

**Town Council Meeting**  
**Monday, December 28, 2022**  
**6:00 P.M.**

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, December 28, 2022, at 6:00 P.M. at 104 South Holland Street, Edinburgh, Indiana.

President Ryan Piercefield called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members answering roll call:** Councilwoman Debbie Buck, Councilwoman Miriam Rooks, Councilwoman Dawn Graham, Councilman Jeff Simpson, and President Ryan Piercefield. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley, Interim Town Manager Wade Watson, and Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston (via telephone).

**Minutes** – Executive meeting of December 12, 2022, and council meeting of December 12, 2022. Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

**Claims** – The council received 4 claim dockets in their council packet. The dockets were as follows:

- End-of-month for July – \$940,253.53
- End-of-month for August – \$123,507.99
- End-of-month for September – \$381,326.90
- Regular claim docket – \$2,915,139.29

Mr. Finley said he had signed off on all the claims in those dockets and presented them to the council for approval.

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

**Ordinance 2022-12 Amending Salary Ordinance 2022-7 (Fourth Reading)** – Mr. Finley said he believes all the changes requested by the council have been made and he has nothing to add unless the council has any questions.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-12. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

**Ordinance 2022-14 Transfer of Appropriations** – Mr. Finley said this ordinance is an accounting cleanup of individual line items that may have gone into the hole throughout the year. He presented the council with the final numbers that will be adjusted after approval.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-14. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

**Resolution 2022-22 Board Appointments for Planning Commission, Joint Planning Commission, Edinburgh Redevelopment Commission, Edinburgh Redevelopment Authority, Economic Development Board and Storm Water Board** – Mr. Finley said the staff did not receive any names for the appointments. Once the council has submitted those names the resolution will be updated and presented for approval.

**Resolution 2022-23 Transfer of Real Estate and Granting Temporary Easement to the State of Indiana** – Mr. Huddleston said this was discussed at the last meeting. This resolution conveys real estate and easement to the State of Indiana along State Road 252 for the update and redesign project starting in 2024. The town will receive \$2,000 for the property.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-23. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

**Eisenhower Drive Lease Proposals** – Mr. Watson said the town has received two proposals, both above the minimum lease price. However, we have not heard back on the background checks from previous landlords. After we receive those we will present the information to council.

**Public Official Bond Approval** – Mr. Finley said we have several official bonds that need approved for 2023. These bonds are required for certain positions by state statute. Each bond will require separate approval.

- Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley - \$300,000
  - Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the public official bond for Scott Finley. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.
- Town Marshall Doyne Little - \$15,000
  - Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the public official bond for Doyne Little. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.
- Assistant Town Marshall Hector Mercado - \$15,000
  - Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the public official bond for Hector Mercado. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.
- Redevelopment Commission - \$15,000 per member
  - Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the public official bond for the Redevelopment Commission. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

**2022 Encumbrances** – Mr. Finley said we have three encumbrances this year. They are as follows:

Tovey-Perry Council Chambers P.O. # 17863 101-010-449000	\$51,768.38
Mid-State Truck Steel Dump Body Package P.O. #17864 201-000-445000	\$11,305.00
Greenville Turf Two John Deere Mowers & John Deere Bunker/Field Rake P.O. #17865 101-030-449000	\$131,024.00

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the 2022 encumbrances as submitted. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

**Extrication Equipment** – Fire Captain of B-shift Joe Sinclair was present to explain the need for new extrication equipment. He said he has 35 years of experience in the fire industry. He explained the “Golden Hour” after a traumatic accident. It is the time immediately following the accident where the chance of survival is the greatest. The faster they can remove a person, the greater the chance of survival. The current extrication equipment is about 20 years old and weighs about 70 pounds. Because of the weight, high and angled cuts are difficult to make. They are hydraulic powered which requires a bulky power unit and can only power one tool at a time. He explained the accident just outside Edinburgh on US 31 a few years ago. The new tools are all electric and are lighter, faster, and easier to use. The price is about \$35,000. He showed a comparison of quotes.

Discussion was held regarding the quotes and funding for the extrication equipment.

Mr. Finley said if this is the route the council wants to take, the money is there it will just reduce the amount for machinery and equipment for the rest of 2023.

