

Town Council Meeting
August 26, 2024
6:00PM

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, August 26, 2024, at 6:00PM at the Town Hall, 107 South Holland Street, Edinburgh, IN.

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

Members Answering 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 Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston.

Minutes- Minutes of Town Council Meeting August 12, 2024, and Special Meeting Minutes August 12, 2024.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the minutes of Town Council Meeting August 12, 2024, and the Special Meeting minutes August 12, 2024. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried.

Claims- Clerk-Treasurer Rhonda Barrett presented one claim docket in the amount of \$930,340.75.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve the presented claim docket of \$930,340.75. Councilman Michael Bryant seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2024-22 Awarding BOT Transaction- Attorney Huddleston reviewed the previous steps that had been taken in the Park and Rec BOT process. Attorney Huddleston stated this Resolution provides approval of the agreement to award the bid to GM Development Companies, LLC.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-22 Awarding BOT Transaction. Councilman Bryant seconded. Councilwoman Rooks voted nay. Motion carried with 3 ayes and 1 nay.

Resolution 2024-23 Rainy Day Transfer- Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that each year if there is a surplus from the previous year's budget, then up to 10% of the budget can be transferred to the Rainy-Day Fund. Clerk-Treasurer Barrett is requesting to transfer \$400,000 from the 2023 general fund budget to the rainy-day fund.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-23 Rainy Day Transfer. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Second Amendment to the Ecosystems Agreement- Attorney Huddleston stated this amendment is adjusting the dam removal schedule as discussed at the previous council meeting.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the Second Amendment to the Ecosystems Agreement. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to authorize Councilwoman Rooks to sign the Second Amendment to the Ecosystems Agreement. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried.

Amendment to Lease Agreement for 203 S Walnut Street- Attorney Huddleston reviewed the lease agreement for the Fire Station that was approved at the previous council meeting. Attorney Huddleston stated that he missed a portion of the proposal that provided for leasing the old fire station on a month-to-month basis after the initial six-month term. This amendment adds that term to the existing lease.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve the Amendment to Lease Agreement for 203 S Walnut Street. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

INDOT Land Acquisition- Attorney Huddleston stated the Indiana Department of Transportation is doing work on the intersection of US 31 and County Road 800 North to add turn lanes. INDOT is requesting to buy 0.048 acres of land from the Town to widen the right of way. INDOT included two appraisals on the property and is offering to purchase the land for \$11,900.

Attorney Huddleston discussed the Council's options that if the Council is interested in accepting the offer, he can investigate the appraisals to verify that we can accept INDOT's appraisals or if we need to obtain our own appraisal, or the Council could reject the offer if they have no interest in selling the land.

Town Manager John Myers has checked with the utility department heads to confirm there would be no issue if the council decides to sell this land.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to authorize Attorney Huddleston to investigate the INDOT Land acquisition. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried.

Proposal for Rest Haven Cemetery- Councilwoman Rooks stated this item would be tabled tonight.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to table the proposal for Rest Haven Cemetery. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried.

Opioid Settlement Board Member Appointment- Town Manager John Myers reviewed the previous steps the Council has taken concerning the partnership with Johnson County for the Opioid Settlement Board. Town Manager Myers stated that the Edinburgh Town Council has a seat on the Opioid Settlement Board that needs to be appointed, which can be filled by a council member or a designee. The Opioid Settlement Board has its first meeting scheduled for August 29, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Rooks asked Town Manger Myers if he would be willing to serve on that board and he agreed to serve if appointed.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to appoint Town Manager John Myers to serve on the Opioid Settlement Board. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried.

Request for Additional Employees- Timbergate Manager Wayne Gibbs requested to add two full-time positions with one being the Assistant Head Golf Professional and the other would be the Assistant Ground Superintendent. Manager Gibbs stated that the golf course sales since 2016 have increased by 82% and they still have the same number of employees. The new positions would allow for some projects to be completed and would be paid from money generated through the golf course and not with tax revenues.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve the hiring of two additional employees for the Timbergate Golf Course. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried.

Purchase of Poles- Electric Superintendent Stephen Clark presented the need to purchase poles for the upcoming St Rd 252 Line Relocation and AT&T Make Ready projects. Superintendent Clark discussed the price for poles, the State Road 252 Line Relocation project is \$12,653.00 and the AT&T Make Ready project is \$6,692.00. Superintendent Clark stated that ordering from Koppers is substantially cheaper than other competitors and having the orders shipped together will save money on shipping.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the purchase of poles for the St Rd 252 Line Relocation project in the amount of \$12,653.00. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Rooks made a motion to approve the purchase of poles for the AT&T Make Ready project in the amount of \$6,692.00. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Habitat for Humanity Request for Donation- Councilwoman Rooks requested to table this item for tonight to do more research.

Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity Lee Ann Wilbur requested to give a short presentation about their mission. Ms. Wilbur stated this would be the 5th Habitat house in Edinburgh. This house is for a single mother and her two young sons that are currently living in Franklin, IN. Construction for 507 South Pleasant Street will begin on September 11, 2024. Ms. Wilbur is requesting reimbursement for the permit and tap fees the organization paid for.

Discussion was held regarding when the last time there was a house on that lot.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to table the Habitat for Humanity Request for Donation. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried.

Other Business

Police Chief Doyne Little presented a towing service contract that would allow the Police Department to make \$25 per tow to go towards equipment purchases. Chief Little requested Attorney Huddleston to review this contract and see if an ordinance is needed.

Police Chief Doyne Little stated the officers are raising money for the K9 program and will have a dunk tank and t-shirts made for the Fall Festival.

Police Officer Darren Koors stated that he was going to reach out to the Town department heads to see about donating an hour of their time to sit in the dunk tank to help with the fund raising.

Police Chief Doyne Little stated the K-9's has had several drug busts lately.

Police Chief Doyne Little reminded the council of the Overdose Awareness Walk on Saturday, August 31, 2024.

Parks Director Daniel Teter stated this year is the quickest that Fall Festival booth spots have sold out. There is currently a waiting list for 15-20 booths on it. Teter stated there will be a 9/11 tribute when the Fall Festival opens on September 11, 2024, at 4:30PM.

Discussion was held concerning Fall Festival booth prices.

Parks Director Daniel Teter stated there will also be a Harry Potter themed Halloween festival in October at the high school courtyard this year.

Director of Economic Development Sarabeth Drybread stated Schmidt Elementary in Columbus, IN has booked the first field trip for the Ice-Skating Rink during the Holiday of Light's 12 Days of Christmas. Director Drybread discussed recently partnering with Franklin College and the Franklin Chamber of Commerce for a \$35,000 entrepreneurial grant from the Indiana Economic Development Corporation. Director Drybread stated this grant will go towards supporting entrepreneurs in Johnson County emerging and existing. Director Drybread announced they already have \$2,000 in sponsorships for the Holiday of Lights Festival.

Adjourn

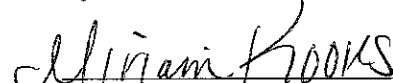
Being no further business or comments, Councilwoman Buck made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried.

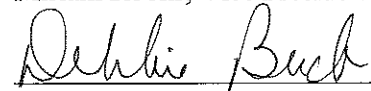
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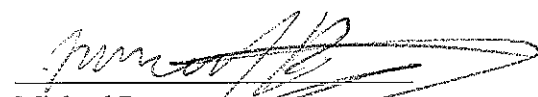
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ATTEST:


Rhonda Barrett, Clerk-Treasurer