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**Gibson County Council**  
**Regular Session**  
**July 14, 2021**  
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The Gibson County Council met in regular session on July 14, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. at the North Annex Meeting Room.

**Members Present:** President Jeremy Overton, Vice-President Craig Pflug, Councilmen Dan Beard, William McConnell (absent), Derek McGraw, Jay Riley, and Michael Stilwell. Also present: Mike Watkins, Auditor of Gibson County, Kristy York, 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy to Auditor, and Wendy Williams 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy to Auditor.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by President Overton.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the June 8, 2021 meeting were approved as written by the Council.

**Presentation of Treasurer's Reports**

Treasurer's Reports for month's ending April, May and June 2021 were acknowledged by the Council.

**Presentation of Clerk's Reports**

Clerk's Reports for month's ending March and April 2021 were acknowledged by the Council.

**Department Reports**

Sheriff Bottoms submitted his June reports.

EMS Director, David Pond gave the June report to Council.

**Old Business**

**YMCA Economic Development Bond** – James McDonald told Council that North Gibson School Corporation has donated Lowell School to the YMCA. The YMCA Board is comprised of approximately 21 diverse citizens of the entire county; they meet monthly. They have raised approximately \$1.7 million in private donations for this project. The Redevelopment Board and The Gibson County Economic Development Board have both agreed to help fund this project thru Economic Development Bonds. This is not really a bond, but a loan that will be 100% forgiven when the project is complete. The bond will be paid from proceeds from the TMMI TIF District. It will be paid in annual installments through an agreement with the YMCA. This \$13.2 million will be used on this project located in Patoka Township at the corner of South Hart and West Water Street, Princeton, Indiana. The project will create 6-9 full-time and 6-8 part-time jobs adding approximately \$500,000 in annual salary to the County. The approval Mr. McDonald is requesting is for TIF money only, no additional funding will be required from the Council through budgeted line items. Baker Tilly has provided documentation on the set up of this bond; the RDC knows how and when the money will be distributed. This project will be completed before the expiration of the TIF District in 2025. Councilman Overton asked if Toyota Officials were approving of this bond; Attorney McDonald assured the Council that

Toyota was on board. Councilman McGraw motioned to approve this bond, seconded by Councilman Riley. A unanimous 6-0 vote was cast in favor of this project.

### New Business

**OMTFPD Additional Appropriation Request** – Georgia Straw, Fiscal Officer of OMTFPD was present to receive approval from the Council on this additional appropriation request. The request is in the amount of \$200,000 and will assist the district in paying off the new truck in 2 years, instead of 6 years. Councilman McGraw motioned to approve this additional appropriation request, seconded by Councilman Pflug. The motion passed on a 6-0.

**Owensville Library Additional Appropriation Request** – Margo English, Library Director made a request for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$186,000. The library will be purchasing the Parrish building across the street from the library to expand the library into this building. Councilman Riley motioned to approve this additional appropriation request, seconded by Councilman Beard. The motion passed on a 6-0.

**Prosecutor Requesting a Salary Amendment on Part-Time Help** – This department was recently granted an additional appropriation to restore a part-time position into the 2021 budget. That position was to pay \$10 per hour. Due to the nature of this position, the level of confidentiality and trust required, they have been unable to fill this position and request the pay per hour be increased to \$15 per hour. A job description was given to the Council. 66% of this expense will be reimbursed; this position will work 24 hours per week. The case load of this department has increased, thus also receiving more grant money. Councilman Riley motioned to approve this part-time position pay increase to \$15 per hour in the IV-D Department, seconded by Councilman Stillwell. The vote was 6-0.

### **Resolution for Advertised Additional Appropriations** –

General Fund 1000 Dept 03 Treasurer request and additional appropriation Personal Services of \$2,000.

Councilman Pflug motioned to approve and sign the resolution for this additional, seconded by Councilman Beard. The vote was 6-0.

Covered Bridge Fund 1134 requests Supplies \$500 and Other Services/Charges \$4,400 for a total of \$4,900.

Councilman Pflug motioned to approve and sign the resolution for this additional, seconded by Councilman Beard. The vote was 6-0.

LIT Correctional/Rehabilitation Facilities Fund 1233 requests Other Services/Charges for Schematic Design \$200,000

RQAW has submitted schematic design invoices to be paid from this fund.

Councilman McGraw motioned to approve and sign the resolution for this additional, seconded by Councilman Beard. The vote was 6-0.

Community Correction Fund 4913 Project Income request Other Services & Charges \$42,000 to cover the increased cost of home detention monitoring. The caseload is averaging 50 home detention clients per day, which is double the 2020 clients. This fund requires Council approval only; no advertisement will be done on this fund.

Councilman McGraw motioned to approve this additional, seconded by Councilman Riley. The vote was 6-0.

**Additional Appropriation Request to Advertise**

General Fund Dept 50 IV-D requests Personal Services \$2,700 to pay for the increase of the part-time hourly rate increase.

Councilman McGraw motioned to approve advertisement for this additional, seconded by Councilman Beard. The vote was 6-0.

**Personal Services Transfers Request**

Fund 1200 Supplemental Public Defenders Fund Requests a Transfer From 01-01-11 Miscellaneous/Conflict/Overflow Attorney Fees into 01-01-13 Trial Attorney Fees in the amount of \$8,254.00 to cover the attorney fees for murder trial.

Councilman McGraw motioned to approve this transfer, seconded by Councilman Riley. The vote was 6-0.

**Out Of Series Transfer Request**

Local Health Maintenance Fund 1168 request a transfer from 01 01 81 Conference Fees, Per Diem into 02 02 81 Supplies in the amount of \$2,565.00 to fulfill grant document requirements. Councilman Riley motioned to approve this transfer, seconded by Councilman Stillwell. The vote was 6-0.

**CF-1 for Diversity VUTEQ** has been submitted to show compliance with Statement of Benefits. Council President Overton will sign off on this as compliance is shown.

**Judge Meade Request to Replace a Retiring Employee** – a part-time employee from this department will be stepping into this position.

**CASA Request Part-Time Employee** – the office is lacking one person due to medical circumstances; the department would like a part-time person to work the next 23 weeks to fill this vacancy for 2021. The position will work 24 hours per week. Councilman Riley motioned to approve hiring a part-time employee at \$10 per hour for a total of \$6,100 in the CASA Grant Fund, seconded by Councilman McGraw. The vote was 6-0.

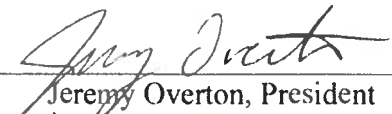
**Salary Schedule – Amendment #4**

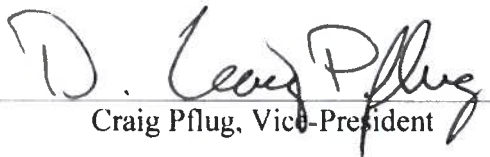
This amendment will add a part-time employee to the Treasurer's office and amend the Sheriff's mid-year salary increase. Councilman Pflug motioned to approve this amendment, seconded by Councilman McGraw. The vote was 6-0.

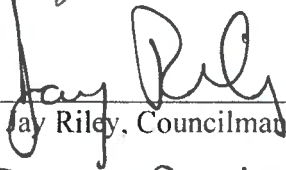
**EMS** – David Pond, EMS Director requested speakers appear before the Council to explain issues affecting this professional group.

**Adjournment** – Councilman McGraw motioned to adjourn the meeting.


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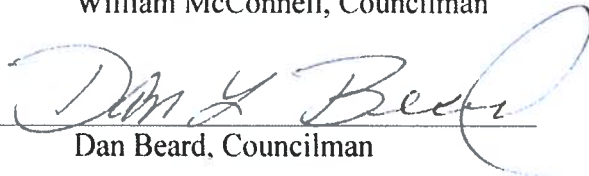
  
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Mike Watkins, Gibson County Auditor