Special Council Meeting
Monday, August 24, 2026
7:40PM

Edinburgh Town Council met in a special session on Monday, August 24, 2026, at 7:40PM, at the Town Hall, 107 South Holland Street, Edinburgh, IN.

Councilwoman Miriam Rooks, called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Councilwoman Miriam Rooks, Councilwoman Debbie Buck, Councilwoman Sherri Sweet, and Councilman Michael Bryant.

Council President Ryan Piercefield was absent.

Also present were Town Manager John Myers, Clerk-Treasurer Rhonda Barrett, and multiple department heads to present their proposed 2027 budgets.

Budget Workshop- Department heads presented their budgets as follows.

Swimming Pool

Parks Director Daniel Teter presented the proposed 2027 Swimming Pool budget.

Director Teter discussed each line-item change.

Director Teter discussed large scale repairs needed at the pool to make it better and last longer such as concrete repair, replacing sand filters, refurbishing the two large slides, resurfacing the pool, and replacing or removing the play station feature. Director Teter discussed that they need to get realistic numbers for the play station replacement.

Discussion was held regarding what shape the concession stand and its equipment are in.

Discussion was held regarding rebuilding the restroom facilities and the issues with the drains in the restrooms.

Director Teter stated that the pool has had a great season and was only 50 people away from hitting 20,000 visitors for 2026.

Discussion was held regarding Director Teter's biggest concern being the sand filters that need replacement.

Discussion was held regarding the other projects that need attention.

Director Teter discussed where funding was set aside in the FSP for pool repairs.

Discussion was held regarding the pool needing resurfaced every 10 to 15 years but the Town's pool is going on 30 years.

The proposed 2027 Swimming Pool budget was $215,880.00.

Scott Finley with Baker Tilly stated that as the council looks through the FSP plan that if there are items marked as TBD that they feel need to be a higher priority, then the FSP could be amended to move capital projects around.

Parks and Rec

Parks Director Daniel Teter presented the proposed 2027 Parks and Rec budget.

Director Teter discussed each line-item change.

Discussion was held regarding the miscellaneous supply line item being broken down into four items to show what the miscellaneous is used for.

Director Teter discussed the department's aging vehicles. Director Teter discussed the reason for the maintenance and repairs line-item being a large amount is having to fix their older equipment.

Discussion was held regarding the number of children signed up to play in ball leagues.

Director Teter stated that they had multiple age groups signed up for the spring league but only had two age groups for the fall league.

Discussion was held regarding having a full-time front desk employee.

Discussion was held regarding the part-time employee line-item amount and whether it could be reduced.

The proposed 2027 Parks and Rec budget was $1,046,155.00.

Youth Baseball

Parks Director Daniel Teter presented the proposed 2027 Youth Baseball budget.

Director Teter discussed each line-item change.

Director Teter discussed the remaining scheduled softball tournaments for the year and hopefully adding more tournaments to the 2027 calendar.

The proposed 2027 Youth Baseball budget was $82,225.00.

Youth Club

Parks Director Daniel Teter presented the proposed 2027 Youth Club budget.

Director Teter discussed that the budget was the same as last year.

Discussion was held regarding the enrollment numbers in Youth Club and BASE.

The proposed 2027 Youth Club budget was $102,775.00.

Concessions

Parks Director Daniel Teter presented the proposed 2027 Concessions budget.

Director Teter discussed each line-item change.

The proposed 2027 Concessions budget was $138,940.00.

Basketball

Parks Director Daniel Teter presented the proposed 2027 Basketball budget.

Director Teter discussed each line-item change.

Director Teter discussed that it has been great working with the school on the basketball league.

The proposed 2027 Basketball budget was $4,000.00.

Scott Finley with Baker Tilly discussed updates he made in the FSP. Mr. Finley discussed that the budget summary reflects the information in the FSP. Mr. Finley stated that it would show the estimated beginning fund balance for 2027 and the estimated fund balance at the end of 2027. Mr. Finley discussed and went through the budget summary. Mr. Finley discussed the need to cut the 2027 general fund budget by $87,739 to have a balanced budget.

Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that the Police budget changed from $2,209,412.00 to $2,147,257.00 and discussed the changes made. Clerk-Treasurer Barrett discussed the 77 Fund PERF employer contribution, increasing from 23.3% to 26.5%.

Clerk-Treasurer Barrett discussed changes to the Clerk-Treasurer and Town Council budget from the previous meeting.

Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that the Fire budget changed from $1,966,539.00 to $1,944,799.00 and discussed the changes made.

Clerk-Treasurer Barrett discussed a change to the MVH budget due to an increase in the cost of General Liability insurance.

Discussion was held regarding the public hearing for the 2027 budget being scheduled for September 28, 2026, Council meeting with the official adoption at the October 12, 2026, Council meeting.

Other Business

Director of Economic Development SaraBeth Drybread stated that they received the revised downtown plaza plans. Director Drybread discussed the revised plans and stated that the plaza has been a part of the Readi 2.0 grant application. Director Drybread stated that they are under a timeline to get everything submitted. Director Drybread discussed the funds she requested from the Johnson County Community Foundation for the downtown plaza project. Director Drybread stated that since there was budget increase from the initial Readi 2.0 she needs a funding commitment signed by the Council tonight. Director Drybread discussed matching funds and doing public sponsors for the plaza.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to allow Councilwoman Rooks to sign off on the Readi 2.0 funding commitment. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Adjourn

Being no further business or comments, Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

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=PL0pagNU7lg5FkjGffQyWphtcPehlL-R5g for as long as this media is supported.

EDINBURGH TOWN COUNCIL

Abstained
Absent at 8/24/26 meeting
Ryan Piercefield, President

Miriam Rooks
Miriam Rooks, Vice President

Absent
Debbie Buck

Sherri Sweet
Sherri Sweet

Michael Bryant
Michael Bryant

ATTEST:

Rhonda Barrett
Rhonda Barrett, Clerk-Treasurer