

Gibson County Council Regular Session Agenda May 09, 2023

The Gibson County Council met in Regular Session on May 09, 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 - April 11, 2023, minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer / Clerk Report –reports were acknowledged by the Council.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Sheriff Vanoven gave Council the monthly reports; there were no questions. The incarcerated daily average was 86. Sheriff Vanoven told Council they recently picked up 10 new police vehicles. He thanked the Council, ARPA Committee and Commissioners for the ability to make this purchase.

Health Department – Administrator Shade gave Council their monthly reports; there were no questions. COVID Boosters were reviewed with Director Shade. The Health Department will be conducting a Narcan program in Oakland City.

Jail Project –George Ballard, Owners Representative told Council they will be pouring concrete floors for the sheriff's offices and the 911 Center. They have been working with RQAW on solar energy, as Tenaska has pledged \$200,000 worth of solar panels for this project. The sheriff's office roof will hold the solar panels, but the jail will not.

Extension Office – Abby Heidenreich, Extension Educator, requests permission to hire for a vacancy. The Council wished her luck on this matter. She then discussed comp time in which this person leaving has accrued. Wendy believes this can be paid from the Commissioners severance line. Council Member McGraw motioned to approve the compensatory time to be paid out of Commissioner's severance line, seconded by Council Member Riley. The vote was 3-0. The Extension Office will keep a better eye on the compensatory time. This time, mostly, accrues during county and state fairs.

OLD BUSINESS

Clerk's Office New Hire – Clerk Sherri Smith requested permission to replace an employee that moved to the Court's. Council allowed her to proceed with this hiring.

NEW BUSINESS

Additional Appropriation Requests to Advertise –

Fund 1000 General, Dept #232 Circuit Court	31109 Medical Psych Exams	\$25,000
Fund 4912 MRU Fund	Capital Outlays	\$ 6,210

Council Member McGraw made a motion to approve advertisement of additional appropriations, seconded by Council Member Clark. The vote was 7-0.

Salary Schedule #3 – This amendment will allow the de-appropriation of the Matron line in jail budget and appropriate the patrolman line in the sheriff's budget. Council Member Riley made a motion to approve Salary Schedule #3, seconded by Council Member McGraw. The vote was 7-0.

Salary Schedule 4 – This amendment stipend for Secretary of the Jail Holdings Corporation was added at \$60 per pay and the park maintenance part time employees was also added at \$12.50 per hour. Council Member McGraw made a motion to approve Salary Schedule #4, seconded by Council Member Clark. The vote was 7-0.

Budget Dates – Auditor Watkins will set some dates like last year's dates, taking care to avoid the week of July 10th.

GIS Position

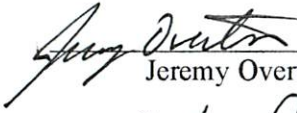
A person was hired, but the Commissioners voted at their last meeting to not pay this newly hired person. In 2009, this position was a direct report to the Surveyor, including when the GIS department received their own budget. Council Member McGraw feels this position falls under the Surveyor. Council Member Clark feels the Commissioners were invited to the interviews, as he has reviewed the emails. There was an email sent to the Commissioner President asking permission to hire this new person and it was approved by the Commissioner President in an email. The Surveyor and Assessor confirmed to the Council they had verbal approval from Commissioner Burns. Council Members are confused as to why this is an issue. Council Member McGraw asked Surveyor Martin and Assessor Beadle to whom the GIS department reports to, and they both feel it falls under the Surveyor. Some years ago, the GIS position was paid from the EDIT fund, but then a budget was created for the GIS Department within the General Fund. This Commissioner objection on paying the GIS Director did not come until three weeks into the new hire's employment, which confuses the Council. Patty Vanoven told Council the job description had been forwarded to the Chamber of Commerce for advertisement. Council Member McGraw feels this man was offered a job; and now it is in limbo, which is wrong. A motion came from Council Member Clark to de-appropriate the GIS budget and move the de-appropriated monies into the Surveyor's budget; seconded by Council Member Stilwell. The vote was 7-0. If the Commissioner's correct this, this measure will not need to be carried through.

Wendy told Council Members that the Surveyor and Assessor had extra money in their budgets and could pay the GIS Director in the interim. Council Member McGraw motioned to move the part-time line 11301 in the Surveyor budget into line 11122 GIS Director in the amount of \$7,132.00, seconded by Council Member Schleter. The vote was 7-0. Council Member McGraw motioned to move \$5,200 in the Assessor's budget from Second Deputy 11500 into 11122 GIS Director line; seconded by Council Member Clark. The vote was 7-0.

Chamber Director Vanoven reminded everyone of the upcoming CEO Trade show. The show will recognize a local student on a national level.

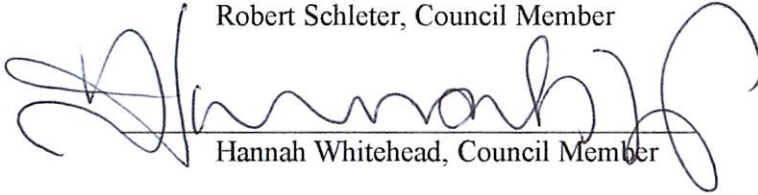
Councilman McGraw motioned to adjourn to the meeting.


Minutes from the May 9, 2023, meeting

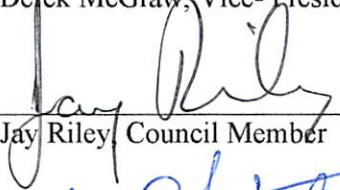

Jeremy Overton, President


Jeff Clark, Council Member



Robert Schleiter, 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

