

Vermillion County Council Meeting Agenda/Minutes

Monday May 12, 2014

6:30 pm

Commissioner's 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, Brent Bush, Milisa Carty, Randy Dreher, Jim McLain, Michael Costello, Attorney Don Darnell, Auditor Phyllis Orman and First Deputy Amy Tolbert.
- III. Approval of minutes from last meeting. Bush made a motion to allow, seconded by Costello. All were in favor.
- IV. Transfer of funds.
 - a) Reporting Only 8111 PHER \$500.00 from 35101 Training to 32400 Travel and \$280.00 from 33404 Storage Unit to 32400 Travel.
 - b) 1176 Highway \$2,000 from 41102 machinery to 32406 tree removal and \$2,000 from 41102 machinery to 31802 blades. Michael Carty tabled the transfer because no one from the highway was available to discuss it.
 - c) 1176 Highway \$10,000.00. Michael Carty tabled the transfer because no one from the highway was available to discuss it.
 - d) 1176 Highway \$50,000.00 Michael Carty tabled the transfer because no one from the highway was available to discuss it.
- V. Additional Appropriations
 - a) 1000 County General EMA \$1,822.00 and 5,198.00 into 33501 for repairs and maintenance. Grant money via Clay County for a trailer that was purchased to move the Emergency response UTV around the county as needed. Wesch made a motion to allow, seconded by Dreher. All were in favor.
 - b) 8118 HHS Grant. \$18,391.60 for repairs and maintenance. Grant money for polling place doors at the Newport Lions Club and the Sacred Heart Church. The money has been received, just needing to appropriate it. Wesch made a motion to allow, seconded by McLain. Milisa Carty abstained. Motion carried.
- VI. Open issues
 - a) Comp Time. The council reviewed the report.
 - b) Executive Director Economic Development. Doug Samuelson said the applicant they were seeking has accepted another job so they are back to square one.
 - c) Jail Inspection report-jailer. Kenneth Whipker, IDOC/Jail inspector for the State of Indiana was present to discuss and answer questions in regards to the jail inspection report. Michael Carty said he had issues with the report saying the jail is understaffed. He explained that they did hire 2 but was unclear as to whether they needed to hire 2 more. Whipker said in early 2012 there were new jail standards put into place from the State of Indiana. He said the staffing analysis is based on the design of each specific jail and their operations. It also builds in relief for people on vacation or out sick. He said the analysis results were that the jail is understaffed by 3.65 people. He said that doesn't mean they need to hire 4 full time people. He said they could be part time. He suggested the council develop a plan to fill the gap. He said if the Sheriff knew he was short and didn't advise the council then he would be liable. Since he did take it to the council, the liability would now be on the council. Costello asked if it was an unfunded mandate and Whipker said yes but that the state can only make recommendations. They cannot force you to hire someone. Whipker said the Sheriff runs a clean, well maintained facility and pointed out that the jail is 20 years old and will probably need additional maintenance soon. Darnell asked who did the analysis

and Whipker said Sheriff Spence did an in house analysis but that some can be done by hiring a consultant. He said the analysis is done by looking at how long it takes to prepare meals, to get from one end of the building to the other, etc. It's based on the design of the building. Darnell asked if the Matron counted as an employee and Whipker said yes and no. He said the statute is antiquated as the jail does not house juveniles and they now have female jailers to take care of them. Darnell asked if the training required could be done at the jail or on-line. Whipker said yes some of it could. Costello asked if most jails were understaffed and Whipker said yes, he has not been in a jail that was adequately staffed. Whipker said if they hire 1 part-time and work on hiring another it will show that you are trying. Michael Carty said if we just talk about it, it will not lessen our liability and he suggested instead of buying cars, they staff more people. Carty said he is not in favor of ignoring the shortfall of 1.65 people. Spence said there are issues that we can discuss at budget time, such as hiring part time people. Carty said he would like to see a report to the Council before the budget hearings on how Spence is going to address the shortfall. He said then the Council will decide what to do next.

VII. New business

- d) Park Board Appointment. John Haga turned in his resignation effective June 30, 2014. The Park Board sent a letter recommending Wayne Bush. Michael Carty said they need to first advertise the appointment. He also asked for a job description. Tabled.
- e) Governmental Consulting Services Agreement. Yearly contract with GCS at a cost of \$23,000. Costello made a motion to allow, seconded by Bush. All were in favor.
- f) Eli Lilly Real and Personal Property tax abatements. Attorney Lou Britton said the abatements were first submitted to Economic Development for review and recommendations. He said they met and reviewed the real and personal abatement for Eli Lilly and everything is in order and in proper form. He said the council is to make their preliminary recommendation and then a notice will be published and it will come back before the council at their next meeting. He said there are 2 resolutions that need to be approved. He said it is up to the council to set the abatement schedule. Kevin Dunbar with Eli Lilly said the personal property abatement is very similar to the last time. He said it is a 45 million dollar, 3 year project. He said the real abatement is for a new 14 million dollar lab. He said it will be a new building in a different location. He said the old lab will be torn down at some point. McLain made a motion to approve the 2 resolutions, seconded by Costello. All were in favor. It will go before the council for final approval at their June meeting.
- g) Tin Inc. tax abatements. The annual report will be reviewed by Economic Development then sent back to the Council for review at their June meeting.
- h) Newport Chemical Depot Reuse Authority Notice. The council received notice that the Reuse Authority has determined that there is no excess assessed value that may be allocated to other taxing districts.

VIII. Adjournment. Wesch made a motion to adjourn, seconded by McLain. All were in favor.

Read in full and approved by the Vermillion County Council on the 14th day of July 2014.

Michael Carty

Jim McLain

Randy Dreher

Michael Costello

William Brent Bush

Jill Wesch

Milisa Carty

Attest: _____
Phyllis Orman, Auditor