

**Town Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, December 30, 2020**  
**6:00 P.M. Town Hall**

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Wednesday, December 30, 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 (e).

**Minutes** – Council meeting of December 14, 2020 and executive meeting of December 14, 2020. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

**Claims** – The council received two claim dockets in their council packet. The first was an end-of-month docket for October totaling \$296,776.86 and the second was the regular docket for the period totaling \$1,145,524.13. 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. Councilman Piercefield seconded. Motion carried.

**Ordinance 2020-22 Salary Ordinance (Second Reading)** – Mr. Finley said the only change that has been made since the last meeting was the Pool Manager salary that was discussed at the previous meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the fire department salaries.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-22. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

**Ordinance 2020-23 Transfer of Appropriations (Second Reading)** – Mr. Finley said this was discussed at the last meeting. Since that meeting, he has submitted to the council the transfers within departments that would be made. There is no overall change to the budget.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-23. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

**Assumption of Memorandum of Agreements** – Mr. Huddleston said the town had existing tax abatements with Sacoma that the new owners wanted transferred to them. The abatements said that Sacoma would give a portion of their savings to the Redevelopment Commission and he wanted to ensure that was solidified in the transfer. This has been signed by the new owners.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to approve the Assumption of Memorandum of Agreements. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

**Resolution 2020-31 Sacoma Tax Abatement Transfers** – Councilman Piercefield made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-31. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

**Resolution 2020-32 Rainy Day Transfer** – Mr. Finley said Indiana Code allows the town to transfer unused budget to the Rainy Day fund. This resolution allows \$300,000 to be moved from the General fund to the Rainy Day fund.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-32. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

**Resolution 2020-33 Board Appointments** – Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-33. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

**Resolution 2020-34 Expressing Interest in Real Estate** – Mr. Huddleston said this resolution refers to the property south of town in Al-Anna Farms. It identifies one parcel in particular that could be used for a substation. The resolution appoints two appraisers to present appraisals and fees.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-33. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

**602 River Road Property** – Mr. Huddleston said this property belongs to Mr. Muncy. This has been a code enforcement issue. He has had several notices to clean up the property and has yet to abate the nuisance. The next step is to file to get court authority to clean up the property.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to allow Mr. Huddleston to proceed with litigation on 602 River Road to get the property cleaned up. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

**Community Crossings Matching Grant 2020-2 Agreement** – Mr. Huddleston explained that this is a required agreement if the town wants to accept the funding through the CCMG. He said the agreement is acceptable to sign and approve.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to approve the Community Crossings Matching Grant 2020-2 Agreement. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow President Simpson to sign the agreement on behalf of the council. Councilman Piercefield seconded. Motion carried.

**Engineering Service Proposals for South Walnut Street** – Mr. Huddleston said Building Commissioner Wade Watson sent out a staff report regarding engineers for the CCMG project. Former Town Manager JT Doane had been working with VS Engineering. As he is no longer with the town, the staff requested a secondary estimate from Crossroads Engineering. He explained that the Crossroads quote was a little higher, but engineering services are not subject to the bidding requirements and the application also did not state that the town would use VS Engineering. The town is free to grant the services to either of those firms.

Councilman Piercefield said he and Mr. Watson had discussed the difference in cost between the two firms. Crossroads will have someone on site up to 20 hours a week to oversee the project. VS Engineering proposed having weekly site visits. Also, on the CR900 project, there was an engineering issue that ultimately caused the town to pay \$100,000 that was not initially planned in the project. He said he recommended we go with Crossroads Engineering.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to approve Crossroads Engineering for the CCMG Project on South Walnut Street. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to allow Wade Watson to sign the Crossroads Engineering proposal. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

### **Other Business**

Councilwoman Rooks thanked the electric department for their work on the outage last night.

Councilman Piercefield said the crews have been doing great work. He thanked the water department for their work on the main break, the electric department for their work on the outage, all departments involved for their work on the tree cleanup on Main Cross.

### **Departmental Comments**

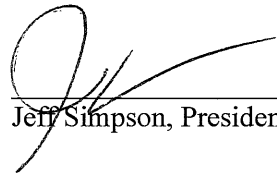
Water Superintendent Bill Jones said Adam Sitka sent out the PER for the water treatment plant. They would like to schedule a meeting to review the PER. We will then need to get with Baker Tilly to discuss the funding and rates.

Mr. Watson (e) requested that the council make a motion to allow someone to sign the SB-1's for the Sacoma abatement transfers.

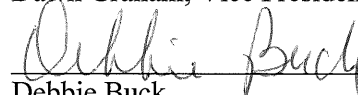
Councilman Piercefield made a motion to allow President Simpson to sign the SB-1's for the Sacoma abatement transfers on behalf of the council. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Community Center Director SaraBeth Drybread gave an update on the OCRA Peer Grant. In January we should have all the information to the council in January.


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

*Aye*  
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Dawn Graham, Vice President

  
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Debbie Buck

  
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Ryan Pierzefield

  
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Miriam Rooks

ATTEST:

  
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Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer