
Gibson County Council
Regular Session
June 8, 2021

The Gibson County Council met in regular session on June 8, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. at the North Annex meeting room.

Members Present: Included 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, 1st Deputy to Auditor

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

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the May 11, 2021, meeting were approved as written by the Council.

Department Reports

EMS, Director Pond presented his 5/21 report to the Council; their report of collections percentage is increasing, partly because COVID patients were not billable plus insurance offices were closed during the pandemic. The new collection agency is also starting to come into play. Mr. Pond commended his department for their hard work during COVID.

Old Business

Jail Design Invoices – Kay Vore asked Council about the payment of the 2020 pre-design services invoice from American StructurePoint. She told Council she had paid this invoice from the Commissioners budget, outside attorney fees line. The Council requested that invoice be corrected to be paid from the 1233 LIT Correctional/Rehabilitation Fund and create a line to reflect 2020 Predesign Services.

Additional Appropriation Resolution Adoption - Advertisement has been made for the following Additional Appropriations; a resolution was signed by Council on the following:

Fund 1000 General Fund \$900 for Other Services and Charges

Fund 1148 Drug Free Community set a budget for 2021 as follows: Personal Services \$10,000; Supplies \$5,000; and Other Services & Charges \$10,000 for a total of \$25,000.

Fund 1174 Medical Care of Inmates requested an additional of \$3,000 in Supplies and \$1,500 for Other Services and Charges for a total of \$4,500.

Fund 1233 LIT Correctional/Rehab Facility was advertised correctly at \$13,000 for Other Services & Charges. This corrected an incorrect advertisement from January.

Councilman McGraw motioned to approve the above additional appropriations, seconded by Councilman Beard. The vote was 6-0.

New Business

Additional Appropriations Request to Advertise - General Fund 1000 needs an additional appropriation for the Treasurer's office to hire Part-time Employee in the amount of \$2,000. Councilman Pflug motioned to advertise the additional appropriation, seconded by Councilman McGraw. The vote was 6-0.

Treasurer O'Neal also reported the County had a 98% collection rate for Spring 2021 Property Taxes. An online tax sale will be held in September 2021. The new tax payment drop box installed in 2020 has proved to be successful.

LIT Correctional/Rehab Facilities Fund 1233 needs an additional appropriation in Other Services and Charges \$200,000. Councilman McGraw motioned to advertise the additional appropriation, seconded by Councilman Pflug. The vote was 6-0

Covered Bridge Fund 1134 has never been appropriated; it will now appropriate Supplies \$500; Other Services and Charges \$4,400 for a total of \$4,900. Councilman Riley motioned to advertise the additional appropriation, seconded by Councilman Pflug. The vote was 6-0

Out of Series Transfer Requests - Fund 1200 Supplement Public Defender needs to make the following transfers due to overages from the Wilson murder trial: \$10,000 from 01 04 41 Furniture; \$5,000 from 01 04 43 Office Décor; \$2,000 from 01 03 31 Records; \$5,000 from 01 02 23 Computer/Equip/Repair; \$2,000 from 01 02 21 Office Supplies for a total of \$24,000 to move into 01 01 13 Trial Attorney Fees. Councilman Pflug motioned to allow this out of series transfer, seconded by Councilman Riley. The vote was 6-0.

Personal Services Transfer Requests - Fund 1000-05 the Sheriff's Department in General Fund requests a transfer in personal services to cover the increase in salary for the Sheriff beginning in July. The transfer will come from line 05 01 36 Severance Pay/Employees Retiring into 05 01 11 Sheriff in the amount of \$1,147.50. Councilman McGraw motioned to allow this transfer, seconded by Councilman Beard. The vote was 6-0.

Fund 8121 Vaccine Clinic needs more money in their overtime line and requested a transfer from 01 01 02 Salaries into 01 01 04 Overtime in the amount of \$5,000. Councilman Riley motioned to allow this transfer, seconded by Councilman McGraw. The vote was 6-0.

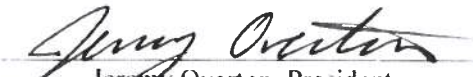
YMCA of Southwest Indiana – James McDonald and Jennifer Brown, YMCA Representative, briefed the Council on the YMCA coming to Gibson County. They are in the process of working on a building transfer with North Gibson School Corporation to transfer the old Lowell School building to the YMCA; they hope to complete this transfer this week. The Commissioners passed a request of TIF funding on to the Redevelopment Commission; the RDC voted 5-0 approving the funding. This will be a loan, and upon renovation completion, the loan will be 100% forgiven. The YMCA has their own architects and engineers for this project; they will collaborate with the RDC on this project. All bids and claims will be run thru RDC, as well as monthly project updates. A combined build approach will be used on this project to complete the entire project by June 2022 without using phased builds. A diverse group of board members has been organized from all of Gibson County; some of those members include Sheri Greene, from Princeton City Council; Warren Fleetwood representing Commissioners; the Council will also make an appointment to this board. This board as well as a building taskforce will help with the design and build of the center. East, North, and South Gibson Schools will all be involved in this project, as will all of Gibson County. The concluding comments told Council everyone is excited about this project, and it might be one of the biggest projects in Regional Cities. There has been a lot of funding made available for this project, including the ongoing operations.

Assessor Beadle - Abatements for Approval – The property abatements presented for Diversity VUTEQ, Highway Machine Company, TBIN, and TMMI were all approved after Assessor Beadle reported all were in good standing. Councilman McGraw motioned to approve all 4 abatements, seconded by Councilman Beard. The vote was 6-0.

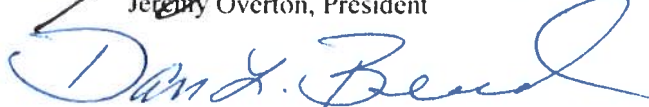
Economic Development Commissioner Appointment – The Council approved the suggestion that Larry Wira be appointed to this commissioner after the resignation of C.T. Montgomery. Councilman McGraw made the motion, seconded by Councilman Riley. The vote was 6-0.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned.

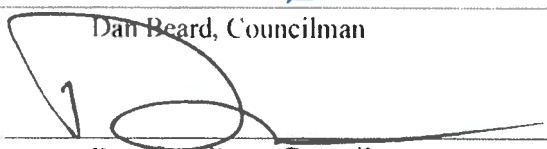
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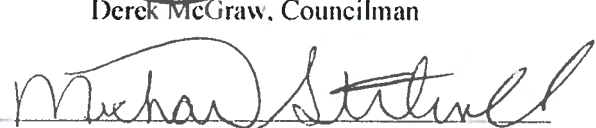
Jeremy Overton, President



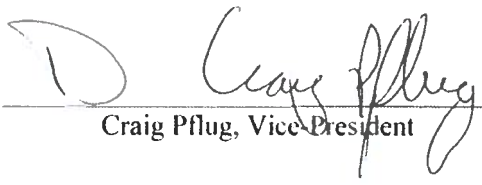
Dan Beard, Councilman




Derek McGraw, Councilman



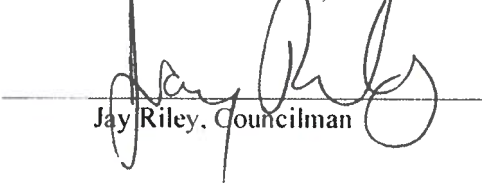
Michael Stilwell, Councilman



Craig Pflug, Vice President



William McConnell, Councilman



Jay Riley, Councilman

Attest: 

Mike Watkins, Gibson County Auditor