

JANUARY 5, 2017

Pursuant to adjournment comes now the Starke County Council and meet in a Special 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. Councilman Pearman arrived at 5:35PM.

COUNCIL RESTRUCTURING AND BOARD APPOINTMENTS

President Freddie Baker asked for nominations for the position of Council President. Councilman Sims nominated Freddie Baker. Councilman Cavender nominated Dave Pearman. A vote was taken and the tally was three for Baker and two for Pearman. County Attorney Martin Lucas advised there was not a quorum of the board in favor of either candidate so the President voted. The count was four for Freddie Baker and two for Dave Pearman so Councilman Baker will remain as President.

Councilman Hazelton nominated Dave Pearman for Vice-President and the motion was carried with all ayes.

Councilman Sims nominated Martin Lucas as the Council Attorney. The motion was carried with all ayes.

Councilman Pearman nominated Brad Hazelton to become a member of the Starke County Economic Director's Foundation Board. The motion was carried with all ayes.

Councilman Hazelton nominated Pam Stalbaum to be reappointed to serve on the KIRPC Board. The motion was carried with all ayes.

Councilman Hazelton made a motion to reappoint Bryan Cavender to serve on the Planning Commission Board. The motion passed with all ayes.

Councilman Hazelton made a motion to reappoint Mark Allen to serve on the BZA Board. The motion passed with all ayes.

Councilman Pearman noted they had not received notice from Nancy Edwards to be reappointed to the County Library Board but received a letter of request for that Board from Gayle Smith. He made a motion to appoint Gayle Smith to the Starke County Public Library Board. Councilman Hazelton seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Councilman Sims made a motion to reappoint Kenneth Wallace to the Alcohol Board. Councilwoman Stalbaum seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Councilman Hazelton reappointed Freddie Baker to the Solid Waste Board. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pearman and was approved with all ayes.

Councilman Hazelton reappointed Rebecca Ferch to the PTABOA Board. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dave Pearman and passed with all ayes.

Councilman Cavender reappointed Rosemary Rose to the Park Board which he noted was tentative pending her desire to continue service on the board. Councilman Pearman seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Councilman Cavender advised he will contact Ms. Rose.

2017 COUNTY BUDGETS

Auditor Chaffins advised she had received the 1782 Budget Report from the State and the only County funds that were cut was the Health Department and the Assessor's Department. The Health Department was cut \$82.00 and they elected to reduce the budget item Health Department Equipment, 36100, to \$1,918.00 instead of the \$2,000.00. The Assessor's Department elected to reduce their fund by the \$619.00 they were cut by the DLGF in budget line Postage, 30100. The postage line was reduced to \$2,391.00 from the original \$3,000.00. Councilman Pearman made a motion to approve the revised budgets of both departments. Councilman Hazelton seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

VEHICLE FOR PLANNING COMMISSION AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT

President Baker stated Councilman Cavender, Commissioner Don Binkley, and himself had looked at several vehicles in regard to purchasing a used vehicle for the Planning Commission. He advised they had found a 2010 Chevrolet Equinox from Miller's Auto in the amount of \$9,500.00. Councilman Pearman advised he had just that day located a used vehicle from Cambe Chevrolet, a 2007 Ford Explorer in the amount of \$9,500.00. He advised that vehicle could be used by the Health Department. There was a brief discussion in regard to the vehicle and Commissioner Binkley inquired if it will require Commissioners approval. He also noted that the Sheriff wants to purchase at least two new squad cars and would be retiring the pickup that is currently driven by Kelly Fisher but he would like to keep the truck for use by the Maintenance Department. Councilman Hazelton made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2007 Ford Explorer for the Health Department. Councilman Pearman seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes. Councilman Pearman noted the dealer would be repairing the passenger side heat in that vehicle before it goes to the County.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

Auditor Chaffins advised she had distributed information on the Sheriff's County General Jail budget and copies of the CEDIT Special Legislation and the Therapeutic Community Program's budgets from 2016 so they could review them and come up with a budget for the Sheriff for 2017. She advised in regard to the CEDIT Fund the State has changed the number of that fund from 1113 to 1114.

Councilman Hazelton made a motion to table this discussion until next month's meeting. Councilman Cavender seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

With there being no public comments and no further business, Councilman Hazelton made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Sims. The motion passed with all ayes and the meeting adjourned at 5:57PM.

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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