

**Town Council Meeting
Monday January 11, 2021
6:00 P.M. Town Hall**

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, January 11, 2021 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 (e), Vice President Dawn Graham, and President Jeff Simpson. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley and Dustin Huddleston.

Minutes – Council meeting of December 30, 2020, executive meeting of December 30, 2020, special meeting of January 4, 2021, and special meeting of January 8, 2021. Councilman Piercefield made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2021-1 Salary Ordinance Amendment (First Reading) – Mr. Finley said the council discussed a few corrections to the previously passed ordinance. Two employees were not able to get a raise because they were at the max for the position.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to waive the first reading of Ordinance 2021-1. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-1. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

2021 Blue River Township Trustee Ambulance and Emergency Service Contract – Mr. Finley said this is an agreement to provide Blue River Township with our emergency services. There had been an issue where the trustee was behind on those payments, but he believes those payments are now caught up.

Councilman Piercefield said the department is not a volunteer department anymore but the agreement states Edinburgh Volunteer Fire Department.

Mr. Huddleston said the council can approve the agreement with the amendment of removing the word volunteer.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to approve the Blue River Township Emergency Service Agreement with the proposed amendment. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Wessler Engineering Water PER Discussion – Adam Sitka of Wessler Engineering said he was present to give and update on the PER and Asset Management Plan presented to the town. He handed out copies of the report to the council for review. He explained that the report is broken into two categories: condition and capacity. Three of the towns four wells are over 80 years old but are still performing. The town will need another well in the near future.

He explained that the water treatment plant capacity does not meet IDEM's average daily demand. The plant is currently functioning as it should be but is rusting severely and beyond repair. The total project cost for a new treatment plant and a new well is about \$5.7 million. Wessler has worked on a pilot study on the water quality. The first step would be site location for a new well. The next milestone would be to secure funding. He would like to set up a meeting with Kenna Consulting and Baker Tilly to look at options for grants and funding. The next concrete deadline would be to submit for SRF funding in May.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to allow Wessler to forward the PER to Kenna Consulting for review. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to allow Mr. Finley to forward the PER to Baker Tilly for review. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Other Business

Councilman Piercefield said he finally received the report on repairs to the aerial truck and they have been sent to the insurance company. He met with representatives on the baby safe haven box. The box will be completely funded by them. It is an intelligent box that can sense if a baby has been dropped off and keeps it in a safe environment and contacts emergency services.

Departmental Comments

Water Superintendent Bill Jones said the department found a leak in a 4-inch main and repaired the line. Pumping at the plant has been down since that repair by about 120,000 gallons per day.

Street Superintendent Clark McCollum said the department has installed 85 new street signs, 40 stop signs, and 40 posts.

Wastewater Superintendent Rebecca Frakes said the department just finished the UV repairs at the plant. She said they have been able to reduce the feed of chemical at the plant which should save about \$10,000 per year.

Building Commissioner Wade Watson said the staff is reviewing a proposal from Wessler for the Prosser area storm water project. He said he should have that ready by early next week.

Community Center Director SaraBeth Drybread asked if there had been any discussions on adding sidewalks and streetlights on Brown Street where the 3 duplexes are located.

President Simpson said at this time there have not been any discussion on that.


Ms. Drybread asked if there was a schedule for 2021 heavy trash pickup.

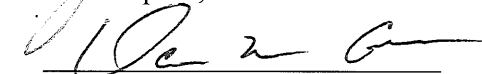
Mr. Finley said he believes the January pickup is still scheduled for the 20th, but he is not aware of a contract for the remainder of the year.

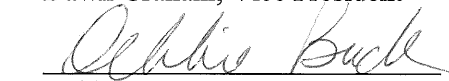
Mr. McCollum said Ray's is supposed to be getting back with him on the process for this coming year.

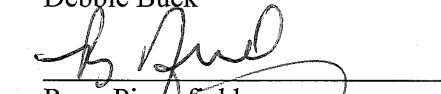
Being no further business or comments, Councilman Piercefield made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried

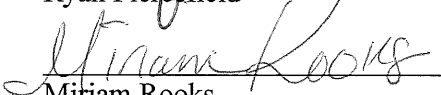
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