

Ripley County Council Meeting

May 18, 2015

The Ripley County Council met on Monday, May 18, 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, and Bill Warren were in attendance. Council Member Horstman was absent. Also in attendance were Attorney Ertel and Auditor Wagner.

Approval of the minutes from the April 20, 2015 meeting:

Council Member Armbrrecht moved to approve the minutes of the meeting. Council Member Wetzler seconded and the motion passed with 6 yes.

Prosecutor Ric Hertel appeared to request a line item for equipment be established in his budget and funds be transferred to that line.

TRANSFERS AND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:

Transfers				
		From	To	
Prosecutor	\$5,000.00	1110-36700-000-0012 Jury (Personal Services)	1110-49000-000-0012 Equipment (New Fund)	Purchase of equipment to aid in prosecution of defendant.
NOTES: Council Member Decker moved to approve the request of establishing an equipment line item and transferring funds to it, with a second from Council Member Warren. Motion passed with 6 yes.				
Additional Appropriations				
	\$40,000.00	RSRF - Jail Software 9126-29640-000-000		Jail Software
NOTES: Council Member Pindell moved to approve the request with a second from Council Member Wetzler. Motion passed with 6 yes.				
Highway	\$8,500.00	Highway General 1176-32550-000-0026		For miscellaneous road signage *\$3500.00 goes for painting of railroad crossings pending reimbursement from the State of a grant.
NOTES: Council Member Warren moved to approve the request with a second from Council Member Wetzler. Motion passed with 4 yes. Council Members Decker and Pindell voted NO				

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

Ripley County Drug Awareness Coalition—Ms. Amy Phillips 7:10:02

Ms. Phillips explained the changes to the organization. She stated they had awarded \$15,000.00 in grants to fight the drug use in Ripley County. Requests for \$30,000.00 had been received. They have applied for a federal grant in hopes to receive it to fund a full time and part time employee.

EMA—Mr. Patrick Rose 7:25:06

Mr. Rose provided information that 2015 funds had been returned by counties that had not used the funds and those unused funds were being re-distributed. He had presented a budget and was awaiting notice if he would receive approval of any of those funds.

Tax Abatement Forms:

Auditor Wagner presented the tax abatement forms from Ertel Winery to be approved by the Council. Council Member Warren moved to approve the forms with a second from Council Member Armbrecht. Motion passed with 6 yes.

OTHER INFORMATION:

Council Member Decker discussed the budget process and the requests from non-profits for funding. He stated the requests should also provide financial statements and the services provided to the County. This would allow a better understanding of those that were in need vs. those that were financially stable.

County Attorney John Ertel proposed a Pretrial and Services clearing fund that would allow for easier tracking of funds received and how they are used. It would allow the judges to monitor the accused without jail time until the hearings. Council Member Wetzler moved to table the ordinance until the June Council meeting. Council Member Pindell seconded and the motion passed with 6 yes.

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 Warren to adjourn. A second was made by Council Member Decker and the motion passed with 6 yes.

“ AYE “

“NAY”

Dephane Smith, Council President

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Brenda Wetzler

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Chad Pindell

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Bill Warren

Bill Warren

Mark Horstman

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Ron Decker

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Edward Armbrecht

Edward Armbrecht

ATTEST:

William Lee Wagner Auditor, Ripley County

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