

**Town Council Meeting**  
**Thursday, June 13, 2024**  
**6:00PM**

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Thursday, June 13, 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 Miriam Rooks, Councilwoman Sherri Sweet, and Council President Ryan Piercefield.

Councilwoman Buck and Councilman Bryant were absent.

Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Rhonda Barrett and Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston.

**Minutes-** Minutes of Council meeting May 28, 2024.

*Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve May 28, 2024, council meeting minutes. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried.*

Minutes of Executive meeting June 6, 2024, were tabled until the 6/24/24 council meeting.

**Claims-** Clerk- Treasurer Rhonda Barrett presented 2 claim dockets for approval. The first was in the amount of \$722,833.61. The second was the 4/30/24 End of Month docket in the amount of \$260,796.38. All claims have been approved and signed.

*Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve both dockets as presented. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried.*

**Ordinance 2024-9 Transfer of Appropriations (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)-** Clerk-Treasurer Barrett presented a first reading of Ordinance 2024-9. Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated when the budget was done for the Johnson County Edit, all the money was put into capital outlays. The money in the capital outlays now needs to be transferred to the personal services.

**Ordinance 2024-10 Electric Service Connection Fee (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)-** Town Attorney Huddleston discussed Ordinance 2024-10 which pertains to service connection costs when a new service is established.

*Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to waive the 1st reading. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried.*

*Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-10 Electric Service Connection Fee. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried.*

**Ordinance 2024-11 Updating Chapter 152 Flood Damage Prevention (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)-** Town Attorney Huddleston stated IDEM and FEMA have requested the town's ordinances regarding flood damage be updated and it has been updated. Attorney Huddleston also noted that on page 19 - Designation of Administrator needs to be changed from Director of Utilities to Town Manager or Designee.

*Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to waive the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 2024-11 Updating Chapter 152 Flood Damage Prevention. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried.*

*Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-11 Updating Chapter 152 Flood Damage Prevention with a change on page 19 a change in Designation of Administrator from Director of Utilities to the Town Manager or designee. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried.*

**Resolution 2024-11 Special Purchase Pumper Fire Truck-** Town Attorney Huddleston presented Resolution 2024-11 Special Purchase Pumper Fire Truck and noted that Fire Chief Lollar had received the council's preliminary approval to purchase a pumper fire truck subject to Town Attorney Huddleston's review. Attorney Huddleston has reviewed the statutes, and this purchase does qualify as a special purchase due to the cost savings, therefore not requiring a bidding process.

*Council President Piercefield made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-11. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried.*

**Resolution 2024-13 Municipal Lease for Pumper Fire Truck-** Attorney Huddleston discussed financing to purchase the pumper fire truck through a municipal lease.

*Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-13 to enter a municipal lease for the pumper fire truck. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried.*

*Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve Council President Piercefield to sign off on the lease. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried.*

**Fire Service, Inc. Pumper Fire Truck Sales Contract-** Attorney Huddleston presented the contract to purchase the pumper fire truck from Fire Service, Inc.

*Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the contract from Fire Service, Inc. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried.*

*Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve Council President Piercefield to sign off on the contract. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried.*

**Resolution 2024-12 Appointment of Appraisers-** Attorney Huddleston presented Resolution 2024-12 which formally appoints two designated appraisers for the property located at 201 West Main Cross Street that the Town may be interested in purchasing. Attorney Huddleston stated that the Resolution is the first step and does not bind the town to purchase the property, it only elects appraisers to submit appraisals of the property to the Town.

*Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-12. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried.*

**Setting Public Hearing for Rezoning Request-** Attorney Huddleston stated the Planning Commission met May 21, 2024, where petitioner Mr. Richard Elbert requested to rezone property located near US 31 from R5 medium density residential to RB roadside business. The Planning Commission gave a favorable recommendation subject to the petitioner obtaining a permit from the state of Indiana to have direct access to US 31. A public hearing is needed to change the zoning and needs to be scheduled for July 8, 2024, to meet publishing requirements.

*Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to set the public hearing for the rezoning request to July 8, 2024. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried.*

**AMPP Construction Agreement-** Attorney Huddleston stated that Electric Superintendent Clark had previously presented the agreement to the Council for AMPP to perform services on the poles for Comcast. Attorney Huddleston also noted that there was a typographical error on page 35 of this agreement that read adder and should read added.

*Councilwoman Rooks made a motion approve the AMPP construction agreement subject to change the spelling correction on page 35. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried.*

*Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve Council President Piercefield to sign off on the construction agreement. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried.*

**Annual P&C Insurance Renewal-** Andy Brown and Charlie Vaught with Gregory & Appel discussed the renewal of the town's current workman's compensation and property and casualty insurance. The quote they are presenting includes a \$10,000 savings on workman's compensation with some increases on liability coverage. The overall quote is a 3.73% increase. Director of Administrative Services with the Town of Edinburgh Mary Patterson recommends staying with Gregory & Appel. Council President Piercefield asked how much the Town would save on insurance with the removal of the dam. Andy Brown stated that the dam removal is not really a percentage, but more of a yes or no on coverage and could open for more companies to quote in the future.

*Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the renewal with Gregory & Appel insurance. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried.*

*Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve Council President Piercefield to sign off on the insurance renewal. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried.*

**Wessler Invoice 44246 for Water Treatment Plant-** Clerk-Treasurer Barrett presented an invoice from Wessler for the engineering of the water treatment plant in the amount of \$1,766.25.

*Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve Wessler invoice 44246 in the amount of \$1,766.25. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried.*

*Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve Council President Piercefield to sign off on Wessler invoice 44246 in the amount of \$1,766.25. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried.*

**Donation to the JRDC-** Clerk-Treasurer requested approval to accept a \$2,000 donation received from the Conover Foundation to the JRDC.

*Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the donation to the JRDC in the amount of \$2,000. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried.*

**Phosphorous Removal Chemical Quote-** Wastewater Superintendent Robert Jessie presented a quote in the amount of \$35,715.60 to purchase two totes of phosphorous chemical remover from Krofta.

*Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the purchase of phosphorous chemical remover from Krofta in the amount of \$35,715.60. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried.*

*Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve Council President Piercefield to sign off on the Krofta Technologies purchase. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried.*

**Purchase of Two Transformers for Georg Utz, Inc.-** Electric Superintendent Stephen Clark is requesting to purchase two remanufactured transformers from Solomon for Georg Utz, Inc. Georg Utz has provided the Town with a purchase order to reimburse the cost to the town and take ownership of the transformers. Superintendent Clark stated that it would take approximately 50 weeks before the transformers would be invoiced and delivered.

*Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the purchase of two transformers for Georg Utz, Inc. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried.*

**Purchase of Vac Truck for Utilities-** Water Superintendent Bill Jones presented a quote of \$577,105.48 from Brown Equipment Company to purchase a vac truck that will be available in September or October 2024. The truck will be helpful in preventing any underground damage and making street cuts easier. The truck is available as a purchase through Sourcewell and is approximately \$100,000 less than two other vac truck quotes, has more options and a 1-year warranty. Further discussion was held concerning purchase and financing and the cost being shared by all three utility departments. Attorney Huddleston stated he could review the purchase to verify that it meets the special purchase requirements and prepare a resolution.

*Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to purchase the vac truck from Brown Equipment Company in the amount of \$577,105.48 subject to Attorney Huddleston's review. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried.*

### **Departmental Comments**

Councilwoman Sweet thanked Parks Superintendent Daniel Teter for the tour of the park and cemetery.

Councilwoman Rooks asked Fire Chief Lollar about the gasoline and diesel pumps that are being removed that are located at the street department. Chief Lollar stated they now have fuel cards and will go to local vendors from now on.

Councilwoman Rooks thanked the Conover Foundation for their donation to the John R Drybread Community Center.

Council President Piercefield announced the passing of Frank Bryant, who was a town employee for many years.

Police Chief Doyne Little thanked the fire department for their quick arrival and assistance at a recent house fire.

Electric Superintendent Stephen Clark announced that an employee of his department has put in their notice to retire so they will need to start looking to hire a replacement as soon as possible and possibly look at restructuring the position.

Parks Superintendent Teter stated that two of his employees had pass the CPO class and are now certified pool operators.

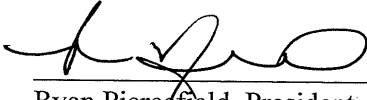
Water Superintendent Bill Jones stated that Wessler is working on his department's lead and copper inventory that must be submitted to the EPA by October 16, 2024. Superintendent Jones stated that in the meantime they hope to receive more grants to replace equipment as the Federal requirements are pushing to remove all lead water lines.

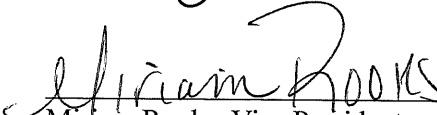
Fire Chief Justin Lollar thanked the council for the purchase of the fire truck.

**Adjourn**


*Being no further business or comments, Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried.*

**EDINBURGH TOWN COUNCIL**

  
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Ryan Piercefield, President


  
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Miriam Rooks, Vice President

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Debbie Buck

  
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Sherri Sweet

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Michael Bryant

ATTEST:

  
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Rhonda Barrett, Clerk-Treasurer