

Ripley County Council Meeting

September 19, 2016

The Ripley County Council met on Monday, September 19, 2016 at the Ripley County Annex in Versailles, Indiana.

Council President Brenda Wetzler opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Council Members Ed Armbricht, Ron Decker, Brenda Wetzler, Chad Pindell, Mark Horstman, and Bill Warren were in attendance.

Council Member Dephane Smith was absent due to surgery for her husband. Also in attendance were Auditor Wagner, First Deputy Amber May, and Attorney Ertel.

Approval of the minutes from the August 15, 2016 meeting:

Council Member Decker moved to approve the minutes of the meeting. Council Member Horstman seconded and the motion passed with 6 yes. Council Member Smith was absent.

Additional Appropriations				
Circuit Court	\$20,000.00	1001-36800-000-0020 Pauper Transcript		State vs. William Russell - Appeal - Transcript Required \$6000 State vs. Todd Norman - Conviction - Appeal to come \$2500 Transcripts required upcoming trials - State vs. Easley - \$1500 State vs. Jennifer Schooler - Murder- Set 10/17-11/3/16 - Approx \$1200 per day \$18000
Council Member Warren moved to approve the request with a second from Council Member Horstman. Motion passed with 6 yes. Council Member Smith was absent.				
Transfer of funds				
		From	To	
Health	\$3,500.00	1159-13300-000-0034 Health Fund - Group Insurance	1159-34550-000-0034 Health Fund - Vaccine/TB Test	Our vaccine program has increased significantly which has caused an increase in cost for the program. We would like to transfer this amount to help pay for the additional expense.
Council Member Decker moved to approve the request with a second from Council Member Pindell. Motion passed with 6 yes. Council Member Smith was absent.				
Redevelopment	\$145.00	4911-47100-000-0000 Building Improvement/Prop Upgrade	4911-34700-000-0000 Bond & Insurance	Not enough money to cover cost of insurance (\$145)
Council Member Warren moved to approve the request with a second from Council Member Armbricht. Motion passed with 6 yes. Council Member Smith was absent.				
Superior Court	\$7,500.00	1001-3600-000-0022 Pauper Counsel	1001-14700-000-0022 Petit Juror	To cover juror expenses for the remainder of the year. The Superior Court of Ripley County anticipates up to 4 more Jury Trials for 2016.
Council Member Armbricht moved to approve the request with a second from Council Member Horstman. Motion passed with 6 yes. Council Member Smith was absent.				

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Michael Kruse—Batesville Public Library

Mr. Kruse presented the Council with a request to approve an additional appropriation resolution ordinance to allow the Library to spend \$150,000.00 from their Rainy Day Fund. Council Member Armbrrecht moved to approve the additional appropriation resolution ordinance with a second from Council member Decker. Motion passed with 6 yes. Council Member Smith was absent.

OTHER INFORMATION:

Council Member Decker discussed the letter sent by the finance committee stating that the office heads contacting the Council for approval before filling a vacated full time position. Ms. Amy Copeland (Treasurer) and Ms. Ginger Bradford (Recorder) spoke about the decision and felt it created hardship if the position needed to be filled immediately. After discussion it was decided that the office heads would not need to come before the Council to replace personnel for existing positions.

Commissioner Gary Stutler spoke to the Council about the ADA Director position and duties and advised they were working on filling the position and getting help in the interim to meet deadlines.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Jeff Volz—Absent

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE: Mr. Edward Armbrrecht—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

PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2017 BUDGET

Council Member Pindell moved to open the Public hearing for the 2107 budget with a second from Council Member Decker. Motion passed with 6 yes. Council Members Armbrrecht, Wetzler, Pindell, Horstman, Warren, and Decker were present and Council Member Smith was absent. Also attending was Attorney Ertel, Auditor Wagner, and First Deputy May.

There was NO ONE from the public to speak.

Council Member Horstman moved to close the public hearing for the 2017 budget meeting with a second from Council Member Pindell. Motion passes with 6 yes. Council Member Smith was absent.

With no further business to attend, Council Member Pindell moved to adjourn with a second from Council Member Horstman. Motion passed with 6 yes. Council Member Smith was absent.

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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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