

Vermillion County Council

Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2022

6:30 P.M.

Commissioner's Court, 2nd Floor Courthouse

- I. **Call to Order.** The Council convened in a regular meeting on July 11, 2022 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, Randy Dreher Martin Brown, Auditor Brenda Furry, Deputy Auditor Annie Wickens, and County Council Attorney, DJ Bonomo.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes.** June 13, 2022 Minutes were not approved due to some discrepancies. Minutes to be approved at August 11, 2022 meeting.
- V. **Treasurer's Report.** President, James acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report.
- VI. **Transfer-No Council Approval** but the amended salary ordinance has to have approval from the Council-Auditor-Brenda Furry is requesting to transfer funds from Extra Help to Fourth and Fifth Deputy in the amount of \$3,400 for the reason that she had two new employees that she was paying them at a reduced salary until they were trained and would like to move them up to the standard amount that the salary study recommended and was approved by council. Dreher questioned whether this was in the budget that they approved. James stated that it was in the salary study to pay her employees this amount but she did not pay them the full amount due to the fact they were still training. James stated that the commissioners made this suggestion but she wasn't sure when they approved it. She also stated that it is at the top of the Salary Ordinance. It states that they are to pay new hires at a reduced rate until they are fully trained and that is at the discretion of the Elected Official. Brown stated so this will line up with what the salary study put them at? James stated yes that is what the salary study suggested and that is what we agreed to. James also stated that if they had been there a year when the salary study came in they would have been paid the amount she is asking for now. A motion as made by Brown to approve the amended salary ordinance for the Auditor's request and was seconded by Rennels. All in favor, motion carried.
- VII. **Additional Appropriations-**

<u>Fund/Dept</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount Approved</u>
County General 1000-133	\$5000.00	\$5000.00

EOC-Mark O'Heir is requesting \$5000 for the siren at the jail that needs a new solar panel and charger. O'Heir applied for and received a grant from Duke Energy Foundation and he is wanting to apply this money to the cost of the repairs.

A motion was made by Dreher to approve the additional \$5000 grant money and was seconded by Bush. All in favor, motion carried.

<u>Fund/Dept</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount Approved</u>
E911/1222	\$232,927.25	\$232,927.25

E911 Director-Jim Miller is requesting \$232,927.25 to purchase repeater system for North Vermillion, South Vermillion schools and Vermillion County Courthouse so that law enforcement radios are on the 800 series and will be able to communicate with each other. \$25,000 is for high-band portable radios for Clinton City office, the Prosecutor's office and Probation.

A motion was made by Weir to approve the appropriations for the new equipment in the amount of \$232,927.25 and was seconded by Summerville. All in favor, motion carried.

Dreher wanted to thank Jim Miller for all the hard work he has done with the new position he was taken over. He has heard many good things.

- VIII. **Old Business**-James stated we have some old business that we need to act on. James stated we have an amended salary schedule for the Parks department. The parks department had asked for an additional appropriation at the last meeting that did not get approved so the only other option is to change the amended salary schedule to a different pay rate. James stated that the yearly total did not change but the pay rate would change. James stated this will take a motion and a vote to approve. Summerville stated he thought we already talked to them about this last month. James stated that we did talk to him about changing the budget for next year to increase the amount for next year. James stated that was also an option we can pursue. Weir questioned if the employee has made a decision on which way the he wanted to go? Bush stated not until the Council made their decision. Bush stated that both employees are doing the same work and that Danny gets more due to he is the superintendent. Bush also said that they didn't realize at the time when they hired this employee that the pay was different. He apologized for not looking at it closer. Bush stated that at the last council meeting we talked about not changing the amount of the salary just the rate to make it even, and at the end of the year he won't work as long as the others do. Bush stated that when the employee was hired that he was still in school and was not working as much as the others. He also had a few funerals and had gotten Covid so he would not have as many hours as the others. This will not affect the yearly salary. Bush also stated that the employees do a fantastic job and have been busy with several projects including the mowing.

Bush said as a side not, that if you haven't been to Miller park and seen the frisbee golf course you really should go and see it. A lot of people are playing frisbee golf. There is also new playground equipment coming to Dana and this will be a really great place for Vermillion County. Bush stated that Perrysville is getting 5 workout stations on the 1/2 mile track for people to work-out while walking the trail.

Bush stated the two employees were hired at the same time and they didn't realize that they were two different pays and that was their fault, but just want to make it right for the employees. James wanted to clarify for anyone who wasn't at the last meeting that these positions have always been paid different except this new position which is paid out of the certified shares, and that is was listed on the budget request that was sent to the council and approved. Bush stated that they aren't trying to get more money they just want to change the hourly rate so that both employees make the same and if the employee has to stop working early then we will do that. Bush reiterated that he has missed some days already so it might work out when it is time to stop the employment for the seasonal workers. Brent Bush stated there is three different pay rates and he was wanting to know what they were. Bush stated that Danny makes a different amount. Brent Bush wanted to clarify why there were 3 different pay rates not including Danny. Brent Bush stated

that the second guy gets paid a little more. Auditor Brenda Furry clarified that longevity pay was the reason for the pay difference.

A motion was made by Weir to approve the salary rate change as long as the yearly rate does not change, and seconded by Summerville. Bush abstained from vote. Everyone else in favor, motion carried.

