Town Council Meeting
Monday, July 27, 2026
6:00PM

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, July 27, 2026, 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.

Roll Call- Council President Ryan Piercefield, Councilwoman Miriam Rooks, and Councilwoman Sherri Sweet.

Councilwoman Debbie Buck and Councilman Michael Bryant were absent.

Also present were Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston, Clerk-Treasurer Rhonda Barrett, and Town Manager John Myers.

Minutes- Council Meeting July 13, 2026

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the July 13, 2026, meeting minutes. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Claims- Clerk-Treasurer Barrett presented one claim docket in the amount of $1,079,349.39. All claims have been reviewed and signed.

Councilwoman Rooks asked if the claim for Rush Truck Centers in the amount of $1,318.63 was for the new grappler truck.

Street Superintendent Sean Barnett stated that it was for the grappler truck to be serviced.

Councilwoman Sweet asked about the claim for Dorris Lynn Morris: Sunny Lawns in the amount of $1,440.

Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that this is for the flowers at the mound by CVS.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the claim docket as presented in the amount of $1,079,349.39. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ordinance 2026-8 Amending Ordinance 2021-7 Purchasing Agency (1st Reading)- Attorney Huddleston stated that this updates the purchasing policy to mirror the Indiana law regarding standard purchasing which increased the limits to be more flexible on bidding procedures that went into effect 7/1/25. Attorney Huddleston stated that two bids are now required when purchasing something from $7,500 to $15,000 and three bids are required when purchasing something from $15,000 to $300,000. Attorney Huddleston stated that this is the first reading and that it can be waived.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to waive the first reading of Ordinance 2026-8 Amending Ordinance 2021-7 Purchasing Agency. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-8 Amending Ordinance 2021-7 Purchasing Agency. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Resolution 2026-8 Amending Personnel Policy- Attorney Huddleston stated that in previous versions of the personnel policy there was a flowchart on the chain of command, but it was lost during revisions to the policy. Attorney Huddleston stated that this reinserts the flowchart, adds information for the employees about the chain of command, and inserts a required notice by federal law regarding the Family and Medical Leave Act. Attorney Huddleston stated that this notice is required to be in the personnel policy and to be posted at Town Hall, which it already is.

Council President Piercefield made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-8 Amending Personnel Policy. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Plant Growth Management Systems Service Agreement- Attorney Huddleston stated that Electric Manager Kevin Killinger presented this at a previous Council meeting and it is now ready for Council approval.

Discussion was held regarding the cost of $4,500 for the first initial survey the company does before bidding the work out.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the Plant Growth Management Systems Service Agreement. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to authorize Council President Piercefield to sign off on the Plant Growth Management Systems Service Agreement. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Approval of Public Official Bond- Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that the bond for Town Manager John Myers needs renewed. Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that the bond amount is $50,000 and is dated from August 12, 2026, through August 12, 2027.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve the Public Official Bond for Town Manager John Myers. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

SRF Funds Discussion- Water Superintendent Bill Jones stated that he has approximately $151,000 left in SRF funds and that he would like to spend it on five to seven PermaSeal insertion valves. Superintendent Jones discussed how PermaSeal insertion valves worked and showed a short video on them. Superintendent Jones stated that they also need to draw up a new contract with Wessler Engineering as the current one has been depleted.

Adam Sitka with Wessler Engineering stated that the first part they want to confirm is what the additional dollars will be spent on. Mr. Sitka discussed that regardless of what work they do; they need to coordinate with SRF. Mr. Sitka discussed that if the work is for hydrants and valves, it would be a similar amendment, just a more nuanced process. Mr. Sitka stated that their contract was originally just for the new water treatment plant but there was money left in their contract at the end of the contract, so they rode it out. Mr. Sitka proposed amending the original agreement to add moving forward with a not to exceed time and materials amount for this additional work. Mr. Sitka discussed that PermaSeals are a much better product compared to other inserter valves out there.

Discussion was held regarding what the next step is.

Mr. Sitka stated that he will prepare an amendment to their agreement to be presented at the next Council meeting.

Daupler Notify Proposal- Water Superintendent Bill Jones stated that Electric Manager Kevin Killinger discussed this at the previous Council meeting. Superintendent Jones stated that during an emergency they do not have time to go door to door and usually just post on social media about a power outage, boil water advisory, etc. Superintendent Jones stated that they currently use Daupler for after-hour call outs but with Daupler Notify customers affected by a utility emergency will be notified. Superintendent Jones discussed further how Daupler Notify notifies customers and stated that it is $14,599 over a three-year period.

Council President Piercefield stated that they would like to table this item until all the Council members are present in case they have further questions.

TextMyGov Proposal- Council President Piercefield stated that they would like to table this item until all the Council members are present in case they have further questions.

Discussion was held regarding how long the proposal was good for.

Fault Current Upgrades for Substation- Electric Assistant Superintendent Dalton Hudson stated that Alpha Engineering recommended 63 cutouts at the south end of town be changed for the new substation. Assistant Superintendent Hudson stated that they hope the new substation will be energized by late summer or early fall in 2027. Assistant Superintendent Hudson presented two quotes from Wesco and Brownstown Electric Supply.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the Fault Current Upgrades for Substation from Brownstown Electric Supply in the amount of $11,673.90. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Hydrant and Valve Replacement Change Order #2- Adam Sitka with Wessler Engineering stated that this change order is to adjust the contract time from the original date to the actual date when substantial completion was achieved. Mr. Sitka stated that the original substantial completion date was May 17th and they added 90 days, taking it to July 15th.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion approve the Hydrant and Valve Replacement Change Order #2. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to authorize Council President Piercefield to sign off on Hydrant and Valve Replacement Change Order #2. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Hydrant and Valve Replacement Pay Application #2- Clerk-Treasurer Barrett presented Hydrant and Valve Replacement Pay Application #2 in the amount of $94,525 for Infrastructure Systems Inc.

Adam Sitka with Wessler Engineering stated that this pays the contractor 100% of the completed work excluding the retainage.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve Hydrant and Valve Replacement Pay Application #2 in the amount of $94,525.00. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to authorize Council President Piercefield to sign off on Hydrant and Valve Replacement Pay Application #2. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Hydrant and Valve Replacement Pay Application #3- Clerk-Treasurer Barrett presented Hydrant and Valve Replacement Pay Application #3 in the amount of $20,580.40 which is the retainage.

Adam Sitka with Wessler Engineering stated that this is for the retainage and was submitted after they did a walk through at the site.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve Hydrant and Valve Replacement Pay Application #3 in the amount of $20,580.40. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to authorize Council President Piercefield to sign off on Hydrant and Valve Replacement Pay Application #3. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Other Business

Town Manager John Myers requested permission to work with Attorney Huddleston to update the Town's parking ordinance regarding boats, trailers, and campers.

Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that they are looking at holding budget meetings immediately after August 10, 2026, and August 24, 2026, Council meetings and then another budget meeting on August 17, 2026, at 6PM.

Water Superintendent Bill Jones stated that the mixers are in the tower and working so that project is completed.

Parks Director Daniel Teter stated that this is the last week of the pool being open during the week before it goes to weekends only until September. Director Teter stated that they are working on transitioning the youth club to the BASE program.

Director of Economic Development SaraBeth Drybread stated that they got the plaza designs and had a meeting with RVI to go over them. Director Drybread stated that they will also be reaching out to different community stakeholders to get their input. Director Drybread discussed working with Johnson County Housing Coalition and Spaces for All to look at filling the approximately 20 vacant properties in the community. Director Drybread stated that they have been talking to the carnival company about the Fall Festival and there will be a new ride this year.

Public Comment

Danny Neal, 324 Kilpatrick Ct, asked if there is a timetable on the Timbergate ponds that were discussed at the previous Council meeting and if there are any plans.

Town Manager John Myers stated that he has been talking to Timbergate Manager Wayne Gibbs and there is a company coming out in the next week or two to look at putting aerators at the bottom of the pond to pump air to help reduce algae.

Mr. Neal stated that he was speaking to one of the workers that sprays chemicals in the pond today and they informed him that the chemicals are not doing anything because of the water transfer. Mr. Neal stated that when they last cut undergrowth out of the bottom of the pond they should have treated the growth to kill everything growing at the bottom. Mr. Neal stated that the pond is visible from the street and an eye sore. Mr. Neal stated that the pond smells and is a health hazard.

Council President Piercefield stated that they are working towards a solution.

Mr. Neal stated that some of the residents on St Andrews Avenue have inquired about an access road being opened to the county road as there is a lot of traffic on the street.

Planning Director Julie Young stated that on the plans the road is only for emergency access.

Mr. Neal asked if there is any channel of communication other than coming to Council meetings or posting pictures online. Mr. Neal stated that last year there was a tree that sprouted behind the electric box behind his house that covered the electric box. Mr. Neal stated that trees on the golf course were overgrown and he had to complain to get anyone to come out there.

Discussion was held regarding whether Mr. Neal had notified the Town Manager or Timbergate Manager.

Electric Assistant Superintendent Dalton Hudson stated that for issues like that Mr. Neal could contact the utility office to have a work order issued.

Adjourn

Being no further business or comments, Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

These minutes are a summary of actions taken at the Edinburgh Town Council meeting. The full video archive of meetings is available for viewing at https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL0pagNU7lg5FkjGffOyWphtcPehlL-R5g for as long as this media is supported.

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