Chuck Ridpath of the fire department said he knows the council has spent a lot of money recently on the fire department. In his evaluation he sees three big expenses the department still needs. The extrication equipment, air packs, and a new engine. The current engine is a 1995.

The only other option they have is to run a tanker. They have been trying to use the squad truck on runs to eliminate wear and tear on the engine. He said other than this equipment, he does not see any other equipment needs for 2023.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the purchase of new extrication equipment for \$35,000. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

**Fire Department Cadet Program** – Captain Sinclair said the cadet program provides young adults insights into a career in fire service. It works with the youth of the community to empower them to maximize their potential. Edinburgh has had 35 overdoses in 2022. He said his daughter was a victim of the opioid crisis so he knows firsthand how this can effect members of the community. The town needs to do something to fight this epidemic. He believes this program can help lead the youth into a more successful life.

Sam Kirchoff said he works on shift with Captain Sinclair and is also a volunteer at Camby. He went through Area 31 which is similar to C9 in Greenwood. The cadet program is very different than classroom learning. During his time in the program, he was able to assist with resuscitating someone. It taught him hands-on skills that cannot be learned in a classroom.

President Piercefield said he sees no issues with the program but would like Mr. Huddleston to review the SOP's and SOG's.

### **Other Business**

Councilwoman Graham said the council has not appointed an interim fire chief yet. She thinks we should allow President Piercefield to appoint that interim until we can find a full time chief.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to give authority to President Piercefield to appoint an interim Fire Chief. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

President Piercefield said he wanted to thank the departments that worked through the cold over the past few weeks with power outages, snow, and water main breaks.

Mr. Watson said he wanted to update the council on the electrical costs coming up over the next few years. He passed out a document showing those projected costs. At the next meeting there will be a reimbursement resolution allowing us to reimburse ourselves for cost that will be eventually covered by a bond. The substation design has gone from about \$3 million to about \$10 million. The transformer has been put on hold as we no longer think it is adequate. The transformer for the Roosevelt substation is on site and will go online in the next couple of months.

Mr. Watson said the fire station framing is done. The project will go along quick and then slow down when they get indoors. The town hall project is almost complete. We are just waiting on the brick to come in.

Mr. Watson said he is sad to see Rebecca Frakes leave the Wastewater Department. She has been an excellent operator for the department. The town has received 2 resumes for the position. He asked if the council wanted to advertise the position.

President Piercefield said he would like to see us promote from within if possible.

Mr. Watson said the internal candidate that we have does not currently have the operator license necessary to run the plant but is going through classes to get that license. The department does have one class three operator on staff, but he has not applied for the position.

The council consensus was to advertise the position as we don't have anyone currently on staff that has applied with the credentials to run the plant.

Wastewater Superintendent Rebecca Frakes said she is sad to be leaving but has enjoyed working with everyone in the town. There are a few things at the plant becoming an extreme concern that have been in her plan to replace including the SCADA system. Those issues should be on the next superintendent's radar.

Town Marshall Doyne Little said the railroad is putting up the crossing arms at all the railroad crossings. He said he wanted to stress the importance of the response time of the fire department. He was on a scene and watch the fire department bring someone back and you cannot put a price on that.

Parks Director Daniel Teter said he is proud of what the parks department achieved in 2022 and they are looking forward to 2023.


Water Superintendent Bill Jones said the department received the new backhoe last week. He thanked David Rakes of his department for his work during the cold weather. He had 16 different calls to respond to over the weekend.

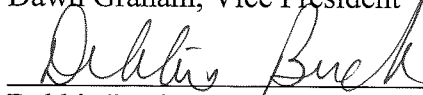
Street Superintendent Clark McCollum thanked all the departments that helped get the snow taken care of last week.

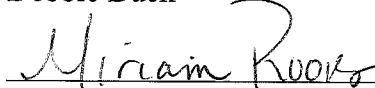
Being no further business or comments, Councilman Simpson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

**EDINBURGH TOWN COUNCIL**

  
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Ryan Piercefield, President

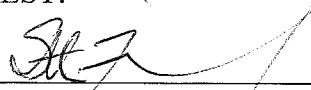
  
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ATTEST:

  
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Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer