

Town Council Meeting
Monday January 25, 2021
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, January 25, 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, Vice President Dawn Graham, and President Jeff Simpson. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley and Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston.

Minutes – Council meeting of January 11, 2020. Councilman Piercefield made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Claims – The council received two claim dockets in their council packet. The first was the end-of-month docket for November totaling \$231,089.29, and the second was the regular docket for the period totaling \$748,520.48. Mr. Finley said he had signed off on all the claims in those dockets and submitted them to the council for approval.

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

Resolution 2021-1 Limiting Access Due to COVID-19 – Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston said he drafted a resolution extending the current limitations that expire today. The council can modify the resolution if they wish.

Councilman Piercefield said he spoke with Parks Director Daniel Teter and he is proposing opening the Parks activities back up and having Mr. Huddleston draft a waiver for parents to sign limiting the town's liability due to COVID-19. The only restrictions that would continue would be town hall and the utility office. Mr. Teter has already run plans by the health department, and they have been approved.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to extend the current limitations for town hall and the utility office and have Mr. Huddleston draft a resolution and waiver for the next meeting. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Public Official Bond Approval – Mr. Finley said there are several positions within the town that require a bond by Indiana Code. The bonds are before the council for approval.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the public official bond for Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley in the amount of \$300,000. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the public official bond for Town Marshall Doyne Little in the amount of \$15,000. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the public official bond for Assistant Town Marshall Hector Mercado in the amount of \$15,000. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the public official bond for the Redevelopment Commission Members in the amount of \$15,000 per member. Councilman Piercefield seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Finley said there will also be a bond for the Town Manager when that position is filled.

Hotbox Quotes – Street Superintendent presented three hotbox machine quotes to the council. This was included in the 2021 budget. He said the quotes are not apples to apples but are great machines. He explained the differences between the machines.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to approve the purchase of a hotbox machine from Southeastern for \$24,476.75. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

2021 CCMG Round Two Engineering – Mr. McCollum said the state has opened a second round of CCMG funds for 2021. The town is eligible for up to \$750,000 in grant funds with a \$250,000 local match. He said he would like to have Crossroads Engineering update the asset management plan and the PACER for all town roads. He said he would also like to have our ADA consultant David Miehl on sidewalks.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion allow Mr. McCollum to work with Crossroads Engineers for the asset management plan and PACER as well as the second round of CCMG. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Council Comments

Councilwoman Graham said we have had some changes to some town boards and will need to update the board appointments resolution.

Councilman Piercefield said the staff has been busy working on grant projects. The property on East Main Cross where the lift station is located is for sale. The town needs access to that lift station and he would like to look into that property.

Building Commissioner Wade Watson said the station has been completely rebuilt and should require little maintenance.

Wastewater Superintendent Rebecca Frakes said a portion of that lot is unbuildable because of a force main running under the property.

Councilman Piercefield said he will be resigning from the BZA and someone will need to be appointed.

Mr. Finley said Jack Gray of the food pantry contacted the town regarding the utilities at the food pantry. In September of 2019, the town passed a resolution stating it would pay for the utilities at the food pantry. The resolution stated we would revisit after a year of history was established. He said he pulled the utility bills and calculated the average bill at \$217.02 per month.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to allow Mr. Huddleston to draft a resolution regarding the food pantry utilities and make it retroactive to September of 2020. Councilman Piercefield seconded. Motion carried.

Departmental Comments

Mr. McCollum said he is meeting with some surrounding communities about moving to a brine solution rather than salt for the roads. By putting the salt into a brine, it can save up 60% on salt. He said he will present this to council when he has more information.

Mr. Watson said he presented the council with a copy of the contract for design work on the Prosser Stormwater Project with Wessler. He said he and Mr. Huddleston have reviewed the contract and found it acceptable.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the contract with Wessler Engineering for the Prosser Stormwater Project design and allow Councilman Piercefield to sign the contract on behalf of the council. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Water Superintendent Bill Jones said he has several valves broken in the closed position in town that need replaced. The quotes were similar but the lowest was Culy for \$9,700. Councilman Piercefield made a motion to approve the quote from Culy Contracting for \$9,700. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.


Town Marshall Doyne Little introduced the newest police officer, Darren Koors.

Mr. Finley performed the Oath of Office for Officer Koors and congratulated him on his position with the department.

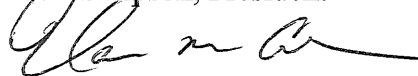
Officer Koors thanked the council for the opportunity and introduced his wife and stepson.

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


EDINBURGH TOWN COUNCIL



 Jeff Simpson, President

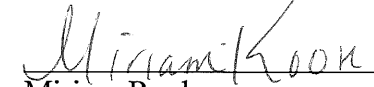


 Dawn Graham, Vice President




 Debbie Buck

 Ryan Piercefield



 Miriam Rooks

ATTEST:



 Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer