

MIAMI COUNTY COUNCIL
25 NORTH BROADWAY
PERU, INDIANA 46970
JUNE 19, 2012

Council President Ralph Duckwall called the meeting to order and Councilman Wiles led the group in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmen Hunt, Kendall and Donaldson were absent.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

MINUTES

Councilman Wiles made a motion to approve the May 15th minutes. Councilman McAuliffe asked if the Council members who voted no on the Macy project be listed in the minutes. The Auditor will amend the May minutes. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion as amended and it passed 4-0

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS/TRANSFERS

SURVEYOR'S OFFICE

Greg Wilkinson, Surveyor, asked for an additional appropriation of \$9000 out of the Surveyor Cornerstone Perpetuation Fund to hire Greg Deeds, Registered Surveyor, to GPS approximately 100 cornerstones. Councilwoman Mull made a motion to allow the appropriation. Councilman Wiles 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0-1 abstain (McAuliffe).

RECORDER

Brenda Weaver, Recorder, asked for an additional appropriation of \$700 in the Elected Officials Training Fund. Currently it is only for the Recorder, Clerk and the Surveyor. As of July 1st the Auditor and the Treasurer will be added. Mrs. Weaver said the Clerk has used \$175 for training so she is asking for that amount to be appropriated for the other 4 elected officials. Councilman McAuliffe made a motion to allow the appropriation. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 4-0.

HIGHWAY

Sam Waltz, Highway Supervisor, asked for an additional appropriation of \$300,000 in the MVH Fund. Due to the mild winter, the Highway has money in their fund and would like to use some it for additional road repair. Some of the money that was appropriated in the C.E.D.I.T. Fund has been used on the Business 31 project and has left them short. Councilwoman Mull made a motion to allow the appropriation. Councilman McAuliffe 2nd the motion and it passed 4-0.

COUNCIL ACTION

ASSESSOR

Sara McAuliffe, Assessor, informed the Board that one of her employees is retiring at the end of June and in order to complete the work of the office she will have to fill it. She asked the Council to allow her to fill the position. Mrs. McAuliffe has another position that she has not filled and she would like to start her new person as soon as possible using some of the money that has been appropriated so she can get some training before the other person leaves. Councilwoman Mull made a motion to allow. Councilman Wiles 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0-1 abstain (McAuliffe).

The Assessor informed the Council that she will not be able to roll the values to the Auditor by July 1st as required.

RECORDER

Recorder Brenda Weaver brought an Ordinance before the Council to establish the Miami County Recorder's enhanced access fund. Councilman McAuliffe made a motion to approve Ordinance 6-19-12. Councilman Wiles 2nd the motion and it passed 4-0.

REPAYMENT OF RAINY DAY FUNDS

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to repay the \$600,000 back to the Rainy Day Fund. Councilman McAuliffe 2nd the motion and it passed 4-0.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Budget hearings will be done a little differently this year. The Council will meet with half of the Departments on Tuesday August 14th and the other half on Wednesday August 15th. The second reading will take place on Thursday morning. That will allow a little more time for discussions with the Departments. The Non-Binding reviews will take place on August 18th. Final adoption will be October 16th.

REQUEST FOR AUDIENCE

Auditor Jane Lilley gave the Council copies of reports pertaining to the refund from the State. Miami County received \$1,470,868.29 which was divided up between all the units in the County. Of that, the County's portion was \$330,816.04 and of that amount less than \$200,000 actually went into County General. Auditor Lilley stated that a lot of people thought that we received a real windfall but it was divided up into the categories and the different units it was not a lot. However that fact that it wiped out a lot of our debt is a huge benefit to Miami County.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Councilman McAuliffe made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted

Jane Lilley
Miami County Auditor