

Vermillion County Council

Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2018

6:30 p.m.

Commissioner's Courtroom, 2nd Floor, Courthouse

- I. Call to Order. The Vermillion County Council convened in a regular meeting on Monday, February 12, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was led by council member Jill Wesch due to the absence of Carty and Dreher.
- II. Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.
- III. Roll Call. Members present were William Brent Bush, Ashley James, James McLain, Jill Wesch, Robert Spence, Auditor Amy Tolbert, First Deputy Auditor Stephanie Simpson, Council Attorneys Scott Craig and Donald Bonomo. Michael Carty and Randy Dreher were absent.
- IV. Approval of Minutes. A motion was made by Spence and seconded by Bush to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2018 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. Treasurer's Report. Wesch acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report.
- VI. Comp Time Report. Wesch stated the comp time for the highway department went up due to the weather.
- VII. Transfer of Funds.

Sheriff requesting to transfer \$1500 from Software Maintenance to \$1000 Chief Deputy and \$500 Assistant Clerk. This transfer is due to an additional appropriation request last month for Sheriff Mike Phelps to give his supervisors a raise. A motion was made by James and seconded by McLain to approve the transfer and the amended salary ordinance. All in favor, motion carried.

Jail requesting to transfer \$500 from Equipment Maintenance to Jailer 1. This transfer is due to an additional appropriation request last month for Sheriff Mike Phelps to give his supervisors a raise. A motion was made by James and seconded by Bush to approve the transfer and the amended salary ordinance. All in favor, motion carried.

- VIII. Additional Appropriations.

The Council considered additional appropriation requests as published. Member Jill Wesch reviewed the appropriations from the written requests submitted by Auditor Amy Tolbert. Thus, the following ordinance was adopted: WHEREAS: it has been determined it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget for 2018, BE IT ORDAINED, by the County Council of Vermillion County Indiana, for the expenses of said county government, the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated and ordered set out of the funds herein specified, subject to the law governing the same:

FUND/DEPT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
Certified Shares	\$105,000.00	\$105,000.00

This additional appropriation request is from Certified Shares for DVR System Security and Courthouse Security. A motion was made by McLain and seconded by James to approve the additional appropriation request. All in favor, motion carried.

FUND/DEPT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
Public Safety	\$268,759.00	\$268,759.00

This additional appropriation request is from Public Safety for Eighth Deputy, Ninth Deputy, Tenth Deputy, Social Security, Medicare, Unemployment, Group Insurance, Sheriff's Department Retirement, Sheriff Marked Car, Equipment and Secretary Part-time. A motion was made by McLain and seconded by James to approve the additional appropriation request and the amended salary ordinance. All in favor, motion carried.

FUND/DEPT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
Public Safety	\$72,722.00	\$72,722.00

This additional appropriation request is from Public Safety for Probation Officer 3, Social Security, Medicare, Unemployment, Perf, Life Insurance, Group Insurance, Deferred Comp AUL, Office Furniture, Equipment (Gun, etc.), Office Equipment Computer, Telephone, Equipment Camera and Equipment Security Camera. A motion was made by Bush and seconded by James to approve the additional appropriation request and the amended salary ordinance. All in favor, motion carried.

FUND/DEPT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
Public Safety	\$376,000.00	\$376,000.00

This additional appropriation request is from Public Safety for Ambulance Contract and Jail Capital Projects. A motion was made by James and seconded by Bush to approve the additional appropriation request. All in favor, motion carried.

FUND/DEPT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
Clerk	\$18,704.22	\$18,704.22

This additional appropriation request is from the Clerk for Clerk Perpetuation to pay for record keeping expenses for 2018. A motion was made by James and seconded by Spence to approve the additional appropriation request. All in favor, motion carried.

FUND/DEPT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
Misdemeanant	\$2828.00	\$2828.00

This additional appropriation request is from Misdemeanant for Other Charges to pay outstanding invoices for GED Courses' for inmates. A motion was made by Spence and seconded by Bush to approve the additional appropriation request. All in favor, motion carried.

FUND/DEPT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
PHPER	\$24,751.48	\$24,751.48

This additional appropriation request is from PPHPER to set up the 2018 budget for the PPHPER 2017-18 grant. A motion was made by McLain and seconded by Spence to approve the additional appropriation request. All in favor, motion carried.

FUND/DEPT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
Economic Development	\$3,388.00	\$3,388.00

This additional appropriation request is from Economic Development for First Deputy. First Deputies are paid \$33,388.00. The Economic Development first deputy is paid \$30,000.00. This was due to miscommunication about the Board of Commissioner's Ordinance dated 7/28/2015, which was understood the \$3,000.00 less per new hire clause as permanent, and not a probationary period as it actually is. The Economic Development's recommendation is that Lynne Brewer has served her probationary period, and her pay should reflect what the other First Deputy's make in the county. A motion was made by Bush and seconded by James to approve the additional appropriation request and the amended salary ordinance. All in favor, motion carried.

