

DECEMBER 19, 2016

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, Freddie Baker, Brad Hazelton, Robert Sims, Dave Pearman, Nancy Dembowski and Pam Stalbaum present, and the following proceedings were held to wit:

The meeting was called to order by Council President, Freddie Baker at 5:30PM.

MINUTES

Councilman Sims made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 21st meeting. Councilwoman Stalbaum seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

TRANSFER REQUESTS

The Surveyor, Bill Crase, requested that \$500.00 be transferred into the Surveyor's Budget, Repair & Maintenance Budget Line, 1000-20202.000.0006 and reduce the Drainage Board Compensation Budget Line, 1000-10107.000.0023 for \$300.00; and reduce the Drainage Board Meetings Budget Line, 1000-10400.000.0023 in the amount of \$200.00. Councilwoman Dembowski made a motion to approve the transfer request. Councilman Sims seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Highway Department Superintendent Rik Ritzler requested a transfer into the Stone Gravel Aggregates Budget Line, 1176-21400.000.0531 in the amount of \$3,064.27; Culverts Budget Line, 1176-21500.000.0531 in the amount of \$6,960.00; Repair Trucks & Tractors Budget Line, 1176-31305.000.0533 in the amount of \$1,088.47; Overtime Budget Line for Truck Drivers, 1176-11400.000.0531 in the amount of \$1,328.78 and Overtime for Mechanics Budget Line, 1176-11400.000.0533 in the amount of \$1,413.64. He asked for a reduction of the Gas, Oil & Lube Budget Line, 1176-21100.000.0533 in the amount of \$13,855.16. Councilman Sims made a motion to approve the transfer request. Councilman Pearman seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Veteran Services Officer Mark Gourley asked that \$128.28 be increased to the Office Supplies Budget Line, 1000-20100.000.0024 from the Travel Expense Budget Line, 1000-30204.000.0024. Councilman Sims made a motion to approve the transfer request. Councilman Hazelton seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Auditor Katherine Chaffins requested the transfer of \$375.96 into the Office Supply Budget Line, 1000-20100.000.0002 from the First Deputy Budget Line 1000-10605.000.0002. Councilwoman Stalbaum made a motion to approve the transfer. Councilman Hazelton seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Sheriff Bill Dulin requested the transfer of \$650.00 into Intoxicator Maintenance Budget Line 1000-30602.000.0005 and \$815.00 into Cellular Phones Budget Line, 1000-31202.000.0005 from Detective Budget Line 1000-10402.000.0005 for a total budget reduction of \$1,465.00. Councilman Pearman made a motion to approve the transfer. Councilman Cavender seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Sheriff Dulin requested the transfer of the Fund 4919, Therapeutic Community Program, \$547.00 into Repair & Maintenance Budget Line, 4919-20202.000.0000 and \$91.00 into Laundry & Cleaning Budget Line, 4919-20208.000.0000 and reducing Jail Nurse Budget Line 4919-11500.000.0000 in the amount of \$638.00. Councilman Pearman made a motion to approve the transfer request. Councilman Cavender seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Sheriff Dulin then requested a transfer of \$21,180.00 out of the 911 Budget Line Service Contract 1222-32101.000.0000 and place \$11,206.00 into the Extra Help Budget Line 1222-10300.000.0000; place \$1,110.00 into Budget Line Relief Vacation and Sick Day 1222-10306.000.0000; place \$8,156.00 into Budget Line Overtime, 1222-11400.000.0000; place \$362.00 into Office Supplies 1222-20100.000.0000; and place \$346.00 into 911 Computer Paper 1222-20213.000.0000. Councilman Hazelton made a motion to approve the transfer request. Councilwoman Dembowski seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

REVIEW OF SCEDF CONTRACT

Commissioner Norem advised she would like to compose a Committee between the Board of Commissioners and the County Council that will be willing to review the Starke County Economic Development Foundation contract for 2017. She noted the contract has not been renegotiated in the last 16 years. Councilwoman Nancy Dembowski, Councilman Brad Hazelton, Councilman Dave Pearman and Commissioner Norem agreed to serve of the Committee.

2017 LONGEVITY

There was a brief discussion in regard to the request to change the Longevity calculations to being the actual hire date versus January 1st. Councilman Pearman advised the Council should table the request until the County receives their budget back from the DLGF. Councilman Hazelton seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

2017 SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilman Pearman made a motion to approve the 2017 Salary Ordinance as written but to table the longevity request for now. Councilman Hazelton seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

PLANNING COMMISSION VEHICLE

President Baker advised the Auditor stated that she had \$19,000.00 unexpended in her budget and advised she would transfer it to the Planning Commission to purchase a vehicle for the Building Commissioner. The President of the Planning Commission, Roger Chaffins Sr., was present at the meeting and there was a discussion between purchasing a new vehicle versus a used vehicle. Councilman Pearman made a motion to approve the appropriation from the Auditor in the amount of \$19,000.00 and to purchase one or two used vehicles for the County. Councilman Hazelton seconded the motion and it passed with 5 ayes and one nay (Sims).

IN OTHER BUSINESS

Debbie Mix of the Tourism Board appeared before the meeting to present a report on the records of Tourism and the use of the Innkeeper’s Tax. She provided an income statement for the years 2014, 2015, and 2016. She advised she would provide her records, 2011-2016, to the Auditor for an audit.

PUBLIC COMMENT

With there being no public comments and no further business, Councilman Cavender made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Hazelton. The motion passed with all ayes and the meeting adjourned at 6:40PM.

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Freddie Baker, President

Dave Pearman, Vice-President

Bryan Cavender

Pam Stalbaum

Nancy Dembowski

Robert Sims

Brad Hazelton

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