

Town Council Meeting
Monday July 26, 2021
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, July 26, 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 ((e) represents virtual attendance): Councilwoman Debbie Buck, Councilwoman Miriam Rooks, Vice President Dawn Graham, Councilman Ryan Piercefield(e), and President Jeff Simpson. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley, Town Manager Dan Cartwright, and Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston.

Minutes – Council meeting of July 12, 2021. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Claims – The council received two claim dockets in their council packet. The first was an end-of-month docket for May totaling \$166,868.34 and the second was the regular docket for the period totaling \$913,647.69. Mr. Finley said he had signed off on the claims in that docket and handed them over to the council for approval. Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve claims as submitted. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Second Amendment to Recycle Agreement – Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston said the only modification to this agreement is the location. The depot will be moved to the wastewater plant. This agreement has been sent to Johnson County Recycling attorney for review and they will approve it at their next meeting.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the second amendment to the recycling agreement. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Bulk Water Distribution Station Approval – Town Manager Dan Cartwright said this has been discussed in the past. The town has no way of distributing bulk water but have continual requests. The billing and metering aspect has not been resolved but we need to get the fill station ordered. Water Superintendent Bill Jones visited other bulk water distributors and found that one similar to Whiteland's would work best for the town. We would have the ability to take credit cards as well as have customers set up an account for bulk water. It will be located at the street garage. Three bids were obtained. The low bid was from Elemech for \$19,645.

Councilwoman Graham asked if that price included the credit card terminal because the quote shows it as an additional cost.

Mr. Jones said he called and asked, and he believes it is included in the quoted cost. He said there may be a few additional costs after the installation is complete.

Councilman Piercefield asked how long it would take to recoup the initial investment.

Mr. Jones said there was about 1,000,000 gallons of unmetered water last year.

Mr. Finley said if his math is correct, at 1,000,000 gallons of bulk water per year at \$.55 per 100 gallons it would take about 4 years to recoup the initial cost.

Discussion was held on additional costs and confusion on the quote.

Mr. Jones said he will get more clarification and present the quote again at the next meeting.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to table the bulk water quote until the next council meeting. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Educational Site Clinical Agreement Approval – Mr. Cartwright said Fire Chief John Henderson has great relationship with Johnson Memorial Hospital. He would like Edinburgh to

be a clinical ride site for emergency medical services training. A contract has been prepared by Mr. Huddleston and reviewed by Johnson Memorial Hospital.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the Educational Site Clinical Agreement. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Wessler Engineering Water Emergency Response Plan – Mr. Cartwright said this is the 4th amendment to the Wessler water agreement. It allows Wessler to prepare our risk and resiliency plan as well as the emergency management plan for the water department which is required by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the Wessler Engineering Water Emergency Response Plan. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Columbus Economic Development Contract – Mr. Cartwright said this is a professional services agreement with CEDC. Mr. Huddleston has reviewed the document and added about 2 pages. It has also been reviewed by CEDC and they have approved. The cost will be \$3,500 for first year and \$7,000 for each year after. The CEDC will promote the industrial park in Bartholomew County as well as rest of Edinburgh. It also gives the town a seat on their board.

Councilwoman Graham asked a question about verbiage on the first page.

Mr. Huddleston said he had proposed a change in that verbiage, and they declined the change.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the Columbus Economic Development Contract. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Huddleston said the council needs to make a motion for someone to sign the recycling agreement and the clinical agreement.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow President Simpson to sign the Johnson County Recycling agreement on behalf of the council. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to allow President Simpson to sign the Educational Site Clinical Agreement on behalf of the council. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Council Comments

Mr. Huddleston said there is a pending zoning application for Shelby Gravel with the Shelby County Planning Commission. Mr. Cartwright had asked him to investigate the issue. His research found the area is in Edinburgh's "Buffer Zone". He notified the Shelby County planning director of the town's position and asked that it be removed as he believes it should go before the Edinburgh Planning Commission. He said he will attend the Shelby County meeting and present a report that it should be filed with Edinburgh, not Shelby County.

Mr. Finley said we have started the 2022 budget process. He will plan to have budget workshops with the council and the department heads at the next two council meetings in August.

Departmental Comments

Mr. Cartwright said Gradison development has remaining home sites at Timbergate under contract. They will need to go before the planning commission to replat that land. He has not seen any drawings yet, but it will be a maintenance free development. He explained how that process would go.

Mr. Cartwright said the Request for Qualifications has been advertised for the fire station. Proposals are due by July 30th. Crossroads Engineering is working on the Community Crossings Grant for High School Drive. An employment ad for the Electric Administrative Manager has run and we will be accepting applications for that position.

Building Commissioner Wade Watson held a discussion on stop signs at the S-curve on the newly rebuilt Walnut Street. He showed an aerial video of the area and asked that the council allow Mr.

Huddleston to draft an amendment to the traffic code eliminating the stop signs on that curve. The redesign of this road makes the stop signs less necessary in that area.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to allow Mr. Huddleston to draft an amendment to the traffic code relating to stop signs on the S-curve on Walnut Street. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Town Marshall Doyme Little said the new Durangos have been delivered. One of them already needs repaired due to the light installation and some rust spots. The department is having a rough time with vehicles right now.

Wastewater Superintendent Rebecca Frakes said the Prosser project hasn't quite broken ground yet but should be underway soon.

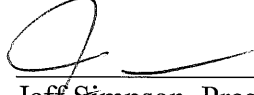
Larry Rudolph of Alpha Engineering said he gave a presentation in April regarding the problems with the Roosevelt substation transformer. The plan is after the new transformer has arrived, we would take old transformer to be repaired or remanufactured for the new substation or as a spare. A proposal has been submitted to the town for the engineering services required prior to repairing or remanufacturing the old transformer. He said he is concerned that gas is still increasing in the old transformer and the new transformer will not be here until August of next year.

Mr. Cartwright said this was not on agenda but will be on next meeting agenda. The cost is \$60,000 for engineering to prepare the bid documents. The cost to repair could be \$400,000. He said he wanted Mr. Rudolph to explain the process before it came before council for approval. He explained that remanufacturing the old transformer would give it 30 years of useful life and could be used for the new substation.

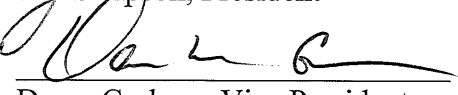
Ben Huckaba of Alpha Engineering discussed the possible options for the transformer after remanufacturing. At this point it is going to take a year to get the new transformer and a year to fix the old one. It is an 18-24 month process to set up a new substation.

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

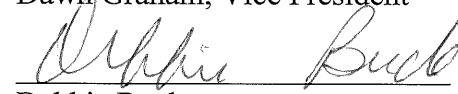
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