

Vermillion County Council Meeting Agenda/Minutes

Wednesday October 28, 2015

6:30 p.m.

Commissioners Courtroom, Courthouse, Newport, Indiana

- I. **CALL TO ORDER.** The Vermillion County Council convened in a special meeting on Wednesday October 28, 2015
- II. **ROLL CALL.** Members present were President Michael Carty, Vice-President Michael Costello, Randy Dreher, James McLain, Jill Wesch, Brent Bush, Basil Ave, Auditor Phyllis Orman, Chief Deputy Auditor Amy Tolbert and Attorney Don Darnell.
- III. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Bob Purlee with Governmental Consulting reviewed the financial report with the council. Mike Carty had some questions about revenues from 2010. Purlee will research and report back at a later date.
- IV. **SPEC BUILDING AT VERMILLION RISE:** Carty explained that there was still research being done in regards to the spec building. He said the money can be appropriated but cannot be loaned. There is a law firm out of Indy that will be writing a legal opinion on this matter. Carty said because the county cannot loan the money the Reuse Authority will be considered the first lien and then they, in good faith, should give that money back to the county.
- V. **RAINY DAY FUND:** Carty asked what the council wanted to do with the money in Rainy Day, if anything. Ave asked what the downside was of leaving it where it is and Carty said nothing. He said it's not earning much but it's not hurting us either. There was mention of using it for highway trucks and for the results of the feasibility study. Dreher said it is definitely something they need to all talk about before making any decisions. Dreher asked if the huge cash balances affect grant opportunities. Carty said it shouldn't but Wesch said it could in certain instances.
- VI. **SALARY ORDINANCE:** There was much discussion on how to handle the 27th pay whether it be in 2015 or 2016. Carty prepared a spreadsheet and shared it with the council. It was noted that an elected official's salary cannot be changed so the ordinance will need to show the changes in 2016 instead of 2015. Several employees asked several questions. They wanted to know who was going to make the decision and when. Carty said he wanted to make sure everyone was on the same page. It was noted that Payroll Deputy Becky Julian had left a handout for the council to review that shows the several options available. Carty and others stated that had not had time to review that hand out. Dreher suggested they review the handout and discuss the matter further at the next meeting.
- VII. **ADJOURNEMENT:** Dreher made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Costello.

Read in full and approved by the Vermillion County Council on the 9th day of November, 2015.

Michael Carty, President

Michael Costello, Vice-President

Randy Dreher

James McLain

William Brent Bush

Jill Wesch

Basil Ave

Attest: _____
Phyllis Orman, Auditor