

Town Council Meeting
Monday August 9, 2021
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, August 9, 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, 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 26, 2021. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Claims – The council received a copy of the claim docket in their council packet. The total of the docket was \$193,926.90. Mr. Finley said he had signed off on the claims in that docket and handed them over to the council for approval.

Councilwoman Rooks asked about the purchase of water line supplies for Centra Credit Union.

Water Superintendent Bill Jones said we purchase the supplies and then bill the customer after the work is complete.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve claims as submitted. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2021-16 Amending Chapter 74 – Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston said this ordinance is related to the request at the last meeting to remove the stop signs on the S-curve on Walnut Street. This amends the traffic ordinance to remove those stop signs.

Councilman Piercefield made a motion to waive the first reading of Ordinance 2021-16 and consider it for approval. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-16. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Town Marshal Employment Agreement – Mr. Huddleston said this is the employment agreement with Town Marshal Doyme Little. He said he looked back through the minutes and could not find where the new agreement had been approved.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the Town Marshal Employment Agreement. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Bulk Water Distribution Station Approval – Town Manger Dan Cartwright said this was presented at the last meeting and the council asked for some clarification on cost. The card reader does need to be added to the price of the low quote. The total from Elemac after adding the card reader would be \$20,295.

Mr. Jones said he called the company and asked for an updated quote but that have yet to send one over.

Discussion was held regarding the credit card functionality and security issues.

Councilwoman Rooks said she would like to see an updated quote from the company before approval.

Councilman Piercefield said it would be beneficial to see what services are included with the credit card terminal.

Remanufacturing Roosevelt Transformer – Mr. Cartwright said Larry Rudolph was present who gave a presentation at last meeting regarding the Roosevelt transformer. Alpha Engineering has submitted a quote to do the engineering and prepare the bid documents for the remanufacturing of the transformer for \$60,000.

Mr. Rudolph gave an explanation of the proposal. The proposal is for the whole process to get the transformer back in working order. A remanufacture would typically be between 70 and 80 percent of the cost of a new transformer. He said the town is going to have engineering costs related to a transformer whether they decide to remanufacture this one or purchase a new one. The remanufactured transformer would have the same life expectancy as a new one.

Discussion on engineering process and the possible issues.

Councilwoman Graham asked how often a transformer is opened and is unable to be repaired.

Mr. Rudolph said if the core steel has been damaged the repair becomes cost prohibitive. He said he has worked on about 40 transformer remanufactures and 2 were not able to be repaired.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the Roosevelt Transformer remanufacturing engineering quote from Alpha Engineering. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Inventory Surplus Items Approval – Mr. Cartwright said he passed out a new sheet to the council just before the meeting. The items are broken down into two classifications: vehicles and miscellaneous items. He said he would like to use an online auction company, JJ Kane, for the vehicles as they are specialized vehicles that would not bring a lot at a local auction. Their fee is 5%. For the other items he would like to have a local auction on a Saturday morning.

Discussion was held regarding a few of the specific items.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow Mr. Huddleston to draft the necessary auction documents. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Other Business

Mr. Cartwright said Gradison Development has a meeting with the Timbergate homeowners on August 23rd. The town is not spraying for mosquitoes this year, but we have been spraying at Irwin Park as there have been a lot of complaints from campers. The committee for the B.O.T. fire station project will meet soon to take the project to the next step.

Mr. Cartwright said the town's comprehensive plan and zoning ordinances are very out of date. There is a grant available to update those plans for up to \$50,000. He and Planning Director Wade Watson are interviewing engineers and architects to get quotes for these plans.

Mr. Cartwright said town hall has a great need for additional restrooms. The town needs to have ADA accessible restrooms available to the public. He said he would like to consult an architect regarding ADA restrooms as well as an add on to the town hall for a larger council room.

Mr. Finley said the town will never be completely ADA compliant but must show that we are working towards compliance in our public buildings. The town runs the risk of losing grant dollars if we do not show that we are working towards our ADA compliance plan.

Council Comments

Councilwoman Rooks commended the parks department on flowers around town. She said she noticed there are a couple of streetlights out downtown.

President Simpson said the new downtown wayfinding signage around town looks nice.

Mr. Huddleston said an issue was discovered that a billboard was on town property and the council had asked him to investigate the issue. The town would need to go through a process to advertise to lease the space. The town must first create a legal description of the ground which would require a boundary survey. The current leaser of the billboard has offered to pay for that description, or the town can order a survey on their own.

Councilwoman Graham said she would prefer to have the survey ordered by the town.

Mr. Cartwright said he does not see any issue as the surveyor they are going to use was suggested by Mr. Huddleston.

Councilwoman Rooks said she would rather order the survey as well.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to obtain a survey on the land surrounding the billboard on Timbergate Golf Course. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Departmental Comments

Mr. Watson said we have filled the Building and Zoning Official position. Scott Tanner will be filling that role and assisting with code enforcement and building inspections. He said he was not present as he was not feeling well this evening.

Parks Director Daniel Teter said signups are open for fall leagues have begun. The swimming pool has been drained. The Peer Grant through OCRA has assisted with paying for the wayfinding signage as well as the murals downtown.

Fire Chief John Henderson said the department had a great visit with football team last week. The department is trying to build a good relationship with the school system.

Water Superintendent Bill Jones said we had the 60% design meeting on water treatment plant last week. The 90% design will be sometime in September. At that time there will be a virtual picture of where the plant will sit and how it will look.

Public Comments

Debbie Vaughan of 1127 Constitution Drive asked why we are not spraying for mosquitos this year.

Mr. Cartwright said the town does not currently have the staff to spray in the evenings when the mosquitos are out.

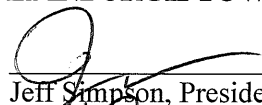
Street Superintendent Clark McCollum said we have enough product to spray at the fall festival if the council would like to do that. The primary mosquito control has been treating water sources with larvicide.

Councilwoman Graham said the council had several discussions last year and the mosquito spray is only effective if it physically touches the mosquitos.

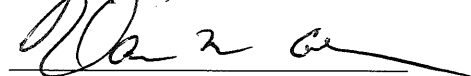
Ms. Vaughn said she would also like to give kudos to Fonda at the golf course. She works a lot of hours and it shows in the condition of the course.

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

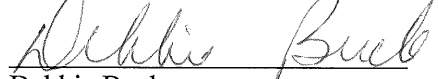
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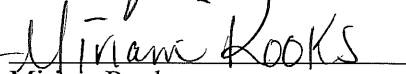
Dawn Graham, Vice President



Debbie Buck

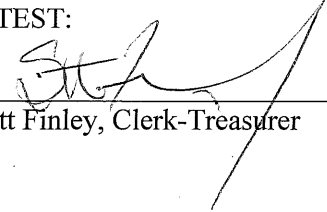


Ryan Piercefield



Miriam Rooks

ATTEST:



Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer