

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

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, August 24, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, 107 South Holland Street, Edinburgh, Indiana.

President Jeff 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, and President Jeff Simpson. Also present were Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston, Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley, and Town Manager JT Doane. Councilman Ryan Piercefield was absent.

Minutes – Council meeting minutes of August 10, 2020 and special meeting minutes of August 10, 2020. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Claims – The council received three claim dockets in their council packets. The docket totals were as follows:

Regular docket: \$884,051.52
 May end-of-month docket: \$227,337.84
 June end-of-month docket: \$686,409.06

Mr. Finley said he had signed off on the claims in those dockets and handed them over to the council for approval.

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

Ordinance 2020-17 Historic Preservation (Second Reading) – Mr. Doane said Indiana Landmarks was present at an earlier meeting to explain this ordinance. Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston has reviewed the ordinance and it is before the council for action.

Councilwoman Graham said she is not in favor of this ordinance. The comparisons for this ordinance were all larger communities and she believes there are other ways to go about these processes.

President Simpson said he agrees.

Councilwoman Rooks said she is in favor of the ordinance. The council is still in control of the enforcement.

Councilwoman Buck said she is still on the fence and would like to see if Community Center Director SaraBeth Drybread had any further plans for these processes.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to table Ordinance 2020-17. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2020-20 Expressing Interest in Real Estate – Mr. Doane said the Phillips building for the fire department is not panning out. There are two parcels of land available in that area for a potential fire house and a new substation. This resolution would authorize two appraisals on those properties.

President Simpson said he is not in favor of this resolution. The town has spent a lot of money on appraisals recently and have not moved on any of them. He believes this needs further discussion.

The rest of the council agreed.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to table Resolution 2020-20 indefinitely. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement – Mr. Huddleston said President Simpson would like to be able to submit quotes for vehicle repair on town vehicles. Because this is a conflict of interest, he would need council approval as well as state approval to be allowed to submit quotes for work. The statement is for a one-year period.

President Simpson said he believes he is able to repair some of the town vehicles at a lower price than some of the companies currently doing this kind of work. Ultimately, he could save the town some money on these types of repairs.

Mr. Huddleston said this does not mean the council automatically accepts his quotes. The quotes would be reviewed, and a decision would be made based on those quotes.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the uniform conflict of interest disclosure form for Jeff Simpson as presented. Councilwoman Buck seconded. President Simpson abstained. Motion carried 3-0.

Riverfront Development District – Mr. Doane said Mr. Huddleston has provided additional details after the previous discussion. The next step would be to create a map and an ordinance for this district.

Councilwoman Graham asked what areas would be encompassed.

Mr. Huddleston said there is a limit to how far from the river the district can stretch. It would require more research to create that map.

Councilwoman Graham said she would like to hold off on this process.

Mr. Huddleston said it is possible the statute could change but he can keep his eye out for any bills that may make changes to this process.

7498 County Line Road Property – Mr. Doane presented a photo of the home located at this address. It is an unsafe building. The owner of the property has received notification that action will be taken if the nuisance is not abated.

Mr. Huddleston said a hearing will be held on this matter at this meeting. The owner, Mr. Streeval may present evidence that he has abated the nuisance or that the town's information is wrong. A letter was hand delivered on August 12, 2020 by Town Marshall Doyne Little with detail instructions. The letter has been recorded with the Johnson County Recorder's office.

President Simpson opened the hearing. Mr. Streeval was not present to present his evidence.

Mr. Huddleston presented the town's evidence on the matter

Exhibit A: The hand delivered letter recorded with instrument number 20-022475

Exhibit B: The affidavit of service of said letter

Exhibit C: Pictures of property

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to accept exhibits a, b, and c as presented. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to commence legal action to abate the nuisance and request an order of demolition. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

President Simpson closed the hearing on the 7498 County Line Road Property.

Wastewater Plant – Phosphorous Detail – Mr. Doane said the department has found a chemical that removes phosphorous and does not require the town to build an additional structure.

Wastewater Superintendent Rebecca Frakes said the process is working well and not causing any adverse effects to the plant. The new phosphorus limit will be 1. After treating, the plant is consistently putting out levels around 0.7. She explained that she would like to start purchasing the chemical in bulk. The chemical is expensive to ship so if we purchase it in bulk it is cheaper.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the purchase of one year's worth of chemical at \$46,000. Councilman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

CR 900 Project – Mr. Doane said unfortunately, County Road 900 did not pass the proof roll test. This means there are issues with the subsurface. He submitted two options for change orders for the project. Change order #1 is \$66,533.60 and fixes the specific areas that failed the roll test. Change order #2 is \$92,570.00 which corrects the subsurface issues across the entire project. The staff recommended change order #2.

Josh Eisenhower of VS Engineering explained the roll test and the reasons they need to be fixed before paving. He explained that when the core samples were taken there had been no rain for quite some time. Now that there has been some rain, the subsurface has changed.

Mr. Finley said his recommendation would be to not do the additional paving that was suggested at the previous meeting and proceed with change order #2.

Discussion was held regarding why this issue was not caught in the preliminary engineering.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to proceed with change order #2 for \$92,570. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Heart Monitor – Mr. Doane said the council received two quotes for heart monitors for the fire department. Chief Herron has obtained a third quote. Mr. Doane said he reached out to the Indiana Finance Authority and found that the expense associated with the heart monitor could be reimbursed through the CARES Act funding.

Fire Chief Mike Herron said Jeramy Goodnight was with him tonight who is a paid stand-by firefighter with the town and is full time at Columbus Regional Hospital. If the town were to move toward an Advanced Life Support (ALS) system, we would need a heart monitor. The heart monitor is one of the most expensive parts of running an ALS system.

Mr. Goodnight gave an explanation of the different options for heart monitors. He recommended the Zoll monitor. Zoll has a longer warranty and a better maintenance agreement.

Mr. Herron said he is not asking the council for any action tonight. He just wanted to inform the council of the cost and to be aware of the possibilities.

Water Department Iron and Manganese Pilot Study – Water Superintendent Bill Jones said the council is aware of the issues and complications the department is having with the water. The issue is being caused by Iron and Manganese. It should leave the plant at around .05 but is currently leaving at about 1.0. The department is flushing and using a new chemical that is taking those minerals out of the water. The pilot study is done in preparation of a new plant. The study shows what type of filter media is needed in the new plant. This chemical will need to be used until the new plant can be constructed.

President Simpson asked how long the pilot study would take.

Adam Sitka of Wessler Engineering said it will run for two weeks. He explained the quotes submitted and said they are not apples to apples. They recommended WesTec as they have more resources than Bastin Logan.

Discussion was held regarding the process and reasons for the pilot study.

Councilwoman Graham asked about the timeline for the new plant.

Mr. Doane said the preliminary engineering report has been submitted to Baker Tilly for financial review. We will have further discussions on the rates and financials when they finish their review.

Mr. Jones said we are looking at about 3 to 5 years before a new plant would be operational. Wessler would like to start this study as soon as possible.

Mr. Sitka said the timeline really depends on funding. The pilot study will take a couple of weeks with about a month turnaround. We should have results by the end of the year. If the town went with SRF funding, design could start in early 2021 and bid the project by the end of 2021. Construction would take about a year.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to table the pilot study discussion for further review. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Sitka said they could draw up a timeline and present it to the council.

Police Reserve Application Process – Town Marshall Little said the department utilize reserve officers to help serve the citizens. These officers do not receive any pay but get experience and gives

the department a pool of possible full-time officers. He said he just wanted to inform the council of the process in case they were to see the advertisement for reserve officers.

Other Business

Mr. Finley said he will have his budget workshop with the DLGF tomorrow morning. The next budget workshop with the council will be at 5:30 on August 31st.

Departmental Comments

Parks Director Daniel Teter said fall league started tonight and the pool is still open until Labor Day. The farmers' market on Thursdays is going great. Coffee Grrrls will be setting up in the town hall parking lot on Wednesday's for a while. At the next council meeting he will have options for Halloween for the town.

President Simpson said he overheard some people saying great things about the Edinburgh Aquatic Center the other day and he wanted to pass that on to Mr. Teter.

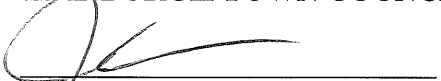
Public Comments

Allison Detling of 510 W. Center Cross Street asked if the hydrant flushing the department is doing is supposed to fix the brown water issues or will they need to keep using the chemical. How do we know the water is safe to drink?

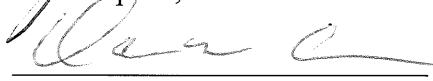
Mr. Jones said the water is tested weekly and sent to the state. The plant is filtering some of the manganese but is not filtering everything it should, so it is getting into the system. During the shut down during the pandemic, water usage dropped significantly. Because of this, the minerals have time to settle in the pipes. Flushing helps force the sediment out of the lines. Tests are performed from all sides of town. The water is safe to drink and will not hurt you. The water is tested by a certified lab in Madison and sent to the state.

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


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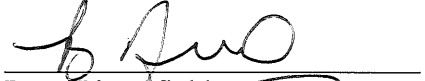
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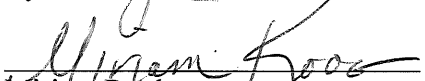
Dawn Graham, Vice President



Debbie Buck

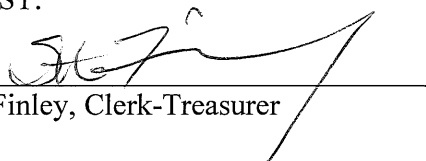


Ryan Piercefield



Miriam Rooks

ATTEST:



Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer