

Ripley County Council Meeting

March 16, 2015

The Ripley County Council met on Monday, March 16, 2015 at the Ripley County Annex in Versailles, Indiana.

Council President Ms. Dephane Smith opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Council Members Dephane Smith, Ed Armbrrecht, Chad Pindell, Ron Decker, Brenda Wetzler, Bill Warren, and Mark Horstman were in attendance. Also in attendance were Attorney Ertel and Auditor Wagner.

Approval of the minutes from the February 16, 2015 meeting:

Council Member Horstman moved to approve the minutes of the meeting. Council Member Pindell seconded and the motion passed with 5 yes. Council Members Wetzler and Warren abstained.

TRANSFERS AND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS: NONE

Additional Appropriations			
EMA	\$1,550.00	1001-26600-000-0016 Communications	This funding will be added to the communications account. This is the Nextel check from the 2nd touch radio programming. This funding will be used to fund overages on P25 upgrade that will not be covered by grants
Notes: Council Member Decker moved to approve the request with a second from Council Member Warren. Motion passed with 7 yes.			
Prosecutor	\$10,000.00	2502-37000-000-0000 Jury Fund	Jury trial expenses, "State vs. Allison Moore"
Notes: Council Member Warren moved to approve the request. No second was made and the motion died. The request was determined to be from the incorrect account and would need to be resubmitted and advertised for the April meeting.			
Sheriff	\$8,000.00	4909-32435-000-0308 HIC Monitoring (Home Incarceration)	Appropriation for 2015 HIC
Notes: Council Member Horstman moved to approve the request with a second from Council Member Wetzler. Motion passed with 7 yes.			
Highway (TABLED)	\$400,000.00	1176-43100-000-0027 New Equipment	For the purchase of 3 single axle dump trucks and bodies along with 3 snowplows.
Notes: Council Member Decker moved to take the request off the table with a second from Council Member Horstman. Motion passes with 5 yes. Council Member Wetzler and Warren abstained. The commissioners then provided pictures of the trucks they wanted to replace with the request and advised they were reducing the request From \$400,000.00 to \$250,000.00. There was much discussion on the purchase reducing the fund balance to a level that would create problems if an emergency arose , such as a bridge replacement. Council Member Horstman moved to approve one vehicle with a second from Council Member Armbrrecht. Before a vote was taken the commissioners advised they would withdraw the request and wait to see what funds were received for the highway fund later in the year.			

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

Sheriff Cumberworth requested the Council provide permission for him to use the commissary fund to provide membership in the FOP and Sheriff Association for his department. This provides some benefits for the department employees and has been allowed in the past.

Council Member Wetzler moved to approve the request with a second from Council Member Warren. Motion passed with 7 yes.

SE Indiana Recycling: Mr. Aaron Bell

Mr. Bell provided the Council with an update of the activities for 2014 and gave them a copy of the 2014 annual report.

OTHER INFORMATION:

Attorney Ertel presented the Council with Ordinance 2015-02 for their signature. The Ordinance was requested at the February 16, 2015 meeting. The Council then signed the Ordinance which will establish an annual public safety fee not to exceed \$50.00 for each Heritage Barn for which they receive a deduction.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Jeff Volz—Absent

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE: Mr. Edward Armbrecht—None

E911 ADVISORY BOARD: Mr. Ron Decker —None

SEI REGIONAL PLANNING COMM: Ms. Dephane Smith—None

GRANTS COMMITTEE: Ms. Dephane Smith – None

SOUTHEAST INDIANA RECYCLING: Mr. Bill Warren--None

With no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Council Member Pindell to adjourn. A second was made by Council Member Armbrecht and the motion passed with 7 yes.

“ AYE “

“NAY”

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Bill Warren

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Mark Horstman

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Ron Decker

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Edward Armbrecht

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ATTEST:

William Lee Wagner

Auditor, Ripley County

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