

Special Town Council Meeting
Monday, August 10, 2020
6:45 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a special session on Monday, August 10, 2020 at 6:45 P.M. at the Town Hall, 107 South Holland Street, Edinburgh, Indiana.

Vice President Dawn Graham called the meeting to order.

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, Vice President Dawn Graham, and Councilman Ryan Piercefield. Also present were Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston, Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley, Town Manager JT Doane, and all necessary department heads. President Jeff Simpson was absent.

Mr. Finley said he has given budget forms to all department heads for the 2021 budget. The forms show 2018, 2019, and 2020 to-date activity as well as the adopted 2020 budget. Those forms have been completed by each department head. He said the only adjustments he has made to the forms is calculation errors and insurance numbers. All other numbers were submitted by the department head.

He said the majority of these departments operate under the general fund. The cash balance in the general fund is still relatively high. However, with the changes to the fire department this year, that cash balance will be necessary to operate. With the numbers submitted by the department heads, the general fund would be at a \$1.2 million deficit. The fund can not operate at that deficit. He said he is comfortable operating at about a \$500,000 deficit. That can be attained by decreasing expenses and/or transferring levy.

Parks Director Daniel Teter presented his budgets.

Swimming Pool – Mr. Teter explained that the swimming pool budget was almost identical to the 2020 budget. There are a few repairs that will have to be done before the next season.

Buildings and Grounds – Mr. Teter explained some minor line item changes. The overall increase was just over 4%.

Cemetery – Mr. Teter said the biggest change in this budget was putting a quarter of his salary into the budget as he is now over the cemetery as well. Employee insurance also increased in anticipation an employee getting married. The \$60,000 was left to purchase a dump truck as we have been trying to avoid large expenses this year.

Mr. Finley said historically the Badger Fund had paid the cemetery superintendent's salary. However, he would prefer to move some of the one-time capital costs to that fund and keep the cemetery superintendent's salary in the general fund.

Parks and Recreation – Mr. Teter said salaries were increased to account for raises. He said the quarter of his salary moved to cemetery has not been removed yet because the council wanted to reevaluate his status after a few months. Part time wages were increased to account for the recycling center employee. There was a significant drop in employee insurance as an employee dropped the town's insurance. He said he added two new line items. One was for a new roof on shelter number one at Irwin Park and the second was to purchase a new dump truck. The department has two dump trucks that are both from the early 1990's. Those two line items make up the majority of the overall increase.

Discussion was held regarding wage increases.

Parks and Recreation NRO – Mr. Teter said the baseball budget was not changed from the previous year. The youth club was increased slightly due to increased costs of supplies. He said the concessions budget was increased mostly for repairs to the concession's areas.

Golf Course General Manger Wayne Gibbs (e) presented the golf course budget.

Golf Course - Mr. Gibbs said for personnel, he increased the full-time wages to account for the council allowing him last year to promote a part time employee to full time. Standard increases were also included in that line item. Part time wages were also increased slightly based on historical activity. He said he decreased utilities base on historical activity. The increase in capital outlays is the payment on the new green's mower that will start in 2021.

Street Superintendent Clark McCollum (e) presented the MVH budget.

MVH – Mr. McCollum said the overall increase to MVH was only 1%. He explained that wages were decreased to be more inline with actual spending. Several other line items were decreased slightly based on historic activity. The main increases were for new equipment and increased garbage pickup because the department cannot take waste to the yard waste site anymore.

Town Marshal Doyne Little (e) presented the police budget.

Police – Mr. Little said wages were increased by \$50,000 to account for the SRO. The school is supposed to reimburse a portion of that salary. Radio communications were increased for new radios for the reserve officers. The biggest increase was for vehicles. He said he is budgeting for 3 new Durangos to replace a few older vehicles. The overall increase was just under 8%.

Fire Chief Mike Herron (e) presented the Fire and EMS budget.

Fire and EMS – Mr. Herron explained that he prepared several different versions of the budget. He has also provided the council with explanations on each line item change and what each line item consists of. The first was keeping the personnel similar to 2020 with 3 full-time and the rest covered by paid stand-by. The variations increased in amount all the way to 9 full-time employees and 1 paid stand-by position. He said he would like to hire either a part time or full-time employee that can share some of the administrative work of the chief.

Discussion was held regarding staffing options.

Councilman Piercefield asked which direction he would like to see the department go in.

Mr. Herron said at this point he would just like to see the town maintain the paid stand-by.

Discussion was held regarding moving to an advanced life support system.

Mr. Herron said he would like to see the town tip-toe down the road of adding more full-time firefighters but maintaining the current status is his goal for the near future.

Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley presented the council and clerk treasurer budgets.

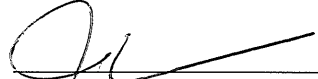
Council – Mr. Finley said overall in the council budget you are going to see a large decrease because the \$500,000 in capital outlays was removed for next year. He said he is also proposing that the council pay be increased and that we eliminate the extra pay for special meetings. This will increase the council budget by about \$10,000.

Clerk – Mr. Finley explained that the clerk-treasurer budget actually decreased due to the employee insurance line item. For 2020 we were unsure who would be elected so we budgeted for additional insurance.

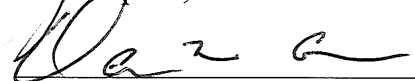
Mr. Finley said he would get with the departments and see what can be easily cut from each budget. He said he will also look at transferring levy from the street fund to the general fund.

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

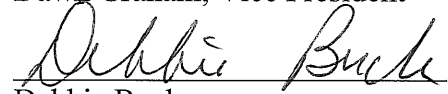
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Jeff Simpson, President

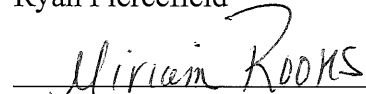


Dawn Graham, Vice President



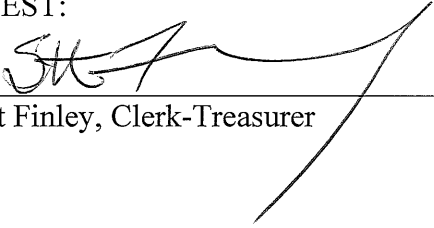
Debbie Buck

Ryan Piercefield



Miriam Rooks

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Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer