

Vermillion County Council

Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2022

6:30 P.M.

Commissioner's Court, 2nd Floor Courthouse

- I. **Call to Order.** The Council convened in a regular meeting on October 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Commissioner's Courtroom.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.**
- III. **Roll Call.** Members present were President Ashley James, William Rennels, Rick Weir, Kelly Summerville, William Brent Bush, Martin Brown, Auditor Brenda Furry, Deputy Auditor Leigh Ann Smith, and County Council Attorney, Scott Craig. Randy Dreher was not present.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes.** Minutes will be available at the next meeting.
- V. **Treasurer's Report.** President, Ashely James acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report.
- VI. **Transfer of Funds- Non-Reporting** – Purdue Extension has one transfer for \$600.00 from 41400 Office Equipment to 11507 Office Assistance for extra help needed. A motion was made by Rick Weir and seconded by Martin Brown, all in favor, motion carried.
Transfer of Funds-Reporting Only – Council went over the Transfers.
- VII. **Additional Appropriations.** The Council considered additional appropriations as published. President Ashley James reviewed the appropriations from the written requests submitted by Auditor Brenda Furry. Thus, the following ordinance was adopted: WHEREAS: it has been determined it is now necessary to appropriate more money that was appropriated in the annual budget for 2022, 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:

<u>FUND/DEPT</u>	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT APPROVED</u>
<i>County General</i>	<i>\$15,000.00</i>	<i>\$15,000.00</i>

This additional appropriation is going to be used to pay the remaining out of contract appointments. A motion was made by Brent Bush and seconded by Rick Weir, all in favor, motion carried.

- VIII. **New Business**
 - a. **2023 Budget Adoption:**

Prosecutor, Bruce Aukerman had several questions regarding the cuts made to several of his budgets. Aukerman's Deputy Prosecutor Nina Alexander presented a handout and addressed the council regarding the Pre-Trial Diversion budget. It kept the budget at the \$97,150 as the Council had put forward, but changed individual line items within the budget. A motion was made by Brent Bush and seconded by Kelly Summerville, all approved, motion carried. At this time Mr. Aukerman addressed the council about the Child Support budget. He requested the Deputy Prosecutor/Part-Time go from the council recommendation of \$29,000 to \$40,000. He explained that this budget gets reimbursed from the state at a rate of 66%. After deliberating with the council, it was decided to cut office supplies by \$1,000, cut postage by \$1,000 and cut travel by \$500. The council will add the \$2,500 to the current recommended \$29,000 to make the salary \$31,500. A motion was made by William Rennels and seconded by Martin Brown, all in favor, motioned carried. Aukerman's final budget discussion was regarding the line item of Investigation under his Prosecutor General Fund budget. Aukerman originally asked for \$50,000 and the council had cut it to \$25,000.

There was some question on statute between Aukerman and Scott Craig, Council Attorney. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Rick Weir to accept a compromise of \$45,000, it was seconded by William Rennels, Martin Brown opposed, motion carried.

- b. Ronald Dunavan, SR, and Doug Hess of the Economic Development questioned the council on the reasons behind their budget cuts. Ashley James explained how much revenue was incoming yearly against what was being asked to spend. The expenditure request outweighed what was incoming. James also went over what the accounts in the Economic Development are designed for, specifically the 40000 funds are for capital outlays and not services. Also, the Main Street line item is not for making donations. A new housing project in Cayuga was also discussed, specifically the loan and repayment methods. Doug Hess also mentioned other possible 2023 projects.
- c. Vermillion County Solid Waste Management 2023 Budget of \$12,027 was presented. A motion by Rick Weir and a second by Brent Bush to approve the budget was made. All in favor, motion carried.
- d. Vermillion County 2023 Budget for \$15,721,530 was presented. A motion by Kelly Summerville and a second by William Rennels to approve the budget was made. All in favor, motion carried.

IX. Public Comment - NONE

X. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn made by Rick Weir and seconded by Martin Brown. All in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

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Nay

Ashley James

Not present for this meeting

Randy Dreher

William B Bush

William Brent Bush

Rick Weir

Rick Weir

M. B.

Martin Brown

William Rennels

William Rennels

Kelly Summerville

Kelly Summerville

Attest:

Brenda Furry

Brenda Furry, Auditor

11/18/2022