FUND/DEPT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
County General	\$27,080.54	\$27,080.54

This additional appropriation request is from County General for Park & Recreation for Improvements to install restrooms at Miller Park and Hillsdale Park. A motion was made by Spence and seconded by Bush to approve the additional appropriation request. All in favor, motion carried.

FUND/DEPT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
County General	\$6,942.00	\$6,942.00

This additional appropriation request from County General is for the Auditor for Fifth Deputy and Third Deputy. Tolbert stated that Becky Julian is retiring and her last day of work is 4/5/18. On 4/19/18 she will receive her pay for the prior two weeks. She will then be owed her two weeks behind pay that we withheld plus vacation. Since these amounts are accounted for upfront the soonest I could hire in full-time would be May 4th. Anita Fultz is going to take the payroll position and I am going to hire internally for the claims position. The person I am hiring is currently full-time and I would like to train her starting 2/23/18 so Fultz can focus on learning the payroll job. In order to do so, I would need to create and fund a temporary fifth deputy for this period of time to pay the new person. Tolbert also stated that she is asking for \$1,900 for Julian's account. This is the max amount that could be possibly paid out for vacation if she retires without using any. Tolbert said Julian would like to try to burn some of her time but it may not be possible due to training. If she

were to take time then the money would not be used and would revert back to county general at the end of the year.

A motion was made by James and seconded by Spence to approve the additional appropriation request and the amended salary ordinance. All in favor, motion carried.

- a. Amended Salary Ordinance. Pre-Trial Diversion amended salary ordinance for two deputy prosecutor part time positions. The council decided to take this under advertise pending further explanation. A motion was made by James and seconded by Bush to table the amended salary ordinance for pre-trial diversion. All in favor except Wesch who abstained from voting. Motion carried.

IX. Open Issues

- a. Southern Power – Economic Development Agreement. Mike Casey, project manager for Southern Power spoke about the Economic Development agreement with Southern Power. He would like the Council to review the agreement for consideration of approval. Casey said they are an electric generating plant. He stated they have 48 plants in 11 states. He said their proposal needs the support of the county with assistance with the TIF. He stated that without the TIF they cannot be competitive. Casey said the Vermillion Rise site is not an option now, their only option is to locate along Highway 63 to stay on track with their time table. He said they will fully fund all infrastructure and will remove very few trees. He said they have been working on this for about three years. He said they are working to secure customers and that is going well. Casey stated they have submitted a revised agreement to Economic Development for approval. Rigger said they are meeting in an executive session on February 13, 2018 and a regular meeting following, they will have a formal recommendation after their meeting. Casey said they would like to have the council approve the agreement and that it's not valid until Council, Commissioners, Economic Development and the newly established Redevelopment Commission all sign the agreement. Spence stated he would like to have a special meeting after the Economic Development Board has their meeting and has a formal recommendation. The Council discussed having a special meeting on January 26, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.
- b. Redevelopment Commission Appointments. James said she is interested in serving on the Redevelopment Commission Board. Dylan Rigger said he sent an email to Carty expressing his interest in serving on the Redevelopment Commission Board also. A motion was made by Spence to appoint Ashley James to the Redevelopment Commission Board, seconded by Bush. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by McLain to appoint Dylan Rigger to the Redevelopment Commission Board, seconded by James. All in favor, motion carried.
- c. LIT (Local Income Tax) Township Requests. Emergency Management Director Mark O'Heir presented the council with recommended procedures for the disbursement of the Vermillion County Public Safety portion of the 2018 Local Income Tax. He stated that the townships would have to fill out an application to request the funds. Council attorney Scott Craig presented a Resolution Regarding Procedures to Request 2018 Disbursement of Local Income Tax for Public Safety. The council took the procedures under advisement and decided to add this to the special meeting agenda on February 26, 2018.

- d. Health Insurance. James said the Health Insurance committee is meeting this week. James stated they would have a recommendation when it's closer to renewal.

X. New Business

- a. Resolution Regarding Procedures to Request 2018 Disbursement of Local Income Tax for Public Safety. Tabled until next meeting.
- b. Sheriff's Commissary Fund. The council acknowledged receipt of the Sheriff's Commissary Fund report.
- c. Local Roads and Bridges Matching Grant – Tim Yocum. Yocum said this is a 25% investment with a 75% return. Yocum stated that this year the matching funds coming out of the Rainy Day Restricted Fund is \$167,000.00 and he is requesting \$158,000.00 to be put into the Rainy Day Restricted to maintain the balance of \$250,000.00 for future matching grants. James said she would like to take the money from Certified Shares for the grant match. Tolbert said they can't do anything tonight because it is not a formal request. Yocum said he would request the funds at the next regular council meeting.

Having no further business to come before the Council, the motion was made to adjourn by McLain, seconded James. All in favor, motion carried.

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Michael Carty, President

Randy Dreher, Vice President

William Brent Bush

Ashley James

James McLain

Jill Wesch

Robert Spence

ATTEST:

Amy Tolbert, Auditor