

Gibson County Council Regular Session Meeting May 14, 2024

The Gibson County Council met in Regular Session on May 14, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Southwest Annex Meeting Room.

Members Present: President Jeremy Overton (absent), Vice President, Derek McGraw, Council Members: Jeff Clark, Jay Riley (entered @ 9:20), Robert Schleiter, Michael Stilwell, and Hannah Whitehead

Also present were Auditor Mike Watkins, 1st Deputy to Auditor, Kristy York, 2nd Deputies to Auditor, Wendy Williams and Logan Vickers

Council Vice President, McGraw opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Approval of Minutes - April 09, 2024, minutes were approved as written.

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Health Department – Administrator Shade gave Council their monthly reports; there were no questions. **Sheriff Vanoven** gave the Council the monthly reports; there were no questions. The average jail population is holding at 89. The staffing report was given; Deputies are fully staffed, but one is moving to City of Princeton; 2 Deputies graduated from the Police Academy; Sheriff Vanoven is concerned about how much his staff is working. Corrections Officers have three open positions; Dispatch has four open positions; Community Corrections has one open position. It is national police week, and the Sheriff told the Council about his Department doing great things in combination with other Gibson County Departments.

OLD BUSINESS

Jail Project –George Ballard, Owners Representative told Council that they are painting some offices and the intake area of the jail. They are installing concrete walls for the jail and awaiting delivery of items. They are planning to tear the old jail down.

EMA Requests Permission to Hire a Part-time Employee - Director McKinney came before the Council to request a part-time position; she has a full-time position in the budget that she will not be using, and this money can transfer to the part-time line. She requested a new line in the budget for part-time and a personal services transfer. This will be a 24-hour per week position. Council Member Stilwell made a motion to create the part-time position, seconded by Council Member Schleiter. The vote was 5-0. She will run an advertisement for this part-time position.

NEW BUSINESS

Sheriff's Fleet Maintenance Fund– Sheriff Vanoven presented an Ordinance to allow the Sheriff Department to charge a fee for vehicles used by staff in off-duty details providing security and law enforcement services. The rate they plan to set is \$.35 per mile or a flat rate of \$11 per detail for a car sitting idle. This fee will assist in offsetting the cost of fuel and maintenance of vehicles. The fee will be made payable to the Sheriff's Fleet Maintenance Fund and will be deposited monthly with the Treasurer.

Council Member Schleiter motioned to advertise this new ordinance fee, seconded by Council Member Clark. The vote was 5-0.

Health Department New Hire Request – Administrator Shade requested permission to create and hire a new office position at the Health Department. They have a new fund in which the state is providing the money; they would like to use this fund and strike the part-time employee line/position which is at a Second Deputy rate of pay. The Billing Specialist employee will go away. They will need \$38,700 for the new position; they have not hired an Educator so they still have that money remaining in the budget that will move towards this new employee. The state is good with the realignment; the department has the money in the budget, they simply need a new position. There will be a 30-day advertisement for this position.

Council Member Stilwell made a motion to eliminate the Billing Specialist position and part-time position and create a new office position, seconded by Council Member Whitehead. The vote was 5-0.

Administrator Shade told Council that she had hired a nurse that did not work out; the current nurse was going to move to become the Educator but has decided to retire in a couple of years and remain the nurse. The Department needs another new nurse and an Educator. The money is in place for both positions. The council is okay with this. The Health Department's new initiative is outreach; they need a small vehicle to do this outreach. She would like to purchase a vehicle with the leftover money in funds 1168 and 1206 (the state is doing away with these funds because of the new fund); the state has approved this expenditure. The Council is okay with the purchase if the state allows.

Payroll/Benefits Clerk Replacement – Auditor Watkins requested permission to move Logan Vickers into this position as Wendy is moving to Circuit Court. Logan is currently an employee of the Auditor's Office; the move will be lateral. Auditor Watkins needed to fill this replacement due to the importance of this position.

Salary Schedule Update #3 – Wendy Williams and Logan Vickers presented this change to the Council. This update is adding the supplemental pay to the current Circuit Court Chief Court Reporter. Council Member Riley made a motion to approve the Salary Schedule Update #3, seconded by Council Member Stilwell. The vote was 5-0.

OMTFPD Request to Approve a Loan – Chief Jeromy Wade and Attorney Dan Moon presented a request to the Council to purchase a new tanker truck for the Owensville Montgomery Township Fire Protection Fire District, which will require them to get a loan. They are making this purchase using the statute that allows the emergency purchase, as there is one available today. If they were to advertise for bids, they would have to wait approximately 24 months for it to be built and the price could increase 15-20%. This truck is built; it is a demo model, and it will be delivered in the next couple of weeks. The truck will hold 3,000 gallons of water. They do not need new money, just permission to make the purchase. They plan to lock down this deal immediately.

They are getting a six-year loan, but plan to pay the loan in four years. There were no questions. Council Member Riley made a motion to approve the purchase, seconded by Council Member Whitehead. The vote was 5-0.

Additional Appropriation Resolution – The Council reviewed a resolution for additional appropriations, which have been advertised. The Prosecutor's Deferral Fund requests an additional in Other Services/Charges in the amount of \$60,000 and the Storm Water Management Fund needs appropriated in Other Services/Charges in the amount of \$10,000.

Council Member Stilwell made a motion to approve the additional appropriations resolution, seconded by Council Member Riley. The vote was 5-0.

Also, the Auditors Property Endorsement fund needs an additional appropriation in Other Services Charges in the amount of \$15,000; this fund only requires Council approval. Council Member Riley motioned to approve this additional appropriation, seconded by Council Member Clark. The vote was 5-0.

Personal Services Transfer Requests

1000-05 Sheriff Dept requests a transfer	from	11312 Captain	\$15,000
	into	11300 Part Time	
	from	11910 Operator IDACA	\$ 3,000
	into	11300 Part Time	

Transfer required to cover part-time payroll.

Out of Series Transfer Requests

Fund 1000; 03 Treasurer’s General Fund	from	22500 Computer Supplies	\$2000
	Into	33503 Maintenance	
Fund 1200 Supplemental Public Defender Services	from	42202 Office Furniture	\$(8,000)
	from	31210 Trial Attorney Fees	\$(5,000)
	from	33102 Records	\$(1,000)
	into	40900 Office Equipment	\$14,000

Transfer is required to purchase a video system in the Public Defenders Conference Room. All personal services and out of series transfers were approved with one motion from Council Member Riley, seconded by Council Member Stilwell. The vote was 5-0.

Public Comment – Mark Fehrenbacher talked to Council about property taxes. His taxes increased over 10%, he reminded the Council to try and keep that amount low. The next item was weather sirens and a Council Member had said they could buy every person in the county a radio versus paying for new sirens. He feels the sirens are meant to be used outdoors, thus the need for these sirens.

Council Member Stilwell motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Schleiter.

Minutes from the May 14, 2024, meeting

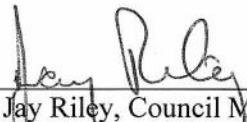


 Jeremy Overton, President

 Derek McGraw, Vice- President



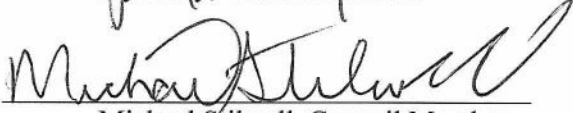
 Jeff Clark, Council Member



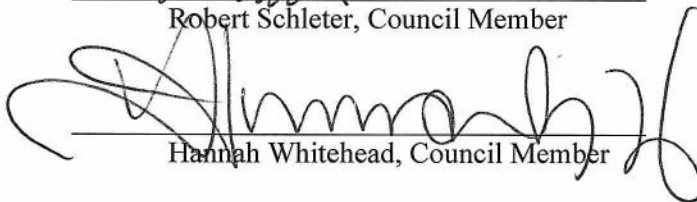
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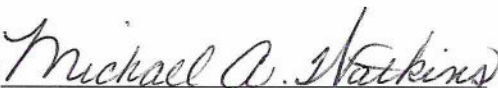
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 Michael Stilwell, Council Member



 Hannah Whitehead, Council Member

Attest: 
 Michael A. Watkins, Gibson County Auditor

