

Vermillion County Council

Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2019

6:30 p.m.

Commissioner's Courtroom, 2nd Floor, Courthouse

- I. **Call to Order.** The Vermillion County Council convened in a regular meeting on January 14, 2019.
- II. **Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.**
- III. **Roll Call.** Members present were President John Michael Major, William Brent Bush, Ashley James, Randy Dreher, Ronald Dunavan, Neil Costello, Robert Spence, First Deputy Auditor Stephanie Simpson, and Council Attorney Donald Bonomo. Auditor Amy Tolbert was absent.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes.** A motion was made by Dreher and seconded by Spence to approve the minutes from the December 10, 2018 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. **Treasurer's Report.** Major acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report.
- VI. **Comp Time Report.** Dreher stated that they could stop receiving the comp time reports, Spence said he would like them to continue getting the reports. Spence said he would like there to be running totals from month to month on the report.
- VII. **Transfer of Funds.**
 - Reporting only. Emergency Management transferring \$355.00 from Building & Structure, \$100.00 from Freight & Express, \$618.00 from Training & Seminars to Repairs & Maintenance.
 - Reporting only. Commissioners Court transferring \$4000.00 from GIS, \$1000.00 from Animal Test, \$1000.00 from Building & Structure, \$2290.50 from Maintenance Agreement to Juvenile Detention.
 - Reporting only. Commissioners Court transferring \$4484.42 from Telephone to Computer.
 - Reporting only. Courthouse transferring \$1210.54 from HVAC to Trash Hauling.
 - Reporting only. Cumulative Bridge transferring \$4228.62 from Other Contract to Bridge Inspection.
 - Reporting only. Park & Recreation transferring \$168.63 from Legal Services to Electricity.
 - Reporting only. Auditor transferring \$3620.55 from Official Records to Office Supplies.
 - Transfer. Sheriff requesting to transfer \$4000.00 from Radio to Overtime and \$5929.64 from Radio to Gas. A motion was made by Bush and seconded by James to allow both transfers. All in favor, motion carried.
- VIII. **Additional Appropriations.** No additional appropriations for January.
- IX. **Open Issues**
 - a. **2019 Appointments**
 - Council President.** Dreher made a motion to nominate Major as President of the Council, Bush seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Motion carried, Major abstained.
 - Council Vice President.** Bush made a motion to nominate James as Vice President of the Council, Dunavan seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Motion carried, James and Major abstained.
 - Solid Waste Board.** A motion was made by Dreher and seconded by Costello to appoint Dunavan to the Solid Waste Board. All in favor, motion carried.
- X. **New Business**

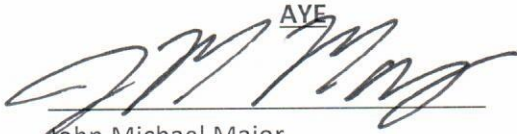
- a. **Amended Salary Ordinance.** The amended salary ordinance was to correct the three new Sheriff's Deputies pay for 2019. A motion was made by Dreher and seconded by Dunavan to approve the Amended Salary Ordinance for 2019. All in favor, motion carried.
- b. **Sheriff's Commissary Fund.** The Council received the Sheriff's Commissary Fund Report.
- c. **OPO for 2019.** Operation Pull Over Coordinator Chad Hennis told the council they were awarded \$8000.00 for Operation Pull Over and he stated the county is responsible for the benefits. He said they are going to apply for the summer grant also. Sheriff Mike Phelps said the salary ordinance needs amended to reflect the pay for the Operation Pull Over hourly rate of \$29.16 for 2019. A motion was made by James and seconded by Dreher to amend the salary ordinance to reflect the Operation Pull Over hourly rate to \$29.16 for 2019. All in favor, motion carried.
- d. **Vermillion County Park and Recreation – Employee Pay.** There was some discussion on the Park Employee that was added last year and paid from Certified Shares that was not added to their budget request this year but should have been. Simpson said the Park Board will need to request an additional appropriation for the employee for 2019. A motion was made by James and seconded by Spence to table. All in favor, motion carried.
- e. **Timeclock.** Major asked if anyone was here to speak about this, he said their packet included a letter from Amy Griffin regarding timeclocks. Phil Wright with Alarmax told the Council he sells this type of equipment if the county is interested. Major said this is a handbook issue he believes. He said this should be talked about in an executive session if this has anything to do with employees hashing out against any employee of the courthouse or against any department, it will be done in an executive session or by the Commissioners. He said they will not be airing anything out in a public meeting, just to let everyone know. Major said, as far as a timeclock, he believes it is up to each elected official to take care of that. He said the County Council and the Commissioners cannot tell an elected official what to do or when they can be there and can't be there. He said this is his two cents on the issue. Major asked for a motion to table indefinitely, or to have an executive session. There was some discussion. It was decided that no action was needed.
- f. **Newly Elected Councilmembers.** Dreher said he would like to recognize the two newly elected councilmembers Neil Costello and Ronald Dunavan and he said he looks forward to working with them.
- g. **Community Crossing Grant Matching Funds.** Commissioners Tim Yocum asked the Council if the matching money was still available because they are in the process of applying for the Community Crossing Grant for 2019. James said she believes the money is there, it was set aside for the grant.
- h. **County Highway Engineer.** Yocum also told the Council that he thinks it would be a good idea to have a county engineer and he said that he has spoken with Parke County Commissioner Jim Meece about splitting the cost and sharing a county engineer and thinks it would be good for the county to have an engineer and he is going to explore this further.

XI. **Adjourn.**


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

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John Michael Major




Ashley James



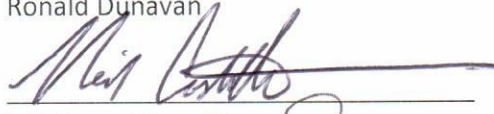
William Brent Bush



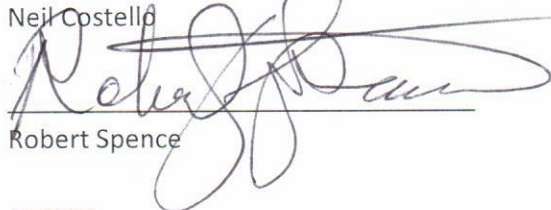
Randy Dreher



Ronald Dunavan



Neil Costello



Robert Spence

ATTEST:



Amy Tolbert, Auditor