

**Town Council Meeting
Monday, December 14, 2020
6:00 P.M. Town Hall**

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, December 14, 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: *Due to the COVID-19 public emergency and per Executive Order 20-09, members may have attended electronically (e).* Councilwoman Miriam Rooks, Councilwoman Debbie Buck, Councilman Ryan Piercefield, Vice President Dawn Graham, and President Jeff Simpson. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley and Dustin Huddleston.

Minutes –Council meeting of November 23, 2020.

Councilwoman Graham said there was a typo on the salary ordinance number. It should have been 2020-20

Mr. Finley said he will make that change.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Claims – The council received a copy of the claim docket in their packet. The total for the docket was \$381,007.96. Mr. Finley said he had signed off on the claims in those dockets and handed them over to the council for approval.

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

Public Hearing for Additional Appropriations – Mr. Finley said this was discussed at the previous meeting and was advertised in the newspapers as required by statute. The request is for \$68,050 from the General Fund.

President Simpson opened the public hearing.

With no comments from the public, President Simpson closed the public hearing.

Ordinance 2020-21 Additional Appropriations (Second Reading) – Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-21. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2020-25 Fiscal Plan for Annexation – Mr. Watson said this is the same plan that was proposed during the public hearing.

Mr. Huddleston said he attended the commissioners meeting as this requires consent from the commissioners. The commissioners unanimously consented.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-25. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2020-19 Annexing of Real Estate (Second Reading) – Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-19. Councilman Piercefield seconded. Motion carried.

Barb Pierce thanked the council for their work on this. She asked if she could inform the potential buyers that this has been approved.

Mr. Watson said yes, and he would submit the signed documents to her as well.

Ordinance 2020-22 Salary Ordinance (First Reading) – Mr. Finley said the only changes that have been made from the previous ordinance is for employees that were at the top of the range and could not receive a cost-of-living raise. Mr. Teter requested that the Pool Manager salary be increased by \$50 per week. If the council is ok with that, he will make that change before the final reading.

Ordinance 2020-23 Transfer of Appropriations (First Reading) – Mr. Finley said this is a skeleton of an ordinance that will have more detail at the next meeting after he has reviewed the budget numbers.

Resolution 2020-30 Appointing Town Council Member to Sign Closing Documents – Mr. Huddleston said the town entered into an interlocal agreement with the school to acquire the property where the Aquatic Center sits. The town will also give the school an easement to utilize the parking lot for student pickup after school. The closing is set for Wednesday and this resolution assigns Councilwoman Graham to sign the closing documents.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-30 appointing Councilwoman Graham as signatory for the closing documents. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Huddleston asked Mr. Finley to check that we have adequate coverage on that property before Wednesday.

2021 Buening Consulting Agreement – Mr. Huddleston said this is an extension of the agreement the town has with Mike Buening for Engineering Services. Mr. Buening works for INDOT and does consulting for the town on an as-needed basis. The only change to this agreement is the date.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to approve the 2021 Buening Consulting Agreement. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Assumption of Memorandum of Agreements – Mr. Watson said this is a follow up from last meeting regarding the transfer of abatement for Sacoma. This was drafted by Mr. Huddleston to be consistent with Indiana Code. Sacoma needs to sign these documents before approval.

Resolution 2020-31 Sacoma Tax Abatement Transfers – Councilwoman Buck made a motion to table Resolution 2020-31 and the Assumption of Memorandum of Agreements until the next council meeting. Councilman Piercefield seconded. Motion carried.

VS Engineering Contract – Mr. Watson said the council received a copy of Task Order 02 from VS Engineering for work on the Community Crossings Matching Grant. Previously this work was done under an open contract. He requested that the council take this under advisement to get a competitive bid.

Discussion was held regarding the timeline for the project.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to table the agreement until the next meeting.

Other Business

Councilman Piercefield said he spoke with Mr. Finley regarding funding for some end-of-year purchases for the fire department. He said they had approximately \$26,000 available from the public safety fund. The department submitted a list of expenses totaling \$25,257.00. Those items were:

- Gear washer/extractor and gear dryer, \$8,795.00
- Thermal Imaging Camera, \$7,362.00
- Stryker stair chair, \$3,500.00
- Battery powered positive pressure vent fan, \$4,000.00
- K12 Saw, \$1,600.00

Councilman Piercefield explained the use for each of the purchases.

Discussion was held regarding the need for these items.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the fire department purchases as presented. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to authorize Mr. Huddleston to draft a resolution appointing two appraisals for real estate for a future substation. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Graham thanked the street department for keeping the streets clean with the street sweeper. She also thanked the parks department for putting the holiday lights up. She has received a lot of compliments on them this year.


Departmental Comments

Wastewater Superintendent Rebecca Frakes said the department has started their chemical feed and should be compliant with their permit by the first of the year. Also, Bob Jessie has passed his class 1 certification exam.

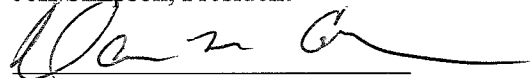
The council congratulated Mr. Jessie on passing that certification exam.

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


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Jeff Simpson, President



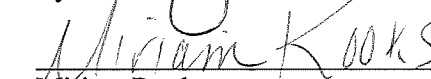
Dawn Graham, Vice President



Debbie Buck



Ryan Piercefield



Miriam Rooks

ATTEST:



Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer