

**Special Town Council Meeting
Friday October 23, 2020
9:00 A.M. Town Hall**

Edinburgh Town Council met in a special session on Friday, October 23, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. at the Town Hall, 107 South Holland Street, Edinburgh, Indiana.

Vice President Graham 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 Debbie Buck, Councilwoman Miriam Rooks, Vice President Dawn Graham, Councilman Ryan Piercefield (e), and President Jeff Simpson (e). Also present were Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston and Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley.

Vice President Graham said she first wanted to acknowledge the new annexation request from Barb Piere which supersedes the original request. The town acknowledges this request and will act appropriately on the matter.

Vice President Graham said it has recently come to the council's attention that Town Manager JT Doane was paying one of the town's former employees from his own personal account. Upon learning of this, the town council conducted an investigation as to these allegations. Mr. Doane subsequently submitted a letter of resignation to the town effective yesterday.

Vice President Graham made a motion to reject Mr. Doane's letter of resignation. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Vice President Graham made a motion to terminate the Town Manager Employment Agreement with Mr. Doane dated March 4, 2019 for cause, effective immediately and authorize the town attorney to issue written notice to Mr. Doane of the same. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to authorize Mr. Huddleston to contact the Johnson County Sheriff's Department to request them to conduct a criminal investigation into the actions of former town manager JT Doane. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

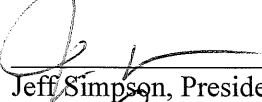
Councilwoman Buck made a motion to conduct further investigations regarding the former town manager and disclose those actions to the appropriate state and local agencies. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Vice President Graham made a motion to appoint President Simpson and Councilman Piercefield as interim town managers until further action from the town council. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

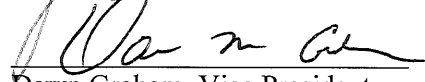
Vice President Graham said because of the pending investigation the town council will not make any further comments or answer any questions related to Mr. Doane until the investigation has been completed.

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

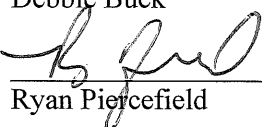
EDENBURGH TOWN COUNCIL



Jeff Simpson, President



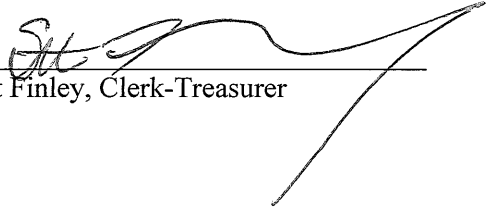
Dawn Graham, Vice President

Debbie Buck


Ryan Piercefield

Miriam Rooks

ATTEST:



Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer