

Gibson County Council Regular Session Agenda April 11, 2023

The Gibson County Council met in Regular Session on April 11, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at the North Annex Meeting Room.

Members Present: President Jeremy Overton, Vice President, Derek McGraw, Council Members: Jeff Clark, Jay Riley, Robert Schleiter, Michael Stilwell, and Hannah Whitehead
Also present were Auditor Mike Watkins, 1st Deputy to Auditor, Kristy York, and 2nd Deputy to Auditor, Wendy Williams

The Council opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Approval of Minutes - March 14, 2023, minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer Report –report was acknowledged by the Council.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Health Department – Administrator Shade gave Council the monthly reports; there were no questions. They are watching a legislative change with septic systems and there will be more to come on this topic.

Sheriff Department – Sheriff Vanoven gave the Council the monthly reports; there were no questions. The March daily average jail population was 109. Sheriff Vanoven told the Council this week is National Public Safety Telecommunications Week, he described this area of the department as a lifeline to everyone, deputies, as well as citizens. Sheriff Vanoven spotlighted his Deputies in helping Sullivan County during the devastating tornado they recently experienced.

OLD BUSINESS

Jail Project –George Ballard, Owners Representative told Council that the Sheriff's website has a link to the jail construction camera. The new jail will have an incentive plan with both Duke and CenterPoint Energy to save money on energy costs. Another federal report is due at the end of the week. It appears the construction will run approximately 2-3 months behind schedule because of the seismic activity construction changes. The new timeline shows completion in August. Council Member Clark asked if there will be any solar installed in this new construction. George explained the new construction will not hold solar panels on the roof, as it would be too heavy for the metal roof; Council Member Clark feels they really need to discuss this, as he is afraid energy costs are going to be expensive. They have discussed putting solar on the new steel building, but there have been no concrete decisions. They are looking at putting in vehicle charging stations before they pave the parking lot. Council Member Overton explained that Baker Tilly has advised him and the Treasurer that more of the bond money could be invested, as there has not been as much money drawn on the bond, as was predicted. Now, they can invest more so more interest can be earned.

Stipend for D. Wilkerson for Gibson County Correctional Facilities Board Meetings – Owner's Representative George Ballard explained that Diana has been preparing the minutes for these monthly board meetings; they feel she should receive a stipend for this extra work. The rate of the stipend will be set at \$60 per paycheck; she should receive \$60 for the meeting and \$60 for preparing the meeting minutes. These meetings will be held throughout the construction. Council Member McGraw made a motion to pay Diana Wilkerson a stipend of \$60 per paycheck for the length of the Building Lease Corporation, seconded by Council Member Riley. The vote was 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Appointment for Oakland City Economic Development Board – Phil Young is the current appointee; he has agreed to continue if the Council approves.

President Overton made a motion to reappoint Mr. Young to the board, seconded by Council Member McGraw. The vote was 7-0.

Parks Board Appointment & Part-Time Maintenance Employees – Hopkins Park Board President, Michael Stevenson says they have an open board appointment; they would like to reappoint Gwen Hopkins. Council Member Stilwell made the motion, seconded by Council Member McGraw. The vote was 7-0.

President Stevenson also requested that Council Members allow part-time maintenance employees to help maintain the park. They will transfer \$7,000 from their line in EDIT to an employee part-time position. This will transfer out of their 36503 line, into a personal services line.

Council Member McGraw made a motion to approve the out of series transfer for the part-time employees, seconded by Council Member Clark. The vote was 7-0.

Council Member Riley asked how the ARPA purchases were going for the park. President Stevenson told Council Members the fence had been installed; signs have been purchased; the trails will be paved this summer after drainage tile and conduit is installed; a quote has been received for the shelter house construction; the pickleball and basketball courts may come in the fall, as well as the concrete pads. They are being cautious in placement of permanent items, so they do not conflict with the aesthetics of the park. They will be planting more trees soon and looking at the installation of disk golf. They received a donation of a 60' flagpole, they will delay the installation until they can install proper lighting. They have another position on the board open and this person has an electrical background; they will discuss this with him.

TIF Annual Report – Auditor Watkins presented the Council with the Gateway Annual TIF Report. Baker Tilly compiles this report.

Additional Appropriation Resolution –

Fund Name: GENERAL Fund

10000 Personal Services \$47,820

Fund Name: EDIT Fund

40000 Capital Outlays \$42,000

Fund Name: PROSECUTOR'S DEFERRAL Fund

30000 Other Services/Charges \$ 9,000

Appropriation Reduction Resolution

Fund Name: GENERAL Fund

Personal Services \$47,820

Council Member McGraw made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Council Member Riley. The vote was 7-0.

Additional Appropriation Request to Advertise –

Fund 4912 MRU Capital Outlays \$6,209.71

The Sheriff will use this money to purchase vehicles. Council Member McGraw made a motion to approve advertisement of the additional appropriation, seconded by Council Member Stilwell. The vote was 7-0.

Chamber of Commerce – Director Vanoven invited everyone to upcoming ribbon cuttings and the CEO Open House in May.

Mark Fehrenbacher – came before the board to discuss property taxes and show his concern over the rise of these taxes. He stated last year he experienced a 13% rise in his taxes. But, this year, he feels everyone did a better job as they only increased 1.3%; the county had a decrease; he applauded the Council for this.

Councilman McGraw motioned to adjourn.

Minutes from the April 11, 2023, meeting



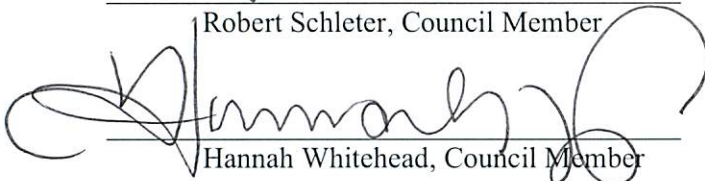
Jeremy Overton, President



Jeff Clark, Council Member



Robert Schleter, Council Member



Hannah Whitehead, Council Member




Derek McGraw, Vice- President

Jay Riley, Council Member



Michael Stilwell, Council Member

Attest: 

Michael A. Watkins, Gibson County Auditor