

Town Council Meeting
Monday September 13, 2021
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, September 13, 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, and President Jeff Simpson. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley, Town Manager Dan Cartwright, and Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston. Councilman Ryan Piercefield was absent.

Minutes – Special meeting of August 23, 2021, council meeting of August 23, 2021, and executive meeting of August 23, 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 for the claim docket was \$269,153.80. 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 Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Proposed 2022 Budget Public Hearing – Mr. Finley said he gave the council a copy of the form 3 which is the notice to taxpayers that is advertised on the Gateway website. The public hearing for the budget is tonight and the adoption will be on September 27th. He explained that the tax rate stated on the form 3 and form 4 will be inflated to give the town the most flexibility with the budget.

President Simpson opened the public hearing for the 2022 budget.

A resident asked where the budget was posted.

Mr. Finley said the budget is available through the Indiana Gateway Website.

With no other questions, President Simpson closed the public hearing.

Crossroads Engineering Contract – Mr. Cartwright said this is for the engineering design work on High School Drive. It will be a total reconstruct.

Mr. Huddleston said he has reviewed the contract per the council request, and it is acceptable.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the Crossroads Engineering contract. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow Mr. Cartwright to sign the document on behalf of the council. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

New Electric Meter Contract – Mr. Cartwright said the town is in the process of switching to an advanced metering system. This will eliminate the need to drive through town collecting radio reads. Reading will be sent directly to the main office and disconnects and reconnects can be handled remotely. Originally, we believed we would be able to do the installation in house but with a short staff we have not been able to make time. We currently have about 700 meters on hand. Anixter has submitted a proposal to install the meters for us for \$15.85 per meter. The contract has been amended and sent back to Anixter.

Councilwoman Graham said she has no problem with the process, but she wants to see the final contract before approving it.

Mr. Cartwright said he will put the contract on the agenda when it is returned to the town.

Comprehensive Plan Proposal – Mr. Cartwright said the town's current plan is out of date. It does not project growth the way growth is currently happening and needs to be revised. He said he and Planning Director Wade Watson have interviewed three planning firms to update the plan. His recommendation was HWC Engineering. They have extensive experience in drafting comprehensive plans. He has a verbal quote currently at \$55,000 but did not want to proceed with a contract until the council agreed to move forward with the process.

Mr. Watson said the \$55,000 price is most likely going to be the same between firms. There is a grant available that will cover up to \$50,000 with a 10% match. These firms are aware of that grant and therefore have priced their quotes accordingly.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to proceed with contract documents with HWC Engineering for an update comprehensive plan. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Architect Services for Townhall and Aquatic Center Expansion – Mr. Cartwright said he would explain these individually. He reached out to two firms he believed to be suitable for these projects. The first is the townhall addition. This addition would include a new council chambers and ADA public restrooms. The cost for the design is \$8,073.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the contract for architectural design for town hall expansion with Miller Architect. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

The second quote is for the Edinburgh Aquatic Center building. The existing building is in bad shape and does not satisfy ADA requirements or size requirements. Originally, we were discussing adding on to the existing structure but after further review it was decided it would be better to tear the building down and rebuild. Per capacity requirements, the building needs 12 men's and 12 women's bathroom fixtures. The cost for this is \$13,800.

Councilwoman Graham said she would rather see this money spent somewhere else. The pool is a money pit that is only open 60 days a year.

President Simpson said he thinks the aquatic center is a service the town provides that is beneficial to the community.

Councilwoman Buck said she doesn't think we can shut something down that people in town enjoy.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the proposal from Miller Architect for the aquatic center for \$13,800. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried 3 to 1 with Councilwoman Graham voting nay.

104 S. Holland Street Renovation – Mr. Cartwright said we have some interest in the building across from the town hall. The interested party is willing to renovate the interior if the town will repair the exterior. This project needs done whether someone goes into the building or not. The cost is about \$80,000.

