Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 26, 2026
6:00PM

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, May 26, 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, Councilwoman Debbie Buck, Councilman Michael Bryant, and Councilwoman Sherri Sweet.

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

Minutes- Council Meeting May 11, 2026

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve the May 11, 2026, Council Meeting minutes. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Claims- Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that the claim docket for tonight decreased $590 and the new total is $351,673.85.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the claim docket as presented in the amount of $351,673.85. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Ordinance 2026-6 Amending Chapter 70 Regarding Off-Road Vehicles (1st Reading)- Attorney Huddleston stated that Police Chief Doyne Little discussed allowing UTVs in town at the last Council meeting and introduced the ordinance. The ordinance allows UTVs but prohibits ATVs.

Discussion was held concerning having mandatory flashing lights like golf carts must have.

Discussion was held regarding excess speed limits and following the posted speed limits.

Discussion was held having UTV registration cost be an annual $25 fee, similar to golf carts and updating the verbiage in the fee schedule. Attorney Huddleston suggested having the same fee as the golf carts and amending the fee schedule to read golf cart/UTVs

Attorney Huddleston stated that he will amend the Ordinance as discussed and bring it back for a second reading.

Resolution 2026-7 Reimbursement of Law Enforcement Employment and Training Costs Policy- Attorney Huddleston stated that Clerk-Treasurer Barrett informed him of other municipalities doing this. Attorney Huddleston stated that if another police department hires one of the Town's officers, the Town is entitled to reimbursement for training expenses.

Council President Piercefield discussed that this falls under the 77 Fund.

Discussion was held regarding the Town never doing this before.

Attorney Huddleston stated that this is a Resolution that could be passed today that it does not need a second reading. Attorney Huddleston stated that the Resolution has forms that Town could use concerning the training reimbursement.

President Piercefield made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-7 Reimbursement of Law Enforcement Employment and Training Costs Policy. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Wessler Invoice #49747 for Water Treatment Plant- Clerk-Treasurer Barrett presented Wessler Invoice #49747 in the amount of $2,608 for the Water Treatment Plant Engineering. Water Superintendent Bill Jones has reviewed and approved.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve Wessler Invoice #49747 for Water Treatment Plant in the amount of $2,608. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to authorize Council President Piercefield to sign off on Wessler Invoice #49747 for Water Treatment Plant. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Robertson Paving Construction Agreement- Town Manager John Myers presented the Robertson Paving Construction Agreement drafted by Town Attorney Huddleston for the CCMG grant for the paving

of Fulford Street, Campbell Street, Duncan Street, and Ward Street. Mr. Myers stated that Roberston Paving has already signed the agreement.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the Robertson Paving Construction Agreement. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to authorize Council President Piercefield to sign off on the Robertson Paving Construction Agreement. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Police K9 Golf Outing- Police Deputy Chief Shawn Kelsay stated that this allows approval for when they receive donations and sponsorships for the K9 Golf Outing that will be held September 13, 2026, at Timbergate Golf Course.

Council President Piercefield made a motion to approve the Police K9 Golf Outing. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Industrial Substation Transformer Quote Adjustment- Electric Manager Kevin Killinger stated that the industrial substation transformer quote has been impacted by the tariffs and increased the price by over $66,000. Manager Killinger stated the updated quote for the transformer is $1,968,911.46 which includes the added tariffs.

Discussion was held regarding whether the quote would increase again and where the extra funds would be paid from.

Clerk Treasurer Barrett stated that this will be paid from the Bond Anticipation Note Funds for this project.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the Industrial Substation Transformer Quote Adjustment in the amount of $66,349.46. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Transformer Adjustment Quote- Electric Manager Kevin Killinger stated that this is for the 15 transformers for the last section of Timbergate that was recently approved at a previous Council meeting. Manager Killinger stated that the price per transformer has increased approximately $600 due to tariffs. Manager Killinger presented an adjusted quote for the 15 transformers in the amount of $59,747.25 which includes the tariffs.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve the Transformer Adjustment Quote #65002 in the amount of $59,747.25. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Annual CF-1 Review for Ditech- Planning Director Julie Young stated that Ditech submitted the paperwork for three tax abatements. Director Young stated that the first is Resolution 2016-05, year ten out of ten for a personal property abatement. Director Young recommended approval,

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the Annual CF-1 Review for Ditech as presented. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Director Young presented Ditech abatement, Resolution 2023-9, year three out of ten for a personal property abatement.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve the Annual CF-1 Review for Ditech Resolution 2023-09 as presented. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Director Young presented Ditech abatement, Resolution 2025-28, year one out of five for a personal property abatement.

Council President Piercefield made a motion to approve the Annual CF-1 Review for Ditech Resolution 2025-28 as presented. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Annual CF-1 Review for Sacoma- Planning Director Julie Young stated that Sacoma submitted the paperwork for three tax abatements. Planning Director stated that the first is Resolution 2016-07, year ten out of ten for a real property abatement.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the Annual CF-1 Review for Sacoma, Resolution 2016-07 as presented. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Director Young presented Sacoma abatement, Resolution 2021-15, year five out of ten for a personal property abatement.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the Annual CF-1 Review for Sacoma, Resolution 2021-15 as presented. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Director Young presented Sacoma abatement, Resolution 2023-4, year three out of ten for a personal property abatement.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the Annual CF-1 Review for Sacoma, Resolution 2023-4 as presented. Councilwoman Rooks seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Concussion Management Policy- Parks Director Daniel Teter stated that this was discussed at the previous Council meeting and has since been reviewed and edited by Attorney Huddleston.

Discussion was held regarding who made the decision whether an athlete must be removed and not allowed to return due to a possible concussion.

Director Teter stated that all coaching staff will go through concussion training to help make that call.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the Concussion Management Policy. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Bryan Gregg, Trafalgar Town Manager- Bryan Gregg, Trafalgar Town Manager, discussed using blocks from the dam and repurpose them for Trafalgar's amphitheater. Mr. Gregg stated that they are finishing landscaping currently and the first concert is scheduled for June 27, 2026. Mr. Gregg stated that they'd like to incorporate the blocks to display partnership. Mr. Gregg wanted to ask personally to use 12-14 blocks they would like to take and use that they would place a plaque honoring Edinburgh and the history.

Council President Piercefield stated that the Council is okay with that, and it is nice to have a neighbor in the community.

Mr. Gregg discussed that he believes it is important for us to partner because we are stronger together.

Other Business

Councilwoman Sweet thanked the Cemetery for the beautiful Memorial Day Service and stated that she was honored to represent the Council.

Councilwoman Rooks thanked Daniel Teter stating that the flower baskets downtown look the nicest they have in awhile and she has been receiving compliments on them.

Town Manager John Myers stated that all the departments have been helping at the Cemetery to make everything look nice for Memorial Day. Mr. Myers stated that pothole by the barricades by St Rd 252 and US 31 has been filled.

Wastewater Superintendent Robert Jessie stated that they had an inspection from IDEM earlier in the month who had some concerns that have since then been met.

Water Superintendent Bill Jones discussed the current projects going on. Superintendent Jones stated that the mixers are in the water towers but have not been turned on yet. Superintendent Jones discussed a town wide boil water advisory being issued once the mixers are turned on.

Superintendent Jones further discussed other boil water advisories that have been recent due to the construction project on State Road 252.

Discussion was held regarding the 48-hour long boil water advisory process and how it would be communicated to citizens.

Superintendent Jones stated that per IDEM, it only must be advertised in two ways such as door hangers and social media.

Superintendent Jones stated that if a boil water advisory only affects a smaller amount of homes then door hangers are taken to each residence that is affected and it is posted on social media.

Discussion was held regarding contacting the local news stations and newspapers to inform them of the upcoming town wide boil water advisory.

Cemetery Superintendent Stan Brown thanked the parks and street departments for helping at the cemetery while they have been short-staffed. Superintendent Brown thanked the American Legion for

their partnership and stated that they have been a big help over the years. Superintendent Brown stated that the Memorial Day service was beautiful and the Vietnam soldiers speech was touching.

Parks Director Daniel Teter stated that the pool opened yesterday and 299 people came. Director Teter stated that they will be discussing the potential road closures, which will be similar to last year, at the next Council meeting for the Firecracker Festival.

Director of Economic Development SaraBeth Drybread stated that there will be a ribbon cutting at Champion Zone on Thursday, May 28, 2026, at 4:30PM. Director Drybread stated that Councilwoman Sweet did a great job at the Memorial Day service and that the cemetery looked beautiful.

Adjourn

Being no further business or comments, Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

The full video archive of the meeting is available for viewing at https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL0pagNU7lg5FkjGffQyWphtcPehlL-R5g for as long as this media is supported.

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ATTEST:

Rhonda Barrett, Clerk-Treasurer