

POSEY COUNTY COUNCIL TUESDAY MAY 14TH, 2019

The Posey County Council met in regular session at the Hovey House on Tuesday, May 14th, 2019 at 9:00am. The following members were present at said meeting: Heather Allyn, Stefani Miller, Marilyn Brenton, Dave Pearce, Tom Schneider and Aaron Wilson; Council Attorney William Bender; and Auditor, Sarah Beth Meighen. Council member Robert Gentil was absent.

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

MINUTES

T. Schneider made a motion to approve the April Council minutes with a correction of a vote count; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

S. Miller made a motion to approve the April Treasurer's report; M. Brenton seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

CLERK'S REPORT

H. Allyn stated the Council will table this report until the June meeting.

ESTABLISHING REASONABLE AND JUST FEE'S FOR THE COUNTY

H. Allyn stated this ordinance was started in 2015 but never finished and was never recorded, therefore, the Auditors office has made some corrections and updates, and has presented the ordinance for consideration. Bill Bender, Council Attorney, stated he has reviewed the ordinance, and is considering this the first reading of the ordinance. Mr. Bender explained because the ordinance includes fines, it must be published twice in the newspapers before it can take effect. Mr. Bender stated the Recorders fees are set by IC codes and therefore should be omitted from the County Ordinance. A. Wilson made a motion to publish the ordinance; M. Brenton seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

SOUTHWEST INDIANA CHAMBER/PARTNERSHIP UPDATES

Michele Hudson, with the Southwest Indiana Economic Development Partnership, addressed the Council regarding several updates with the Chamber and the Partnership.

Mrs. Hudson stated the Council Members and the Commissioners will give a State of The County address at the third quarter Chamber Luncheon to be held on Thursday, August 22nd from 11:30 to 1:00 at the 4H Community Center/Fair Grounds.

Mrs. Hudson stated the Posey County Economic Development Partnership will have their annual dinner on Wednesday, November 13th at 5:30 at the New Harmony Conference Center. Mrs. Hudson stated the featured speaker will be Les Wright, CEO/President of MidWest Fertilizer.

Mrs. Hudson the Economic Development Coalition of Southwest Indiana is thankful for the partnership with Posey County and gave an update on the Community Development side of what the coalition does. Mrs. Hudson stated in the last three years Posey County has utilized 12 million dollars on projects through grants for improvements within Posey County; almost \$800,000.00 in Blight Elimination funding to demolish 47 homes in Posey County; they have submitted a \$700,000.00 grant for a water project; plus a grant to demolish the building at 4th Street and Main Street.

Mrs. Hudson introduced the new Executive Director for Posey County Economic Development, Jenna Alka, to the Council.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST

Dennis Schaffer, with the Posey County Health Department, is requesting two additional appropriations in the amount of \$2,325.00 to pay property taxes owed on the new building that was purchased, and \$6,485.00 to be used to replace the heating and air system at 100 Vista Drive.

S. Miller made a motion to approve both additional appropriation requests; D. Pearce seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

Sarah Beth Meighen, stated the County Surveyor is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$9,920.00 to be used to purchase copy equipment that is needed to preserve and protect existing records within the Surveyor's office.

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

Sarah Beth Meighen, Posey County Auditor, is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$50,000.00. Mrs. Meighen stated this is needed to fulfil the loan agreement with the Posey County Solid Waste that was made at the April Council meeting.

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

Steve Schenk, Posey County Highway Superintendent, is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$12,776.17. Mr. Schenk stated these are funds from a damaged vehicle and he is seeking to have the funds placed back into the truck and tractor repair line.

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

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$9,100.00. Mr. Latham stated these are funds from selling surplus vehicles and he is seeking to have the funds placed back into the Lit Public Safety County Share. M. Brenton made a motion to approve this request; S. Miller seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

Mindy Bourne, with the Area Plan Commission, is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$20,000.00. Mrs. Bourne stated this will be used to fund new and updating current zoning ordinances. Mrs. Bourne stated the last time the ordinances were updated were in 2012. H. Allyn asked if they expect the \$20,000.00 to cover the entire process. Mrs. Bourne stated yes, it will. T. Schneider asked what the timeframe is. Mrs. Bourne stated they are wanting to start right away.

H. Allyn stated she is recommending the Council adjust the amount to be approved, and if Area Plan needs more, they can come back and ask for more.

A. Wilson made a motion to approve \$10,000.00 for this request; M. Brenton seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

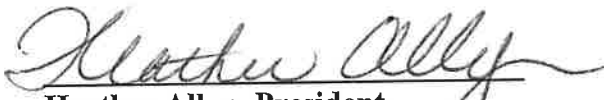
REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST

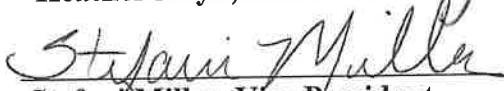
Posey County Prosecutor, Thomas Clowers, is requesting a reimbursement in the amount of \$415.00. Mr. Clowers stated this was from a canceled print subscription. Mr. Clowers is requesting this be placed back into the law books line.

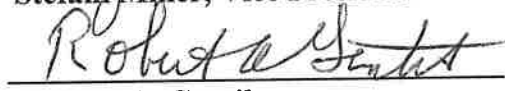
M. Brenton made a motion to approve this request; D. Pearce seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

Earl Schroeder, Posey County resident, spoke to the Council members regarding the Area Plan discussion. Mr. Schroeder asked if the discussion on solar ordinances would impact individual residents or if this was more for solar farms. Mrs. Allyn stated this for the larger solar farms.

No further business was discussed and the meeting was adjourned.


Heather Allyn, President


Stefani Miller, Vice President


Robert A. Gentil

Marilyn Brenton

Dave Pearce

Dave Pearce

Thomas R. Schneider

Thomas Schneider

Aaron Wilson

Aaron Wilson

Sarah Beth Meighen

ATTEST:

Sarah Beth Meighen, Posey County Auditor