

## **Vermillion County Council**

### **Meeting Minutes**

September 11, 2017

5:00 p.m.

Commissioner's Courtroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Courthouse

- I. Call to Order. The Vermillion County Council convened in a regular meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Monday September 11, 2017.
- II. Roll Call. Members present were Ashley James, Randy Dreher, Jim McLain, Jill Wesch, Mike Carty, Bob Spence, Auditor Amy Tolbert, First Deputy Auditor Stephanie Simpson and attorney Don Darnell. Brent Bush arrived at 5:15 p.m.
- III. Approval of Minutes. A motion was made by Bob Spence and seconded by Mike Carty to approve the minutes from the August 14, 2017 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.  
A motion was made by Mike Carty and seconded by Bob Spence to approve the minutes from the August 24, 2017 Special meeting concerning the Local Income Tax (LIT). All in favor, motion carried.
- IV. County Treasurers Report. Jill Wesch acknowledged receipt of the County Treasurers Report.
- V. Comp Time Report. Mike Carty said the comp time went down some from last month's report.
- VI. Transfer of Funds.  
Reporting only. Treasurer \$46.53 from Dues & Subscriptions to Postage.  
Reporting only. Treasurer \$156 from Travel to Equipment & Maintenance.  
Reporting only. Sheriff \$8000.00 from Gas & Oil to Other Garage Repair.  
Reporting only. Commissioners Court \$9610.00 from GIS to Katherine Hamilton.
- VII. Open Issues.
  - a. Local Income Tax (LIT). Wesch said she contacted Jason Semmler from Umbaugh and Associates and he said the Local Income Tax increase would start October 1, 2017 and the County would start receiving funds monthly beginning January 2018.
  - b. Ambulance. Wesch said they will talk about Ambulance during budget hearings.
- VIII. New Business
  - a. Amended Salary Ordinance – Driving Enforcement Grant. Sheriff Mike Phelps said Chad Hennis takes care of the Driving Enforcement Grants. Amy Tolbert said this grant does not include the benefits incurred by the deputies, it states that the county is to pay the benefits, she also said there is enough appropriated to pay the benefits. No action taken due to the lack of a motion.
  - b. 2018 Budget Hearings. Bob Purlee with Governmental Consulting Services was present to discuss the 2018 budget numbers. He said the total maximum levy for 2018 is \$7,381,055. His notes are attached to these minutes.

Budgets considered were:

Convention and Recreation

Soil & Water

Extension, 4-H and Fair Board

Park & Recreation  
Economic Development  
Public Defender  
Prosecutor, Child Support, Victim's Assistance, Pre-Trial Diversion and  
Stop Grant

President Jill Wesch recessed the meeting.

## **Vermillion County Council Meeting Agenda**

September 12, 2017

8:30 a.m.

Commissioner's Courtroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Courthouse

### **I. Budget Hearings continued.**

Budgets considered were:

Circuit Court, Alternative Dispute Resolution, User Fee and Family Court  
Grant

Health, Local Health, Local Health Trust, Drainage Board, Vaccine

Area Plan and Building Inspection

Clerk, Election and Voters Registration

Treasurer

Recorder

County ID Security Protection

Surveyor

Coroner

Veteran's Service Office

Auditor

Countermeasure

Local Emergency Planning Right to Know

Probation, Adult Probation, Juvenile Probation, Probation Administration

Assessor, Assessment Training Fund and Cumulative Reassessment

Sheriff, Jail, E911

Emergency Management

Commissioners Court, Courthouse, Covered Bridge, Cumulative Bridge,

Cumulative Capital Development, Local Roads and Streets, MVH-

Administration, MVH-Maintenance and Repair, MVH-General, Highway

Capital Improvement.

- II. Amended Salary Ordinance – Driving Enforcement Grant. This is the only grant that requires the county to pay the benefits. Deputy Chad Hennis was present to discuss the grant. He said he talked to the state and they informed him if the County turns down this grant the County will not be eligible for this grant in the future.

A motion was made by Randy Dreher and seconded by Ashley James to approve the amended salary ordinance. All in favor, motion carried.

The Council discussed which boards are paid and how much they are paid. The Health Department Board and the Drainage Board are asking to be raised from \$40 to \$60 per meeting. It was stated that the Park Board gets paid \$80 per meeting. The Council discussed

paying all boards that are currently paid the same amount. The Council requested the Auditor to get them a list of all County Boards, which ones are paid and how much they are paid.

The Council agreed to raise all boards that are paid to \$60 per meeting attended except the Park Board, they agreed to leave the Park Board at \$80 per meeting attended for this year only and the 2019 rate will be \$60 per meeting attended.

The Council also discussed raises for County employees. The Council was in agreement for a \$1000 raise for all full time employees. There was some discussion on whether to give a raise to the Council and Commissioners. Mike Carty and Brent Bush both stated they were fine with not getting a raise. There was some discussion on a \$500 raise for Council and Commissioners. Jim McLain stated that he felt it should be \$1000 for Council and Commissioners also. The Council agreed to \$1000 raise for all full time employees including the Council and Commissioners. The Council was also in agreement to a \$1000 raise for the Council and Commissioners attorneys. The Council agreed to raise the part-time hourly rate to \$10 an hour. There was discussion on the Economic Development Director's salary and the Council agreed to budget a \$3000 increase for Economic Development Director's line item. The Council will discuss the actual amount of the raise when they adopt the salary ordinance.

The formal adoption of the 2018 budget will be held on October 11, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

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

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Jill Wesch, President

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Mike Carty, Vice President

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Brent Bush

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Ashley James

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Jim McLain

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Randy Dreher

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Bob Spence

ATTEST:

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Amy Tolbert, Auditor