

Town Council Meeting
Monday, June 24, 2024
6:00PM

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, June 24, 2024, at 6:00pm at the Town Hall, 107 South Holland Street, Edinburgh, IN.

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

Members answering roll call: Councilwoman Sherri Sweet, Councilwoman Debbie Buck, Councilwoman Miriam Rooks, and Council President Ryan Piercefield.

Councilman Michael Bryant was absent.

Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston attended via telephone call. Clerk-Treasurer Rhonda Barrett was absent. Accounts Receivable Emily Cravens attended in place of Clerk-Treasurer Barrett.

Minutes- Minutes of Executive meeting June 6, 2024.

Council President Piercefield abstained due to being absent during the 6/6/24 executive meeting.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve June 6, 2024, executive meeting minutes. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes of Council meeting June 13, 2024.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve June 13, 2024, council meeting minutes. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried.

Claims- Accounts Receivable Emily Cravens presented one claim docket in the amount of \$1,041,973.75. All claims have been reviewed and signed.

Councilwomen Buck made a motion to approve the claim docket as presented. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2024-9 Transfer of Appropriations (2nd Reading)- As discussed at the June 13, 2024 Council meeting, this is transferring from Capital Outlays to Personal Services of the Johnson County Edit Funds.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-9 Transfer of Appropriations. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2024-14 Special Purchase Hydro Excavator Truck- Town Attorney Huddleston presented Resolution 2024-14 Special Purchase Hydro Excavator Truck and noted that this does qualify as a special purchase due to the cost savings, therefore not requiring a bidding process. The resolution for the financing will be presented at the July 8, 2024, Council meeting.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-14 Special Purchase Hydro Excavator Truck. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

801 E Thompson Street- Council President Piercefield stated that with the property being removed from the meth drug house list, the order can be modified to extend the response time to remedy the property to the September 9, 2024, Council meeting.

Building and Zoning Official Robert Overton stated that the test results of the home came back under the levels that are considered to be safe. Those results were sent to the Johnson County Board of Health then to the State Police. The State Police removed the property address from the list of non-compliant meth lab locations in the state of Indiana. The next step would be for Robert Overton to do an inspection and relay to the property owner, Norma Merchant, what needs to be done to bring the house to a safe livable condition.

Ms. Merchant confirmed she does plan on living in the home once it is in livable condition.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to modify the order to extend the response time to renew the property until the September 9, 2024, Council meeting. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Ditech Tax Abatement Request- Planning Director Julie Young stated Ditech is requesting 10 years of real property abatement for construction of a new building.

The owner of Ditech, Nate Dillingham, stated the new construction is going to be used for storage.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the Ditech tax abatement as presented. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve Attorney Dustin Huddleston to draft a resolution for the Ditech tax abatement. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried.

Wessler Proposal for MS4 Services for 2024-2025- Wastewater Superintendent Robert Jessie presented a contract renewal to extend professional services with Wessler to take care of the town’s MS4. This is to not exceed \$15,000 and will be paid on a percentage of it done as the year progresses.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the Wessler proposal for the MS4 services for the year 2024-2025. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve Council President Ryan Piercefield to sign off on the proposal as presented. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Departmental Comments

Council President Piercefield stated he would like to restart the process to advertise leasing the old fire station. Piercefield would like to submit a bid to rent a portion of the fire station. A vote is needed to readvertise for the July 22, 2024, council meeting.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve an advertisement to lease the old fire station. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Planning Director Julie Young proposed hiring Crossroads Engineering for consulting inspection services for the Timbergate development. Crossroads Engineering said they could be there approximately 20 hours per week and the cost would be \$2500-3000 per week. Planning Director Young stated she currently has no documentation for the council to review at this time and that Crossroads will draft a proposal for a professional services agreement for Attorney Huddleston to review it.

Wastewater Superintendent Robert Jessie stated that he will also have a Wastewater employee stop by occasionally to keep an eye on the progress.

No motion needs to be made until the contract from Crossroads is received.


Adjourn


Being no further business or comments, Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to adjourn Councilwoman Buck seconded. Meeting adjourned.

EDINBURGH TOWN COUNCIL


Ryan Piercefield, President

Miriam Rooks, Vice President


Debbie Buck


Sherri Sweet


Michael Bryant

ATTEST

Rhonda Barrett, Clerk-Treasurer