

POSEY COUNTY COUNCIL, TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2023

The Posey County Council met in regular session at the Hovey House on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 9 am. The following members were present at the said meeting: Heather Allyn, Aaron Wilson, Brandon Deig, Tom Schneider, Jerry Chastain, County Attorney Josh Clayborn, and Chief Deputy Auditor Shelley Hargrove. Council members Dave Dausman and Zach George were absent.

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

Pastor Mark Tabor led the Council in prayer.

MINUTES

J. Chastain made a motion to approve the minutes from May 9, 2023; B. Deig seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

T. Schneider made a motion to approve the executive session minutes from May 16, 2023, and June 20, 2023; J. Chastain seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Wilson made a motion to approve the June Treasurer's report; J. Chastain seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

2023 SALARY ORDINANCE UPDATE

H. Allyn stated that this would update the recent salary changes for the Sheriff's office, the Jail staff, and any other changes that have been made up to this point in the year. B. Deig made a motion to approve the 2023 updated Salary Ordinance; A. Wilson seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

2023 SHERIFF PAY SCALE

H. Allyn stated that since there is no longer a matrix, the Council will use a pay scale document for the Sheriff's Office and Jail Staff, which will be an addendum to the Salary Ordinance. Mrs. Allyn stated that this outlines the base salary for each rank and position. A. Wilson made a motion to approve the 2023 Sheriff Pay Scale; J. Chastain seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC SALARY

Posey County EMS Director, Paul Micheletti, addressed the Council regarding the ongoing salary discussion for the Community Paramedic position. Mr. Micheletti stated that he is now requesting that the salary be set at \$60,000.00. Mr. Micheletti stated this would be an hourly of \$28.85 per hour for a 40-hour work week.

H. Allyn asked if Mr. Micheletti has received anything from the State regarding the additional funds he was awarded. Mr. Micheletti stated that he should have the approval letter on July 21, 2023.

H. Allyn stated that the concern with Council is the sustainability of the grant after the initial time frame. Mr. Micheletti stated he does not see this as a concern because the State is pushing legislation regarding Community Paramedics, along with insurance and hospitals pushing for legislation.

T. Schneider asked what the time frame is for this project.

Mr. Micheletti stated as soon as possible, and he is waiting on wage approval to move forward.

A. Wilson made a motion to approve the salary of \$60,000.00 per year for a 40-hour-per-week work week; T. Schneider seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

SPRINGFIELD PROJECT FUNDING

Posey County Assessor, Nancy Hoehn, addressed the Council regarding the Springfield project that has been ongoing. Mrs. Hoehn gave a brief history of this project, stating that originally Springfield was platted to be the County seat but was never corrected. Mrs. Hoehn stated that this had caused issues within the town of Springfield, and to remedy this; the County will have the area surveyed and replatted. Mrs. Hoehn stated that the County is ready to move forward with making these corrections and is requesting a funding budget from Council to get this project moving forward.

A. Wilson made a motion to approve a budget not to exceed \$15,000.00 for this project and to advertise this amount for an additional appropriation for the August meeting; B. Deig seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

FIRE WARDEN PROGRAM

H. Allyn stated that this additional will be advertised for the August meeting. Steve Williams stated that this program will begin at the start of the 2023-2024 school year.

GREEN PLAINS CF-1

H. Allyn stated that the Council tabled Green Plain's abatement review approval at the last Council meeting due to the fact that Green Plains had not submitted their CF-1 to the Auditor prior to May 15, 2023. Mrs. Allyn stated that the Auditor's office had since received that document and passed this along to the members of the Council.

T. Schneider made a motion to continue the tax abatement for Green Plains; A. Wilson seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS

Posey County Prosecutor, Thomas Clowers, is requesting the following two additional appropriations:

\$26,091.52 into the equipment line of the Infraction Deferral Fund

\$15,000.00 into the equipment line of the Federal Forfeiture Fund

Mr. Clowers stated that these funds will provide needed equipment to both the City of Mt. Vernon's Police Department and the Posey County Sheriff's Office.

A. Wilson made a motion to approve this request; B. Deig seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

Posey County Dispatch Director, Jamie Bradford, is requesting the following two additional appropriations:

\$500.00 into the operating supply line of County General

\$150.00 into the equipment line of the E911 Non-County General Fund

J. Chastain made a motion to approve these requests; A. Wilson seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

Posey County Chief Deputy Auditor, Shelley Hargrove, is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$2,500.00 into the vehicle maintenance and repair line of the County General fund.

A. Wilson made a motion to approve this request; J. Chastain seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

Posey County Sheriff Tom Latham is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$3,600.00 into the elected official line of the LIT Public Safety line. Sheriff Latham stated that this is to account for the increase in the Sheriff's salary pursuant to IC Code.

J. Chastain made a motion to approve this request; B. Deig seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST

Posey County EMS Director Paul Micheletti is requesting a reimbursement in the amount of \$121.29 into the garage supply line of the County General fund. Mr. Micheletti stated this is from overpayment of a claim. A. Wilson made a motion to approve this request; J. Chastine seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

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

40 Vanderburgh County

17 DOC

118 Posey County

175 total

\$40,537.50 was taken in from Vanderburgh in June

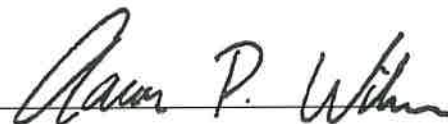
Sheriff Latham stated they will be testing for Sheriff Deputies this week, and the Jail is still fully staffed.

Posey County EMS Director, Paul Micheletti, gave the following report:

June receivables: \$93,705.00



Heather Allyn, President



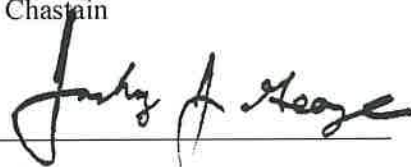
Aaron Wilson, Vice President

Brandon Deig



Dave Dausman

Jerry Chastain



Zach George



Thomas Schneider

ATTEST:

