

Gibson County Council Regular Session Agenda November 9, 2022

The Gibson County Council met in Regular Session on November 9, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. at the North Annex Meeting Room.

Members Present: President Jeremy Overton, Vice President, Craig Pflug, Councilmen Dan Beard, Jeff Clark, Derek McGraw, Jay Riley (entered during the EMS building discussion), and Michael Stilwell. 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.

Councilman Overton thanked election staff for all their hard work during yesterday's election.

Approval of Minutes – October 11, 2022, minutes were approved as written.

Clerk's Report & Treasurer's Report –these reports were acknowledged by the Council.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

EMS Department – Director Pond gave Council the monthly report of operations. They are trying to revamp their reporting system, which has run them behind, but he will email as soon as they are complete.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance 2022-6 Promissory Note for EMS Building by Attorney McDonald – Attorney McDonald is back in front of the Council this month to try and move the EMS Building on for the Redevelopment Commission. The EMS requested \$2,000,000 to build a new building; this item was tabled at the September meeting to explore other options with Gibson Deaconess Hospital as it seems the Hospital is willing to discuss options for housing the EMS on their property. The Council chose to have conversation about this idea prior to moving the project on. (Councilman Riley joined the meeting.) Councilman Clark is not ready to move on this matter. He wonders how other Council members feel. Councilman Overton told other Councilmen that the hospital would like a meeting between the Commissioners, Council, and the Hospital. Attorney Spindler will arrange this meeting and determine if it will be an executive or public meeting. Councilman Clark says the hospital requested the entire body of both Council and Commissioners. Attorney Spindler reported to Council, they can meet in executive session, and they should pick a date. Councilman Pflug motioned to hold executive session meeting on 12/20/22 at 3:30 p.m. before the Commissioners 5:00 p.m. meeting, seconded by Councilman Riley. The vote was 3-0. The Council will change their December meeting to 12/20/22 at 2:00 p.m. so all the meetings flow. Councilman Pflug motioned to approve moving their December regular meeting, seconded by Councilman McGraw. The vote was 7-0. Attorney McDonald asked to be placed back on the 12/20/22 agenda.

Ordinance 2022-8 Promissory Note for Fort Branch Library by Attorney McDonald – Attorney McDonald was present at the October meeting advising Council that the RDC had approved an additional

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\$1,000,000 of funding on this project. He is presenting Ordinance 2022-8, which will approve this additional \$1,000,000 of TIF funding on this project.

Councilman McGraw motioned to approve Ordinance 2022-08, seconded by Councilman Riley. The vote was 7-0.

Attorney McDonald asked to be placed on the December agenda as Commissioner’s approved to move projects on to the Redevelopment Commission to request TIF funding. Those projects are a road for the City of Princeton and an additional funding request for the YMCA.

Jail Project –George Ballard, Owners Representative gave Council a brief on the project and told them the City of Princeton has allowed the closure of Prince Street. The closure date is November 1, 2022, thru March 2024.

Additional Appropriation and Reduction Resolution – The following additional appropriations have been advertised and await Council approval via resolution.

General Fund 1000 requests an additional \$40,320 in other services & charges and a reduction of the same amount, same fund from personal services.

Jail Bond Construction 2022 Fund 4201 requests \$250,000 in other services and charges

Councilman McGraw motioned to approve the additional appropriation resolution, seconded by Councilman Beard. The vote was 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Veregy Representative Rick Anderson – Mr. Anderson introduced his company to the Council. His company does guaranteed savings projects for counties, cities, libraries, airports, etc. all over the state. He told Council that Indiana Code 36-1-12.5 allows counties to look at guaranteed savings projects with a request for quotes or proposals. Veregy will look at lighting, HVAC, windows, doors, solar, etc. Veregy comes in and performs an assessment of utilities and buildings via a walk thru and a utility bill review, this will produce a recommended list of improvements. They try to spend money more efficiently for the County. He invited Council Members to call references. They constructed the parking canopy at Evansville Airport they also did one of the largest solar projects at the Indianapolis Airport. The assessment is performed at no cost, they make no money unless the County signs a contract with them to do the improvements. Veregy assesses and make recommendations, then the County would do RFQ to choose a vendor. Veregy would be one of the companies presenting an RFQ. Veregy does not make a nickel until a contract is signed. Mr. Anderson explained the inflation relief act will give back a direct paycheck reimbursing 30% of the project, if a renewable energy project is done. They issue a check for the project because the county does not file/pay taxes; thus, they could not claim the refund on the tax return.

Scholarship Money – Wendy Williams asked Council permission to move money from the severance into scholarship on the Commissioners Budget. Councilman McGraw motioned to approve the transfer of money in the Commissioners budget, seconded by Councilman Beard. The vote was 7-0.

Permission to Advertise Additional Appropriations Requests –

1000 General Fund	Sheriff 0005 Transfer #23	12801 Overtime	\$23,000
	Jail 0301 Reduction	10201 Corrections Officers	(\$23,000)
	Finish Year with Overtime & Holidays		
	Sheriff 0005 AA#2	44200 Computers/Equipment	\$17,940
	Body Cam Server Update		

Total additional request in Sheriff’s budget was \$17,940

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Councilman Pflug motioned to approve the advertisement of the Sheriff's in additional/reduction in appropriations, seconded by Councilman Clark. The vote was 7-0.

EMS 0301	37100 Rent of Equipment	\$2,333
Increase in rent over 2022 Year	carryover from last meeting	
	11300 Part-time	\$25,000
	11409 Full-time Paramedic	\$23,000
	11510 F/T AD/Basic EMTs	\$32,000
	12303 Overtime	\$15,000
	12304 O/T Paramedics	\$31,000

Total Additional Request in EMS \$128,333

Councilman Overton asked EMS Director Pond to try harder to fill part-time positions in the future. Wendy feels this department will be close on their employee distributions and she feels we will know a better number at the December 20th meeting. We will advertise like this, but we can possibly cut the additional at the December meeting. This department should also use caution when working part-time employees and adhere to maximum hours of 24 hours per week. Councilman Pflug asked Director Pond to try and minimize these additional and control the cost for the Taxpayers of Gibson County.

8951 ARPA Fund Appropriate the remaining 30101 Other Services & Charges \$3,268,933
 Councilman Riley motioned to approve the advertisement of this additional, seconded by Councilman Stilwell. The vote was 7-0.

1174 Med Care for Inmates	Needs Appropriated	22000 Supplies	\$1500
		30101 Other Services/Charges	\$2000
		Cash Balance is:	\$3,569.30

Councilman Pflug motioned to approve the advertisement of this additional appropriation; seconded by Councilman Riley. The vote was 7-0

Personal Services Transfer Requests-

1000 General Fund, Extension 0011 requests	from	11300 Part-time	\$1,360
	into	11500 2 nd Deputy	
1000 General Fund, Sheriff 0005 #22 requests	from	13400 UHP Part-time	\$3,000
	and	11300 Part-time	\$2,000
	into	12801 Overtime	\$5,000
		Finish year for OT/Holidays	
1000 General Fund, Sheriff 0005 #32 requests	from	12605 Patrol Officer	\$13,000
	into	12801 Overtime	
1000 General Fund, Jail 0380 #24 requests	from	10201 Corrections Officer	\$18,000
	into	12303 Overtime	
		Finish year for OT/Holidays	
1000 General Fund, Commission 0068 request	from	11300 Part-time Employee	\$5,500
	Into	12300 Severance	
1000 General Fund, EMS 0301 request	from	11409 F/T Paramedics	\$9,000
	Into	11300 Part-time	
1000 General Fund, EMS 0301 request	from	11409 F/T Paramedics	\$46,000
	Into	12304 Overtime Paramedics	
1000 General Fund, EMS 0301 request	from	11409 F/T Paramedics	\$19,000
	Into	12303 Overtime	

Councilman Riley motioned to approve the transfer, seconded by Councilman Clark. The vote was 7-0.

Out of Series Transfer Requests-

1000 General Fund, Sheriff 0005 #33 requests request	from	31603 Uniform Cleaning	\$700
	and	21400 Office Supplies	\$400

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		into	30501 Vehicle Repair	\$1,100	
			To pay invoices		
1000 General Fund, Coroner 0007 request	from		11310 Deputies	\$3,150	
	into		31003 Autopsy & Lab Fees		
			To finish year		
1000 General Fund, Jail 0380 #28 request	from		36700 Security Door Repair	\$283.19	
	Into		43000 Copy Machine		
			To pay invoice		
1000 General Fund, Extension Office 0011	from		35301 Computer Maintenance	\$330	
	into		44101 Equipment		
			Pay for Office Chair		
1000 General Fund, EMS 301request	from		35101 Utilities	\$10,000	
	into		22402 Reg Ambulance Supplies		
			to purchase needed equipment		
35101 was utilities, Building & Equip in old system, David had encumbered \$15,845.97-when new system installed, 35101 was listed as utilities. Thus, the reason to move to 22402 Ambulance Supplies.					
1000 General Fund, Sheriff 005 #29 request	from		24300 Reserve Deputy Uniforms	\$500	
		And	23200 Reserve Deputy Suppls	\$500	
	Into		32401 Gas, Tires, & Oil	\$1000	
			To pay invoice		
1000 General Fund, Sheriff 005 #31 request	from		21400 Office Supplies	\$1,000	
	And		24300 Reserve Deputy Suppls	\$600	
	Into		30501 Vehicle Repair	\$1600	
			To pay invoice		

Councilman Stilwell motioned to approve the transfer, seconded by Councilman Beard. The vote was 7-0.


Comp Time Payout Discussion – Wendy Williams told Council the Extension office has a person that built up compensatory time and would like 80 hours paid out. They have the money in part-time and the transfer is included in the personal services transfers above. Councilman Riley motioned to approve the compensatory payment, seconded by Councilman Clark. The vote was 7-0.

Salary Schedule #7 – Wendy Williams presented the amended payroll schedule to Council. The changes include a change to the title ARPA premium pay. A lines was added to Fund 8895 as this fund will pay the new employee while the old employee continues to be paid. Councilman Riley motioned to approve schedule #7, seconded by Councilman McGraw . The vote was 7-0.

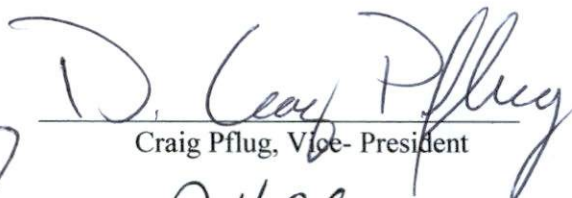
2023 Salary Schedule #1 – Wendy Williams presented the salary schedule for 2023 to Council. The changes include a \$.50 pay raise to most hourly paid employees. Everyone will have an hourly rate unless they have a true salary position and those are very few. The schedule includes overtime ranges. The elected officials and the true salaried employees show a bi-weekly rate, so no one is shorted on a 27 pay cycle. Councilman McGraw motioned to approve the 2023 payroll schedule, seconded by Councilman Riley . The vote was 7-0.

Councilman McGraw motioned to adjourn.

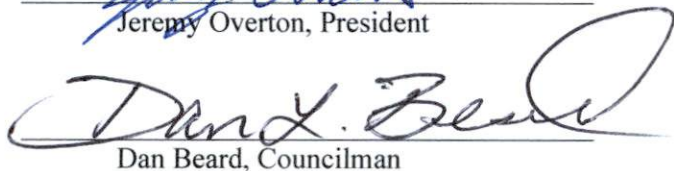
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Jeremy Overton, President



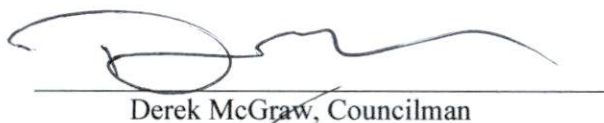
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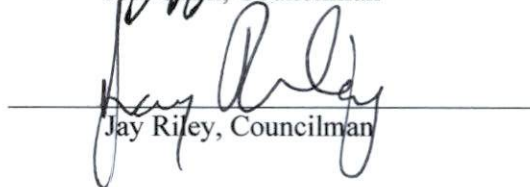
Dan Beard, Councilman



Jeff Clark, Councilman



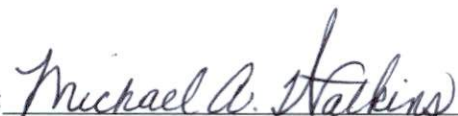
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Jay Riley, Councilman



Michael Stilwell, Councilman

Attest: 

Michael A. Watkins, Gibson County Auditor

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