

POSEY COUNTY COUNCIL TUESDAY JUNE 8, 2021

The Posey County Council met in regular session at the Hovey House on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 9:00am. The following members were present at the said meeting: Stefani Miller, Tom Schneider, Marilyn Brenton, Dave Pearce, Brandon Deig, Aaron Wilson; County Attorney Joe Harrison; and Auditor Maegen Greenwell. Council member Heather Allyn was available via Zoom.

S. Miller called the Posey County Council meeting to order at 9:00 am with the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Council was led an opening prayer.

MINUTES

B. Deig made a motion to approve the May Council meeting minutes; T. Schneider seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Wilson made a motion to approve the May Treasurer's Report; B. Deig seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

GREEN PLAINS ABATEMENT RESOLUTION

Devin Mogler, with Green Plains, summarized the project again for the Council.

S. Miller opened the public portion of the meeting.

S. Miller asked when the project would start. Mr. Mogler stated late summer with construction and completed by the end of the first quarter of 2022.

H. Allyn asked with a seven-year abatement, will the equipment being used last seven years. Mr. Mogler stated yes, it is designed to last far longer than seven years.

S. Miller closed the public portion of the meeting.

A. Wilson made a motion to approve the resolution; M. Brenton seconded. H. Allyn stated this is not a real property abatement, just personal property.

T. Schneider stated this is the confirmatory resolution.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

Posey County Assessor, Nancy Hoehn, informed Mr. Mogler he would need to speak with the Assessor's office prior to starting this project.

SALARY CHANGES

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, stated per IC Code, the Sheriff's salary is set in accordance with a percentage of what both the judge and prosecutor's salary is. Sheriff Latham stated beginning in July, his salary should be raised to \$95,970.00.

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

POSEY COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT

Jim McGoff, with Indiana Finance Authority, stated he has been assisting the Posey County Sewer District with the current sewer projects and procuring funding. Mr. McGoff stated with the rising cost of building materials, the District is seeking matching funds from the County.

H. Allyn asked what is being requested as matching funds from the County. Mr. McGoff stated whatever the County contributes; the State will make up the difference needed. Mr. Harrison asked if this is matching or making a difference? Mr. McGoff stated if the County gives two million and bids for this project come in higher, the State will make up the difference.

Mr. McGoff stated prices are not known until bids are formally submitted. Mr. McGoff stated the bids should be opened by the Sewer District Board during the second week of July and should have hard numbers.

COUNTRYMARK ABATEMENT REVIEW

Kevin Chestnut, with CountryMark, addressed the Council regarding the following three current abatements that CountryMark has with Posey County:

2013-09-10-01 Personal Property:

Mr. Chestnut stated this is year seven for this abatement for manufacturing equipment and IT.

Mr. Chestnut stated the SB1 stated 271 employees would be retained and the CF1 for 2021 stated 330 current employees.

2017-03-14-01 Personal Property:

Mr. Chestnut stated this is year three for this abatement for manufacturing equipment and IT. Mr. Chestnut stated the SB1 stated 304 employees would be retained, and the CF1 for 2021 stated 330 current employees.

2013-09-10-01 Real Property:

Mr. Chestnut stated this is the real property abatement for the Pavilion, also known as the visitors center for the Community.

T. Schneider made a motion to approve the continuation of the above three abatements; A. Wilson seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

VALERO

Chris Rea, with Valero, addressed the Council regarding the following abatement with Posey County:

2014-05-13-01 Real Property:

Mr. Rea stated this is year 4 for this abatement. Mr. Rea stated they currently have 65 employees with two open positions, and 42% of their employees reside in Posey County.

M. Brenton made a motion to approve the continuation of the above abatement; B. Deig seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

BWXT

Guy Jackson, with BWXT, addressed the Council regarding the following three abatements with Posey County:

2016-7-12-04 Personal and Real Property:

Mr. Jackson stated this project is moving forward; however, BWXT will fall short of making the promised completion date and is requesting the Council extend that date. M. Brenton made a motion to extend that date and formally approved at the July Council meeting; T. Schneider seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

2016-06-14-02 year 2

2016-07-12-04 year 3

M. Brenton made a motion to approve the continuation of the above two abatements; A. Wilson seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

Mr. Jackson stated 25.7 % of employees reside in Posey County.

ASTRAZENECA

Bill Hayes, with AstraZeneca, addressed the Council regarding the following four current abatements with Posey County:

2011-02-08-07 Personal and Real Property:

Mr. Hayes stated the SB stated 30 additional employees would be added, and the CF1 shows 87 additional employees.

2016-12-13-05 Personal and Real Property:

Mr. Hayes stated this is still an ongoing project, and the Council had granted an extension last year with a new completion date of 12/2022. Mr. Hayes stated the original SB stated 70 additional employees would be added, and the CF1 shows 94 additional employees were added.

T. Schneider made a motion to approve the continuation of the above abatements; B. Deig seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

Posey Count Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, stated with approval from Council, all abatement hearings would be held on June 14, 2022, at the regular Council meeting.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST

Posey County Auditor, Maegen Greenwell, is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$365,000.00 to be appropriated into an expense line in the American Rescue Fund that will allow for the first Main Stream Media payment for Broadband. A. Wilson made a motion to approve this request; D. Pearce seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

Mindy Bourne, Area Plan Commission Executive Director, is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$8,733.75 to cover the cost of additional legal expenses due to the

ongoing Wind and Solar ordinance. T. Schneider made a motion to approve this request; D. Pearce seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

Kristin Lowery, with Posey County Extension Office, is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$1,400.00 for funds needed for a part-time secretary. S. Miller asked if this would get them through the end of the year. Mrs. Lowery stated yes. A. Wilson made a motion to approve this request; B. Deig seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0. T. Schneider stated the County pays for three educators in the contract with Purdue, and they are down one. Mr. Schneider asked if those funds could be switched to the part-time line. Mrs. Lowery stated Purdue is paying a temporary educator from that line.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Posey County Sheriff, Tom Latham, gave the following housing update:

38 Vanderburgh County
10 DOC
80 Posey County
128 Total

\$34,720.00 in April from Vanderburgh County
\$37,380 in May from Vanderburgh County

H. Allyn asked for a staffing update from the Sheriff. Sheriff Latham stated the Jail is down one officer, and Community Corrections is down three officers. Sheriff Latham stated he is looking at purchasing a body scanner, and it will be paid out of jail maintenance in three years payments of approximately \$66,000.00 per year.

Sheriff Latham informed the Council that the per diem that Vanderburgh is paying would be changing to \$37.50.

No further business was discussed.

D. Pearce made a motion to adjourn; A. Wilson seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.



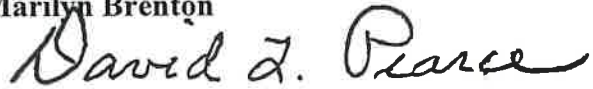
Heather Allyn, President

Stefani Miller, Vice President



Brandon Deig

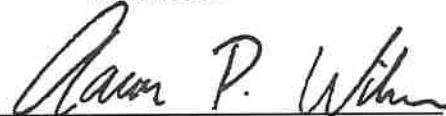
Marilyn Brenton



Dave Pearce




Thomas Schneider



Aaron Wilson

ATTEST:



Morgan L. Stearnwell
Posey County Auditor