

Vermillion County Council

Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2019

6:30 p.m.

Commissioner's Courtroom, 2nd Floor, Courthouse

- I. **Call to Order.** The Council convened in a regular meeting on July 8, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Commissioner's Courtroom.
- II. **Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.**
- III. **Roll Call.** Members present were President John Michael Major, Ashley James, Ronald L. Dunavan, Neil Costello, William Brent Bush, Robert Spence, Randy Dreher, Auditor Amy Tolbert, First Deputy Auditor Stephanie Simpson, and Council Attorney Scott Craig.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes.** A motion was made by Spence and seconded by Dunham to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2019 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. **Treasurers Report.** No comments on Treasurer's Report.
- VI. **Comp Time Report.** No Comments on Comp Time Report.
- VII. **Transfer of Funds.**

Reporting only. Commissioners Court is requesting to transfer \$30.00 from Building & Structure Personal Property Liability to Copier Repairs & Maintenance.

VIII. **Additional Appropriations**

The Council considered additional appropriation requests as published. President John Michael Major 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 2019, 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
CASA	\$24,461.00	\$5,000.00

This request is being made to increase the director salary to \$25,000.00 for the year to account for the actual amount of time required for the position. Also, requesting the position be full-time with benefits. The Council discussed the request and decided to only approve \$5,000.00 for the position and to not approve the position to be a full-time position at this time.

A motion was made by Dreher and seconded by Spence to approve \$5,000.00 for the CASA director. All in favor, motion carried.

FUND/DEPT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
Probation	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00

This request is to appropriate \$5,000.00 that was received from a mini grant from LLC for \$5,000.00 to help with drug testing costs.

A motion was made by Spence and seconded by Bush to allow the additional appropriation request for \$5,000.00. All in favor, motion carried.

IX. **Open Issues**

- a. **County Website.** Tolbert stated that the commissioners are looking at two proposals and will have both companies give a presentation before making a decision.

- b. **County Handbook.** Craig said the handbook committee will meet in August and should have a new handbook ready for approval in the fall.

X. New Business

- a. **2020 Public Safety LIT Fire Departments.** Requests were presented by Black Diamond, Newport, Cayuga, Perrysville and Helt Fire and Rescue, totaling \$464,586.12. The requests included costs for payment if full-time and part-time firefighters and EMTs, replacement of turnout gear, replacement of hoses, replacement of air packs, and other items which varied for each department. The council discussed each individual request.
Major stated he would like to refer the requests to a new public safety committee. Dunavan asked, "Didn't we say at the last meeting that the Council would consider them?" Major said he just thinks a committee needs to be formed to look at them and bring a recommendation to budget hearings. James suggested a special meeting be held to discuss the request further before making a decision. Costello suggested that, in the future, the Council should come up with a way to distribute the money using some sort of formula, based on tax levy, or run volumes, that would result in automatic distributions to the departments, which could then be used for whatever needs each department has. Major said there were two options, a special meeting or a committee. Bush said he would like to see the whole Council involved, and James agreed. A special meeting was set for 6:30 p.m. on July 22nd to discuss the request, with final decisions to be made at the regular meeting in August.
- b. **Abatements.** The Council received a positive recommendation on all abatements currently in effect from the Vermillion County Economic Development Council. A motion was made by Dreher and seconded by Bush to approve all abatements currently in effect. All in favor, motion carried.
- c. **Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 2016-002 Establishing Local Service Fees for Business Personal Property Exemption Certification.** The Council briefly discussed the Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 2016-002 Establishing Local Service Fees for Business Personal Property Exemption Certification. A motion was made by James and seconded by Spence to approve the ordinance. All in favor, motion carried.
- d. **Budget Consultant.** The Council received two proposals for budget consulting services. One from Robert Purlee for \$11,500.00 and one from Cox, Zwerner, Gambill and Sullivan in the amount of \$8,500.00. Craig told the Council that when Tolbert sent him the agreement with Purlee, he said that he could do that at a slightly lower cost. Major made a motion to approve the agreement with Cox, Zwerner, Gambill and Sullivan. Spence stated that as president, Major can not make motions. Dunavan asked how many years Purlee had been working for the county, Tolbert said he formerly worked for Governmental Consulting Services, and last year after leaving the company, worked for the county individually. Tolbert stated she had no preference between the two, as she felt the county would get the same level of service with either one.
A motion was made by Dreher to approve the agreement with Robert Purlee, seconded by Dunavan. All in favor, motion carried.

XI. Adjourn

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

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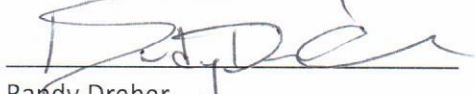
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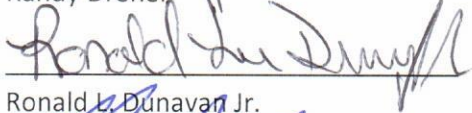
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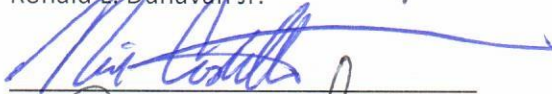
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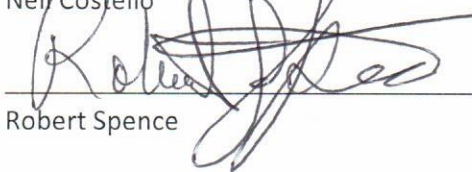
Randy Dreher



Ronald L. Dunavan Jr.



Neil Costello



Robert Spence

ATTEST:



Amy Tolbert, Auditor