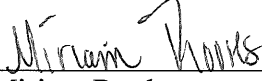


 Dawn Graham, Vice President



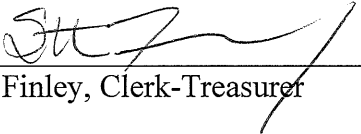
 Debbie Buck

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 Miriam Rooks

ATTEST:



 Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer