

Town Council Meeting
Monday, July 23, 2018
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, July 23, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, 107 South Holland Street, Edinburgh, Indiana.

President Kami Ervin called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members answering roll call were: Councilman Jack Shepherd, Councilman Jeff Simpson, Councilwoman Dawn Graham, Vice President Jerry Lollar, and President Kami Ervin. Also present were Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston and Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley.

President Ervin said next on the agenda were the minutes of the council meeting of July 9, 2018. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda were claims. The council received two claim dockets in their packet. The first was the end-of-month docket for June totaling \$212,701.33 and the second was the regular claim docket for the period totaling \$878,303.51. Mr. Finley said he had signed off on all the claims in those dockets and handed them over to the council for approval. Councilman Lollar made a motion to approve the claims as submitted. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the first reading of Ordinance 2018-6 Additional Appropriations. She explained that this was on the agenda a few meetings ago but was not approved. She explained the need for the appropriations.

Discussion was held regarding the timeline for the project and history of the ordinance.

Mr. Lollar asked if the staff had the amount of man hours the town has put toward the building.

Mr. Watson said he has not had time to gather that information.

Councilwoman Graham asked about the use for the second floor of the building.

Mr. Watson said the best use would be as a rental space. To be ADA compliant the building would require an elevator to the second floor and the cost of that has been estimated at about \$70,000. The stairway has been built in such a way that if an elevator was desired in the future it could still be put in.

Councilman Shepherd made a motion to waive the first reading of Ordinance 2018-6 and consider it for approval. President Ervin seconded. Motion failed 2 to 3 after a roll call vote with Councilman Simpson, Councilman Lollar, and Councilwoman Graham all voting nay. The second reading will be at the August 13, 2018 council meeting.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the John R. Drybread Community Center (JRDCC) update presented by SaraBeth Drybread.

Ms. Drybread presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the project. She started by thanking the committee for the hours of work they have put into the building. It will be a beautiful building that the community will be proud of. She gave a brief history of the building. She explained that the building will be a multipurpose community center and will serve as a central location for new people and businesses, highlight current business information, and offer programming to adults of all ages. She continued her presentation explaining the different programs, services, and events the center will offer.

Councilman Lollar asked if she already had the chamber of commerce organized.

Ms. Drybread said it is an unofficial chamber but she has been working with the Johnson and Bartholomew County chambers as she has close, working relationships with both CEO's.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the first reading of Ordinance 2018-7 Amending Chapter 75 Parking Schedule. She said there are two versions of this ordinance. The first just changes the west

side of Walnut Street to 15 minute loading and unloading zone while the second changes both sides of the street to 15 minute loading and unloading zones.

Mr. Watson presented a diagram showing the current parking situation and explained the proposed changes. He said he spoke with property owners in the area about the changes and the landlord's concerns were having tenants walk long distances late at night after work. He also proposed another option that allowed 2 hour parking from 8 am to 8 pm and allowing overnight parking after that to allow tenants a place to park at night.

President Ervin said we could also make both quarter blocks loading and unloading and leave the 3 parking spots there for tenants. She said she does not want to do away with all parking in that area.

Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston said this is the first reading so he could modify the ordinance for the second reading.

Council Comments

Councilman Lollar asked if the agreement between the town and Jeff Smith was ready yet.

Mr. Huddleston said it has not been signed yet as Golf Course General Manager Wayne Gibbs wanted a chance to review and make changes before it is submitted to Mr. Smith. He said he has reviewed Mr. Smith's insurance policy.

Councilman Lollar said the council received a schedule of street department activities and he sees the department is already behind schedule. He said he drove through town and did not see where the activities scheduled from June 27 to July 12 have been completed.

Street Superintendent Curtis Rooks said the department is behind. Other issues come up that need to be addressed first. He said he is working on an updated schedule but it is very difficult for the department to stay on a daily schedule with the different issues that come up. The schedule is a living document that can change week after week.

Departmental Comments

Town Manager Wade Watson said he was approached by a company that represents Verizon about leasing space on the top of the water towers to put cell towers up. As the issue is not covered in ordinances he wanted to ask the council how they would like to proceed.

Mr. Huddleston asked if they had discussed compensation.

Mr. Watson said they had not and there was no precedents set. He said he is reluctant to agree as they would need to have access to the water tower which poses risks to the town. Council consensus was to not allow the company to proceed.

Mr. Watson said the vac truck used by the utility departments has gone down. There is only one company that services the truck in a three state area and they have found a bad pump that will cost \$11,000 to repair. As a new truck would cost approximately \$400,000 he authorized the company to order the pump but because the amount exceeds his authority he would need council permission to proceed. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to proceed with the repair of the vac truck. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Watson said the recycling bins provided to citizens at the wastewater plant will be discontinued at the end of the month by Johnson County. The town can look at other recycling options when the solid waste contract goes out for bid in 2019.

Mr. Watson said Mr. Bodine of LB Mold has requested that the town prepare a letter for the assessor's office that outline's what Mr. Bodine believes is stated in the purchase agreement. The staff could not find a purchase agreement on file but did find others from the same area. The clause states that the buyer cannot sell the property if it is undeveloped unless it is sold back to the town for the original purchase price of \$2,500. He believes his assessment is too high based on that clause.

Mr. Huddleston said he would not recommend preparing that letter. It is a private matter and he would not recommend the town get involved with those processes.

Mr. Watson said Common Wealth is requesting that the town provide rental assistance on 20% of the units it would develop to help increase the scores for their grant application. The assistance can be as little as \$5 per unit on 20% of the units.

President Ervin said if its only five dollars per year that is hardly assistance. She is not in favor as the apartments were proposed as affordable living units not assisted living units. The council was in agreement not to provide assistance on those units.

Mr. Watson gave a brief project update. The agreement with O'Mara has been signed for the East Main Cross project. There will be a preconstruction meeting on Thursday. We also received release of funds for the wastewater grant project so we will be moving forward with that project. The preconstruction meeting for that project will be Tuesday.

Mr. Watson said big trash pick-up is underway and will be two weeks on each side of the railroad tracks this year. The staff is tracking what is picked up from each house and will only be picking up one time from each property.

Mr. Rooks said the department has already hauled over 50 loads.

Discussion was held regarding big trash pickup processes.

Parks Director Daniel Teter said fall league will begin soon and registration has begun. The department is preparing for the Fall Festival. The \$2,500 grant will help greatly with new performances at the festival.

Public Comments

Ron Hoffman of 510 South Main Street thanked Ms. Drybread for a well-constructed presentation. He thinks her vision is great but now the work needs to be done to complete the project.

Kathy Hamm of the community center committee asked the board to view what has been done at the community center. It is a building the community can be proud of but it needs to be completed.

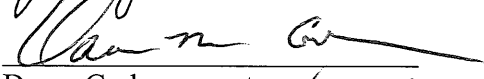
Becky Wilhelm also of the community center committee said there is an element of community involvement lacking and she believes this center could help with that issue. She said she is looking forward to having this building and thanked Ms. Drybread for her enthusiasm and what she brings to the community.

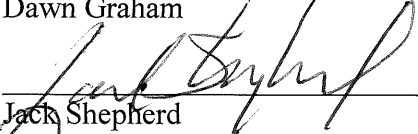
Being no further business or comments, Councilman Simpson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

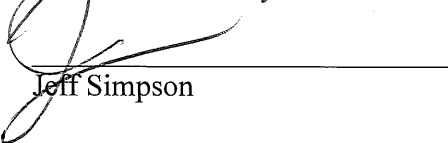
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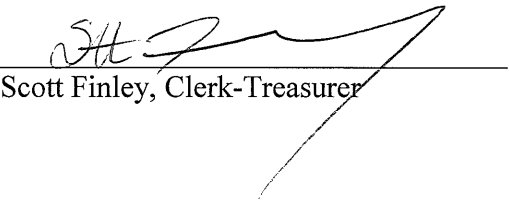

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