

Town Council Meeting
Monday, April 10, 2023
6:00 P.M.

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, April 10, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, 107 South Holland Street, Edinburgh, Indiana.

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

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

Minutes – Council meeting of March 27, 2023. *Councilman Simpson 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 docket was \$263,663.37. Mr. Finley said he had signed off on all the claims in that docket and presented them to the council for approval.

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

South Main Street Extension Project Bid Award – Interim Town Manager Wade Watson said the low bidder and engineer recommendation for this project is Milestone. The project came in lower than the engineers estimated at \$1,169,000. Mr. Huddleston has prepared a construction agreement for this project.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to award the South Main Street Extension project to Milestone for \$1,169,000. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to allow Mr. Watson to sign the contract on behalf of the council. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Approval to Advertise BOT – Mr. Watson said he would like to get council approval to send out an RFQ for a BOT process for the property adjacent to the sports complex. This would involve the acquisition of property, demolition of current structures, and construction on that property.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to advertise the BOT project for the property adjacent to the sports complex. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

Water Treatment Plant Pay Application #11 – Mr. Finley said 11th pay application for the water treatment plant. The total of the application is \$303,330.56. Upon approval, the pay application will be submitted to SRF for payment. He requested that the council also make a motion to President Piercefield to sign the pay application. Previously, he had been signing the pay apps as Clerk-Treasurer but during our audit, the SBOA recommended the council president sign the pay applications.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve pay application #11 for the water treatment plant. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow President Piercefield to sign the pay application on behalf of the council. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Donations for Fire and Police – Mr. Finley said the town received an \$8,000 donation from the American Legion for AEDs.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to accept the \$8,000 donation from the American Legion for AEDs. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

AED Purchase – Town Marshall Doyme Little said the town has received several donations for AEDs. The quote he received that is compatible with the town's current AEDs is \$44,523. This is for 27 AEDs.

Mr. Finley said the remaining funds could either come from the public safety fund or from the various departments where the AEDs would be kept.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the AED purchase for \$44,523. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

115 East Main Cross Structure Discussion – Mr. Huddleston said at the last meeting Building Official Robert Overton brought this to the council's attention. The council asked him to research options for the building. The quickest option is, if there is an immediate danger to the public, the town can authorize the removal of the danger and then collect from the owner. The second option is to send notice to the property owner requesting an inspection of the property. If they refuse, we can obtain a warrant from the court to do that inspection. There is then a process to recover the costs incurred. The last option, which can run parallel to other options, is to proceed under the unsafe building code and the Chapter 95 Nuisance Code. This includes a hearing process.

Mr. Overton said the building is a danger to the public. He cannot say it will fall down tomorrow but the structure is heading in that direction. They have been given multiple notices asking for an engineering assessment. They have refused to provide that information to the town.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to take immediate action under IC 36-7-9-9 and pursue remedies under the unsafe building code. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow Mr. Huddleston to do a title search on 115 East Main Cross Street. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow the Building and Zoning Official, Town Manager, Council President, and Town Marshall to sign documents related to action taken on 115 East Main Cross Street. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Other Business

Councilwoman Graham said she has had some complaints about the campground at Irwin Park. Some of the campers that are being brought in are rundown and the campers destroy the sites while they are there. A process needs to be in place so that we know what they are bringing to the campsites.

Parks Director Daniel Teter said they have made adjustments to the process like requiring proof of insurance for all campers. They did have an issue recently, but the department is open to suggestions on making the process better.

Discussion was held on some of the issues they have had with campers and the current process.

Town Marshall Little discussed the calls the police department receives to the campsites.

Mr. Watson recommended a right of refusal clause allowing the town to ask campers to leave and refund their money.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow Mr. Huddleston to review the camp site rental agreement. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

President Piercefield asked about the work being done on Walnut Steet. They have torn a lot of the street up. He wanted to make sure we were enforcing the standards for street repair. The town has spent a lot of money on street work, and they need to fix them to our standards.

Mr. Watson said Street Superintendent Clark McCollum is keeping track of repairs that are not to our standards and requiring them to correct the issue.

Mr. Finley said the SBOA is concluding their audit for 2021 and 2022. The exit conference is tentatively scheduled for 1:30 PM on April 25th.

Mr. Watson said Frank Bryant of the street department is retiring on April 21st. He has been with the town for 27 years. The street department will be holding an open house during lunch that day for employees to come and thank Mr. Bryant for his service to the town.

Mr. Watson said Seal Master will be in town demonstrating new crack sealing equipment.

Departmental Comments

Town Marshall Little said there was a great turnout at the Easter Egg Hunt. Over 300 kids showed up.

Water Superintendent Bill Jones said the water plant is still moving along. Filters should be in this week and precast is coming Wednesday. An extra crew will be in this week to move dirt for the well in Irwin Park.

Wastewater Superintendent Robert Jessie said the department had a really busy weekend. He has a new person starting on April 24th. He hopes that with more help they will be able to accomplish more preventative maintenance instead of responding to issues.

Parks Director Daniel Teter said the department is getting busy with the warmer weather showing up. New landscaping is starting to go out. Registration is open for youth club and little league practice has started. Interviews for lifeguards will start soon but at this point he does not have enough lifeguards to run the aquatic center at normal hours.

Public Comments

Nellie Wilson of 203 Morris Street asked if anything had been decided on her utility bill.

Mr. Watson said he gave the council some options to establish a policy for these types of issues. There would be several conditions that would need to be met.

President Piercefield asked what she was wanting to have done with the bill.

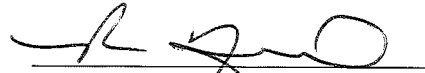
Ms. Wilson said she would like to have the bill prorated based on her normal monthly usage.

Mr. Watson said he recommends allowing Mr. Huddleston to review the current policy and amend the ordinance.

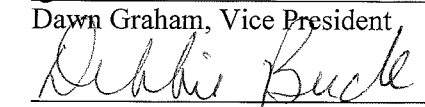
Councilman Simpson made a motion to allow Mr. Huddleston to review Mr. Watson's recommendation and bring it before council. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

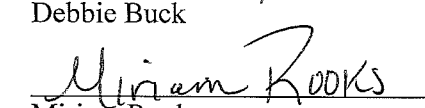
Being no further business or comments, Councilwoman Graham made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

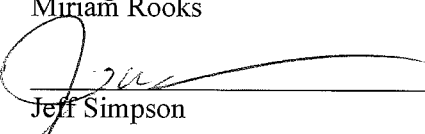
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