

Vermillion County Council Meeting Agenda/Minutes

Monday April 14, 2014

6:30 pm

Commissioners Courtroom, Courthouse, Newport, Indiana

- I. Call to order. President Michael Carty called the meeting to order.
- II. Roll call. Present were Michael Carty, Jill Wesch, William Brent Bush, Milisa Carty, Michael Costello, Attorney Don Darnell, Auditor Phyllis Orman and First Deputy Amy Tolbert. Randy Dreher and Jim McLain were absent.
- III. Approval of minutes from last meeting and from the executive session held with Economic Development. Costello made a motion to allow, seconded by Bush. All were in favor.
- IV. Transfer of funds
 - a.) \$2,500.00 from Commissioners Court/GIS and \$2,000.00 from Commissioners Court/Telephone to Solid Waste Expenses. Costello made a motion to allow, seconded by Wesch. All were in favor.
 - b.) \$18,273.00 from Commissioners Court/Overtime to Sheriff's Department Retirement. Costello made a motion to allow, seconded by Milisa Carty. All were in favor.
 - c.) \$50,000.00 from Economic Development/Capital Outlays to Executive Director. Wesch made a motion to allow, seconded by Milisa Carty. All were in favor.
- V. Additional Appropriations
 - a.) County General \$421,085.00 for 3 new international tandem trucks. This was discussed in detail at the previous meeting. Costello made a motion to allow, seconded by Bush. All were in favor.
 - b.) Local Health Maintenance \$4,300.00. Rollover money from 2013, to purchase roller shelving to store vital record books. Wesch made a motion to allow, seconded by Costello. All were in favor.
 - c.) Misdemeanor. \$2,000.00. Payment for GED classes for inmates. Sheriff Spence said the DOC can remove inmates if we do not offer these classes. Wesch made a motion to allow, seconded by Bush. All were in favor.
- VI. Open issues

- a) Sheriff Pension Plan. Michael Carty said he wanted to mention that the Sheriff Pension Plan is a defined benefit plan. The council approved the retirement for the Sheriff and the deputies. He said it is a state plan and that he does not like defined benefit plans. He said like it or not, they have to fund it. He said they had a meeting with the investment advisors and the return were very low, 6.76% based on a 5 year average. He just wanted to make them all aware of this and to let them know that Morgan Stanley has been unable to find a return to cover the costs, stating again that the council has to cover it.
- b) Comp Time. Nothing new to report.
- c) Executive Director for Economic Development. The transfer was approved to fund an Executive Director. Doug Samuelson said they had interviewed and made their decision on who they would like to offer the job to. He said now that the funding is in place he will make the offer. If accepted the Council will have to amend the salary ordinance for the approved amount.

VII. New business

- a) Jail Inspection Report from the Indiana DOC. Wesch had a question in regards to the jail being understaffed by 4 jailers. She asked if that was on top of the 2 additional jailers they approved for 2014. Michael Carty said no, it would be 2 more. He suggested they challenge the report stating it could be a liability to the county. Costello didn't think so because it is a non-binding report. Wesch agreed with Michael Carty. Michael Carty suggested that someone from the State come explain the report to the council and the commissioners. Auditor Orman will contact Sheriff Spence to get this set up.
- b) Enhancing the Value of Public Spaces workshop. Wesch said she encouraged everyone to attend. It is on May 29th from 11 am to 1:30 pm and lunch is provided. It will be held in the Clinton City Hall, City Council Chambers.
- c) Parke Vermillion Humane Society. Costello asked that the Commissioners increase the line item budget for 2015 by \$2,000.00. He said the Humane Society is constantly fundraising and would like to see the county help them out.

VIII. Adjournment. Costello made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bush. All were in favor.

Read in full and approved by the Vermillion County Council on the 12th day of May, 2014.

Michael Carty

Jim McLain

Randy Dreher

Michael Costello

William Brent Bush

Jill Wesch

Milisa Carty

Attest: _____
Phyllis Orman, Auditor