IX. New Business

a. Sustainable Sourcing LLC- Tax Abatement-Richard Shagley-Wright, Shagley & Lowery

Richard Shagely on behalf of Sustainable Sourcing LLC ,spoke about the Tax Abatement for Sustainable Sourcing LLC at the Elanco plant in Clinton. They have been on the property for Elanco for over 12 years and they are now wanting to expanding with new equipment in the amount of 2.1 million dollars. They are wanting a 10-year abatement for that property which means that for 10 years there is a sliding scale (see attached). Shagely stated that they will save about \$95,000 in taxes but will be paying around \$70,000 in taxes. He stated that they will be saving in the first 10 years on a sliding scale about \$95,000. Shagely stated this will provided 3 new jobs for this community with a total payroll of \$180,000 to add to their 10 additional employees. Shagely stated that these employees will also get insurance and a retirement for benefits. James stated this is the first reading of this resolution and the Council will have to approve it again in the next meeting. Dreher questioned if there would be any other jobs coming besides these three you spoke about tonight? Shagely stated that 12 years ago Sustainable Sourcing LLC probably was not thinking they would have growth but in the last 12 years things have done really well. Shagely stated you just never know. She also stated that this company has decided to stay here and that is a beautiful thing and they want to grow here and that this abatement is a great tool that communities have to get more companies to come and stay. Dreher stated that this is definitely something we should approve. Vermillion County needs this.

A motion was made by Dreher to approve the abatement and seconded by Bush. All in favor, motion carried.

b. Annual Contract for Cox, Zwerner, Gambill & Sullivan LLP

James stated the Council needed to approve or deny the Contract for the Budgeting and Consulting agreement with Cox, Zwerner, Gambill & Sullivan LLP in the amount of \$11,500. James stated that the amount has not changed for many years and they have done it for the last 3 or 4 years and the price has been consistent.

A motion was made by Bush to approve the contract with Cox, Zwerner, Gambill & Sullivan LLP and seconded by Brown. All in favor, motion carried.

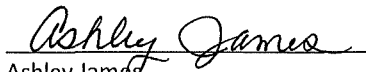
X. Public Comment: None

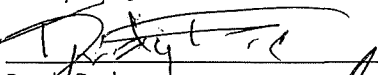
XI. Adjourn

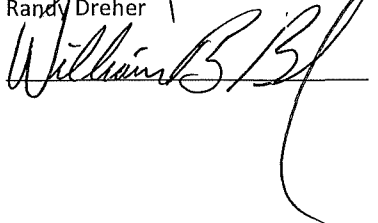
Motion to Adjourn made by Dreher and 2nd by Brown. All in favor.
Meeting Adjourned.

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Nay


Ashley James


Randy Dreher



**VERMILLION COUNTY COUNCIL
STATE OF INDIANA
RESOLUTION NO. - 2022 - 06**

A Resolution of the Common Council of Vermillion County, Indiana, Designating an Area Within Vermillion County, commonly identified as 10500 South State Road 63, Clinton, IN 47842, as an Economic Revitalization Area for the Purposes of Personal Property Tax Abatement.

WHEREAS, this resolution for ten (10) year personal property tax abatement has been filed with the Common Council of the Vermillion County requesting that the real property described therein be designated an Economic Revitalization Area for purposes of personal property tax abatement; and

WHEREAS, the petitioner, Sustaining Sourcing, LLC, has submitted a Statement of Benefits and provided all information and documentation necessary for the Common Council to make an informed decision, said information including a description of the real property which is commonly known as 10500 South State Road 63, Clinton, IN 47842, and more particularly described as follows:

(See attached Exhibit A)

WHEREAS, the Common Council of Vermillion County is authorized under the provisions of I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-1 et seq., to designate areas of the County as Economic Revitalization Areas for the purpose of tax abatement; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of Vermillion County has considered the Resolution and Statement of Benefits and has conducted a complete and proper investigation of the subject property and neighborhood to determine that the area qualifies as an Economic Revitalization Area under Indiana statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has found the subject property to be an area where facilities that are technologically, economically, or energy obsolete are located and where the obsolescence may lead to a decline in employment and tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, the petitioner estimates the investment to be made on the subject site will provide three (3) new full time employees over the next year with an annual payroll between One Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00) and Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) and have an estimated value of Two Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$2,100,000.00) for new manufacturing equipment and installation.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS FOUND, DETERMINED AND RESOLVED by the Common Council of the Vermillion County that:

1. The petitioner's estimate of the cost of new manufacturing equipment to be installed is reasonable for manufacturing equipment of that type.

2. The petitioner's estimate of the number of new positions created can reasonably be expected to result from the proposed installation of new manufacturing equipment.

3. The petitioner's estimate of the annual salaries or wages of the number of positions created can reasonably be expected to result from the installation of new manufacturing equipment.

4. The totality of the benefits of the proposed installation of new manufacturing equipment is sufficient to justify a ten (10) year personal property tax deduction from assessed valuation to result therefrom under Indiana statutes, and each such deduction should be, and is hereby, allowed.

5. That the petition for designating the subject property as an Economic Revitalization Area for the purposes of ten (10) year personal property tax abatement and the Statement of Benefits are hereby approved, and the property is hereby designated as an Economic Revitalization Area pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-1 et seq.

Passed in open Council this 11th day of July, 2022.

Ashley James
Ashley James, President
Common Council of
Vermillion County, Indiana

ATTEST:

Brenda Furry
Brenda Furry, Auditor

PUBLIC HEARING held this 8th day of August, 2022.

Ashley James
Ashley James, President
Common Council of
Vermillion County, Indiana

This instrument was prepared by Richard J. Shagley II, WRIGHT, SHAGLEY & LOWERY, P.C., 500 Ohio Street, Terre Haute, IN 47807, (812) 232-3388.

EXHIBIT A
LEGAL DESCRIPTION

007-005-0013-00 All Section 22, OL 15, BLKS 9

Total Acres: 301.78

Commonly known as: 10500 South State Road 63, Clinton IN 47842