

**POSEY COUNTY COUNCIL TUESDAY APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2019**

The Posey County Council met in regular session at the Hovey House on Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 9:00am. The following members were present at said meeting: Heather Allyn, Stefani Miller, Marilyn Brenton, Robert Gentil, Tom Schneider and Aaron Wilson; Council Attorney William Bender; and Auditor, Sarah Beth Meighen. Council member Dave Pearce was absent.

H. Allyn called the Posey County Council meeting to order at 9:00am with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES**

S. Miller made a motion to approve the March Council minutes with a correction of a vote count; M. Brenton seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

**TREASURER REPORT**

A. Wilson made a motion to approve the March Treasurer's report; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

**TABLED HEALTH DEPARTMENT REQUEST**

H. Allyn stated when this was originally presented; the Council was told the new employee was hired after a gap of one month after previous employee's last day. Mrs. Allyn stated after investigating, the time between the two dates was not accurate. Sarah Beth Meighen, Posey County Auditor, stated \$1,600.00 is the amount needed to cover the cost of paying out the previous employee.

A. Wilson made a motion to approve this request; M. Brenton seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

**AREA PLAN**

Mark Seib, Posey County Area Plan President, addressed the Council regarding the future plans of the Area Plan Commission. Mr. Seib explained it has been nine years since the Commission updated their ordinances. Mr. Seib reminded the Council that the County tried to obtain a Grant for a new Master Plan, but they were not awarded that Grant. Mr. Seib stated with the current interest in wind, solar and cell phone tower in the County, they are looking into updating and creating new ordinances in those areas. Mr. Seib stated along with new ordinances, the Commission will be looking at existing ordinances that need to be adjusted.

Mr. Seib stated the Commission is speaking with experts in the wind, solar and cell phone tower areas to assist them with ordinances. Mr. Seib stated along with the County, the Commission is working with Mt. Vernon, Poseyville, and Cynthiana, as they are under the jurisdiction of the Area Plan Commission.

Mr. Seib stated the Commission will be coming to the May Council meeting to request \$20,000.00 from the Council in order to get the process started of obtaining new and updated Ordinances.

**SHERIFF SALARY**

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, informed the Council his salary will change in July, IC Code 36-2-13-2.8 -2ab; directs the Council that the Sheriff's salary is based on the population of the County. Mr. Latham stated, per code, his salary should be \$90,682.20.

Sheriff Latham stated as of today, the jail is housing 120 inmates and in March, the department took in \$55,440.00 from Vanderburgh; \$11,935.00 from Sullivan County; and \$13,895.00 from the DOC.

**SOLID WASTE REQUEST**

Ron Bennett, with Posey County Solid Waste, is request a loan from the County in the amount of \$50,000.00 to be paid back by or before December 2019. Mr. Bennett informed the Council his department now has a working operating balance, per State Board of Accounts, and he is hopeful this will be the last year this loan is requested. A. Wilson made a motion to approve this request; S. Miller seconded. The Motion carried with a vote of 6-0. H. Allyn stated this will come from County General.

**PER DIEM DISCUSSION**

H. Allyn stated although the Handbook is a Commissioners document, there is a section that talks about per diem, which would be for the Council to decide. Mrs. Allyn stated currently the

Handbook states per diem is \$35.00, when it is actually, per the budget, \$26.00. Mrs. Meighen is suggesting the Council agree to pay a flat \$26.00 per diem but allow for up to \$35.00 being reimbursed, if receipts are turned into the Auditors office. Mrs. Meighen stated the estimated cost to the County should be between \$600.00 to \$1,000.

A. Wilson made a motion to approve this change; M. Brenton seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

#### ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST

Sara Stallings, with the Posey County Prosecutors office, is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$30,000.00 from Infraction Deferral. Mrs. Stallings stated this will allow for a part time employee.

A. Wilson made a motion to approve this request; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

Dennis Schaefer, with Posey County Health Department, is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$4,000.00. Mr. Schaefer stated this would allow the department to pay utilities for their new building for the remainder of the year. T. Schneider made a motion to approve this request; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

Posey County Sewer District is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$5,000.00. Mrs. Allyn stated this is need to pay an easement that was approved at the end of 2018. Mrs. Allyn explained the paperwork was not completed for one parcel in 2018 so that money fell back into the general fund and now must be re-appropriated for 2019.

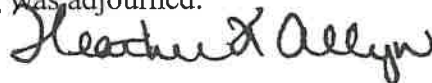
R. Gentil made a motion to approve this request; M. Brenton seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

#### UPDATES

Vicki Peerman, Posey County Treasurer, stated Tax Bills have gone out.

Mrs. Meighen stated Budget packets have gone out to department heads, and she is requesting those be returned by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

No further business was discussed and the meeting was adjourned.



Heather Allyn, President



Stefani Miller, Vice President



Robert A. Gentil



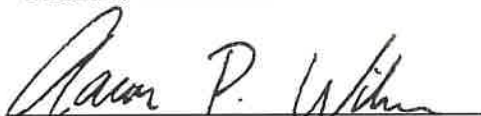
Marilyn Brenton



Dave Pearce



Thomas Schneider



Aaron Wilson

ATTEST:



Sarah Beth Meighen, Posey County Auditor