Discussion was held regarding funding for the project. Mr. Finley said we had discussed using the Riverboat fund for this work.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to authorize Mr. Cartwright to proceed with the exterior renovation at 104 S. Holland Street. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Huddleston said if the town wants to lease the building after the exterior renovation is done, it will have to be advertised for interested parties to submit bids for the lease.

Phosphorous Quote – Wastewater Superintendent Rebecca Frakes said this is for our annual chemical purchase for phosphorous removal. Krofta is the low quote, and it will save about \$3,000 over last year.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the Phosphorous quote from Krofta for \$39,577. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Other Business

Councilwoman Buck said the flyer for heavy said they would only be picking up 2 items. She asked for clarification.

Mr. Cartwright said with Ray's it means they will only take two items and leave anything else. This is part of the reason we are re-bidding the solid waste removal services.

Further discussion was held regarding heavy trash.

Councilwoman Rooks asked if the recycling depot had staff on duty yet.

Ms. Frakes said not yet. The department is trying to service the depot until we can get a part time employee hired. The department is short staffed right now.

President Simpson thanked the staff for their work on the streets. The paving is looking good. Mr. Cartwright said the town has received a PUD amendment application for the Timbergate Development. That will be reviewed on October 19th at 6:00 PM by the planning commission. Anyone for or against will have chance to speak at that meeting. Because of the potential size of the meeting, it may be held at the school cafeteria.

Departmental Comments

Ms. Frakes said groundbreaking has started on the Prosser project. It is a little behind schedule, but material is on site, and they have begun moving dirt.

Fire Chief John Henderson said the department held a 9/11 recognition this weekend that went well and had a great turnout.

Community Center Director SaraBeth Drybread handed out bulletins for the fall festival. We received a grant from Festival Country for entertainment. The Isaac Family Bluegrass Band will be playing, the midway booths are all sold out, the parade route will be back to normal this year, and there will be a car show downtown following the parade. She thanked the council for allowing us to move forward with the 104 S. Holland Street building.

Park Director Daniel Teter said the football team helped move all the flower baskets at the cemetery last week.

Town Marshall Doyle Little said the 9/11 program at the fire department was great. A fully dressed military veteran was present and a quilt made by inmates in the department of corrections with the names of all who died was on display.

Mr. Watson introduced the new building official, Robert Overton.

Public Comments

Evelyn Pence of Edinburgh Flower and Gift said the trees across from JayC are dying. They look like they have not been watered. The staff had time to plant them but cannot make time to water them. Those trees are expensive.

President Simpson said he will have a discussion with the staff about that issue.

Debby Vaughn of 1127 Constitution Drive asked why we needed an addition to town hall.

Mr. Cartwright said the town has an ADA plan in place that says we will work toward becoming ADA Compliant across all facilities. The plan must be followed to continue applying for grants for projects in the town. The current town hall building is not anywhere close to ADA compliant.

Ms. Vaughan said she has heard that the pool is falling apart. She asked if that was true.

Mr. Teter said he would not say "falling apart" but it has definitely aged. The building is from the 1950's when the original pool was built. The ADA consultant, who is in a wheelchair, would not go through the facility because he believed it was unsafe.

Discussion was held regarding needed repairs and staffing of the pool.

Linda Sanders of Wessler Engineering thanked the town for hosting the AWWA meeting in town. She congratulated the town on receiving the OCRA grant for the water plant.

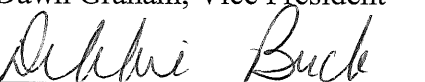
Being no further business or comments, Councilwoman Graham made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

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Jeff Simpson, President



Dawn Graham, Vice President



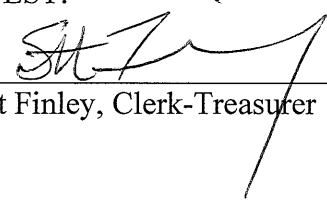
Debbie Buck



Ryan Piercefield

Miriam Rooks

ATTEST:



Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer