

Town Council Meeting
Monday, March 23, 2020
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, March 23, 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: *Due to the COVID-19 public emergency and per Executive Order 20-09, members may have attended electronically (e).* Councilwoman Debbie Buck, Councilwoman Miriam Rooks (e), Vice President Dawn Graham, Councilman Ryan Piercefield, and President Jeff Simpson. Also present were Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston, Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley (e), and Town Manager JT Doane.

Minutes – Council meeting of March 9, 2020 and special council meeting of March 14, 2020. Councilwoman Graham 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 docket was 681,609.70. 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 Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Electric Department Bucket Truck – Mr. Doane said the town received a revised invoice that Mr. Huddleston will need to prepare the resolution. However, he requested the council table the discussion as there is still more information needed from the vendor.

Mr. Huddleston said as this bucket truck is a specialized piece of equipment, the bid process can be bypassed as long as it meets certain criteria. To do that, we have to make sure the vehicle is on the list of approved purchases as well as all charges on the invoice. The revised quote included an additional charge that is not allowed by the statute.

Stormwater Project – Wessler Agreement – Mr. Doane said Wessler has provided an agreement for the stormwater project in Prosser addition. The project would be for 2021 but his plan is to apply for the grant at the end of this year. He recommended the council allow Mr. Huddleston to review and alter the agreement to protect the town.

Mr. Huddleston said we have done other agreements with Wessler and have not had any issues.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to draft the Wessler agreement for the stormwater project. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

2005 Vector Truck – Mr. Doane said at the last meeting the council approved the repair of the vac truck transmission. However, the cost of the work was higher than anticipated. The price is \$10,925. The quote for a new transmission was \$15,364. The 360 evaluation of the truck cannot be completed until the transmission is fixed.

Discussion was held regarding warranty on the work and the use of the truck after it is fixed.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to approve the repair of the vac truck up to \$15,364.20 pending review of the warranties by the town manager. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2020-7 COVID-19 – Mr. Doane said the town receives constant updates on this ever changing public emergency. This resolution puts some policies and procedures in place if the situation changes for the worse or we get further directives from the higher governments.

Mr. Huddleston said this resolution memorializes the information that was put on the website and shared with the public regarding policies and procedures while in a state of public emergency. This would be effective through April 13th.

Councilwoman Graham asked if we could extend the resolution if needed at the next meeting.

Mr. Huddleston said he would have a resolution ready extending the dates just in case.

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

Resolution 2020-8 Providing Emergency Measures to Issue Deposits and Claims – Mr. Doane said this is a precautionary measure that adjusts the process for issuing deposits and claims.

Mr. Huddleston said the SBOA sent out a directive to Mr. Finley regarding deposits and claims during the public emergency. This resolution can be evoked at anytime during this emergency and allows a council member to approve claims in the event the council cannot meet.

Mr. Finley said the process would follow a similar process to our end-of-month dockets. The claims would be paid and then retroactively approved at the next council meeting.

Councilwoman Graham said she thinks we should have two council members approved by resolution to approve claims in this event in case the other is unavailable.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to amend Resolution 2020-8 to allow President Jeff Simpson and/or Vice President Dawn Graham to approve the claims if needed. Councilman Piercefield seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-8 as amended by the previous motion. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2020-8 Amendment to Ordinance 2019-20 First Reading – Mr. Huddleston said this ordinance again has precautionary language in the instance that employees would need to work from home during the public emergency. It amends the current salary ordinance to state that employees working from home would be on call and able to respond to their workstation within an hour and limits the duration without further council approval. It is all on a case-by-case basis.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to waive the first reading of Ordinance 2020-8 and consider it for approval. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-8. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Council Comments

Councilwoman Graham asked if heavy trash was going to be postponed.

Mr. Doane said no, it will proceed as advertised. The utility bill will have an insert explaining the process and what will and will not be accepted.

President Simpson asked how long the process would take.

Mr. Doane said they are planning on having everything picked up on the normal trash day. They are aware of how the process went in the past. There should not be as much out as the process will be performed 4 times per year now.

Mr. Huddleston said the courts have pushed all non-essential hearings back. The town had a hearing regarding the issue with Bill White. A motion to dismiss the action was filed and the hearing was set in April but has been moved to May 18th.

Departmental Comments


Mr. Doane said he will continue to keep the council apprised of any changes in the public emergency as it effects the town. The town is being proactive and working closely with other governmental entities.

Community Center Director SaraBeth Drybread said if the council hears of anyone asking about small business loans or assistance during this emergency to direct them to the community center and she will try to get them in contact with the SBA.

Mr. Doane said he has reached out the school and offered assistance with providing food if necessary.

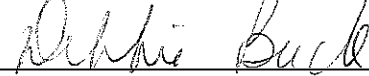
Being no further business or comments, Councilwoman Buck made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Piercefield seconded. Motion carried.

EDINBURGH TOWN COUNCIL




Jeff Simpson, President

Dawn Graham, Vice President



Debbie Buck



Ryan Piercefield

Miriam Rooks

ATTEST:



Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer