

**MONDAY, MAY 15, 2017**

Pursuant to adjournment comes now the Starke County Council and meet in a regular session at 5:30PM in the Annex Building Meeting Room, Knox, Indiana, with Bryan Cavender, Brad Hazelton, Pam Stalbaum and Freddie Baker present, and the following proceedings were held to wit:

The meeting was called to order by Council President, Freddie Baker. Absent from the meeting were Councilman Robert Sims, Councilman Dave Pearman and Councilwoman Nancy Dembowski. Councilman Hazelton made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting. Councilman Cavender seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

**STARKE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION**

Starke County Economic Development Foundation Director Charlie Weaver appeared before the Board and briefly gave a general update of his organization for the months of March and April. He stated they are attempting to get a listing to be able to list for sale the Sysco Property; he advised JW Hicks, for the project after their next project, will be needing fill dirt; and the Gary Popkins business is still a work in progress.

He advised he has been working on the 2017 CEDIT appropriations and will be presenting them to the Commissioners for their approval at their next meeting. He advised he will be presenting them to the Council at their June meeting.

**CVC BUDGET**

Carolla Heilstedt, of the CVC Board, appeared before the Board and presented them with a budget for 2017. She provided a brief explanation of the Board and the collection of the Innkeepers' Tax. She advised they had sent out a notice to all businesses in Starke County that may be responsible for the payment of that tax. She also noted a claim has been filed that will be presented to the Board of Commissioners for their approval; a payment of \$7,500.00 to the Chamber of Commerce to reimburse them for their expenses with Tourism.

**REQUEST FROM SHERIFF DULIN TO PURCHASE VEHICLES**

Sheriff Bill Dulin appeared before the Board to file a request to purchase three to four used, reconditioned, government vehicles from a company in Chicago. The mileage of those vehicles are expected to be around 50,000 per vehicle. They would be paid out of the misc. \$87,000.00 appropriation of the Therapeutic Community Program Fund. He also requested a new sedan to be purchased out of the Jail CEDIT Fund from Best Ford. The price quote provided lists the vehicle, a 2017 Ford Police Interceptor Sedan, All Wheel Drive, for a price of \$28,197.00. The Sheriff advised he would like to keep the retired pickup truck for his Maintenance Person to drive on errands. Councilman Cavender made a motion to approve the purchase of these vehicles; the three or four used vehicles from Chicago and the new vehicle from Best Ford. Councilwoman Stalbaum seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes. The Sheriff advised he would like get the 800 radio back that was in the EMA vehicle. Commissioner Binkley advised he will speak with the Highway Department Superintendent.

**IN OTHER BUSINESS**

President Baker advised they had received a resignation from Talia Reed as a member of the Starke County Library Board. The Media advised they will post the vacancy asking for a replacement.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

With there being no public comments and no further business, Councilman Hazelton made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Cavender. The motion passed with all ayes and the meeting adjourned at 6:20PM.

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Freddie Baker, President

ABSENT \_\_\_\_\_  
Dave Pearman, Vice-President

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Bryan Cavender

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Pam Stalbaum

ABSENT \_\_\_\_\_  
Nancy Dembowski

ABSENT \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert Sims

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Brad Hazelton

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Katherine Chaffins, Starke County Auditor and  
Secretary to the County Council