

Vermillion County Council
Special Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2017

6:30 p.m.

Commissioners Courtroom, 2nd Floor, Courthouse, Newport, IN

- I. Call to Order. The Vermillion County Council convened in a special meeting on August 24, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.
- II. Roll Call. Members present were Brent Bush, Ashley James, Randy Dreher, Jim McLain, President Jill Wesch, Mike Carty, Bob Spence, Council Attorney Don Darnell, Auditor Amy Tolbert and First Deputy Auditor Stephanie Simpson.
- III. (LIT) Local Income Tax. Jill Wesch stated the meeting was for a proposed Local Income Tax increase from .20% to 1.5%. Mike Carty stated that the Council will still have to appropriate the funds. It was stated that this increase will help more than just the County. It will help the cities, towns, townships, libraries and fire departments. Several people in attendance spoke in favor of the increase. Paul Hollingsworth said he was in favor of the increase but would like to see the money stay in Vermillion County.

Council member Randy Dreher made a motion to impose a 1.50% adjusted gross income tax on the adjusted gross income of the local taxpayers of Vermillion County, seconded by Council member Bob Spence. Brent Bush voted yes, Ashley James voted yes, Randy Dreher voted yes, Jim McLain voted yes, Jill Wesch voted yes, Mike Carty voted yes and Bob Spence voted yes. Motion carried.

Council member Mike Carty made a motion to approve the ordinance modifying the local income tax allocations as follows:

PUBLIC SAFETY .75%
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT .25%
CERTIFIED SHARES .50%

Council member Brent Bush seconded the motion. Brent Bush voted yes, Ashley James voted yes, Randy Dreher voted yes, Jim McLain voted yes, Jill Wesch voted yes, Mike Carty voted yes and Bob Spence voted yes. Motion carried.

Having no further business to come before the Council, the motion was made to adjourn by Randy Dreher, seconded Mike Carty. All in favor, motion carried.

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Jill Wesch, President

Mike Carty, Vice President

Brent Bush

Ashley James

Jim McLain

Randy Dreher

Bob Spence

ATTEST:

Amy Tolbert, Auditor