

MIAMI COUNTY COUNCIL
25 NORTH BROADWAY
PERU, INDIANA 46970
November 17, 2015

Councilman Manning – Present
Councilwoman Harp – Present
Councilman Boyer – Present
Councilman Wood – Present
Councilman Wiles – Present
Councilwoman Mull – Absent
Councilman Duckwall – Present

Council President Ralph Duckwall called the meeting to order.

Councilman Wiles led the group in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

MINUTES

Councilman Manning made a motion to accept the 10/13/15 minutes and the minutes from the Emergency Meeting on 10/30/15. Councilman Wiles 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION/TRANSFERS

Kris Marks, EMA Director made a request for an additional appropriation of \$2,000 to be used for their December meeting expenses. The additional appropriation is from the EMA non-reverting fund, which are funds that are from EMA and their volunteers working accidents. Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve the additional appropriation of \$2,000 from the EMA non-reverting fund. Councilman Manning 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Bruce Embrey, Prosecutor made a request for an additional appropriation of \$20,000 from the Deferral Fund to be used for training expenses. Chief Deputy Auditor, Mary Brown explained that a few months prior Mr. Embrey requested a \$20,000 additional appropriation from the Deferral Fund to be used for training expenses, but due to an unforeseen serious health issue with an employee in his office he had to use the funds to bring in part-time help. This appropriation would be used for actual training expenses that were not previously used. Councilman Manning made a motion to approve the additional appropriation of \$20,000 to be used for training expenses. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

SHERIFF CONTRACT

The Council reviewed the resolution for Sheriff Miller's new contract. The contract had not been renewed for the last 5 years and with the changes in combining E 9-1-1 with the Sheriff's Dept. the Commissioners and Council felt that it needed to be addressed and updated. The contract would be good for the remainder of Sheriff Miller's term, ending on December 31, 2018. Sheriff Miller would be paid a new salary of \$94,573 with an additional \$631.65 for insurance reimbursement. Councilman Boyer made a motion to accept the new contract for Sheriff Miller. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0. Councilman Manning noted that the Sheriff is not going on the county health insurance and has not taken any tax warrant money, which has been a savings to the county.

2016 SALARY & WAGE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

The Council made an amendment to the 2016 Salary & Wage Ordinance to reflect the Sheriff's new salary of \$94,573. Councilman Manning made a motion to amend the 2016 Salary & Wage Ordinance, updating the Sheriff's new salary of \$94,573. Councilman Boyer 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

YMCA PLEDGE

Mark Demchak, YMCA Director discussed with the Council the request for a pledge of \$100,000 for 5 years from CEDIT. Mr. Demchak explained the scope of the project and the importance of providing a quality of place that will attract new talent and business to the community. The new facility would be a 69,000 sq. foot building that would be built behind Walgreens and the old Big R building. Mr. Demchak noted that they are in the fundraising portion of the project and has the same commitment from Peru City as is being requested of the county. The funds would be appropriated in 2016 and only be disbursed after 80-85% of the funding had been secured, which includes the public campaign. At that point the YMCA can start the architectural portion of the project. Councilman Manning made a motion to approve the resolution that would offer the YMCA a pledge of \$100,000 per year for 5 years from CEDIT. Councilwoman Harp 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

SHELL BUILDING FUNDING

Jim Tidd, MCEDA Director discussed with the Council the resolution regarding funding for a shell building from CEDIT. Mr. Tidd reviewed the project and again noted that currently Miami County does not have an inventory of buildings to offer to potential businesses coming to the community. Mr. Tidd provided statistics have shown that communities miss 70% of opportunities for new business by not having an existing building available to the market. If approved by the Council CEDIT would provide \$95,000 per year for funding and \$203,000 per year thereafter until the shell building is either sold or leased. If the shell building is not sold or leased within 5 years of the dated of the first payment, which is expected to occur in January 2016, then no reimbursement from the proceeds of the sale or lease would be expected. If the shell building is sold after the end of the 5th year of payments, which is expected to be January 2021, then the CEDIT fund shall be reimbursed from the proceeds of the sale. Councilman Manning made a motion to adopt the resolution supporting the funding of the shell building. Councilwoman Harp 2nd the motion and it passed 5-2 with Councilman Boyer & Councilman Wood opposing.

TECHNICAL ADOPTION OF MIAMI COUNTY SOLID WASTE

The Council needed to do a Technical adoption of the 2016 Miami County Solid Waste budget. The adoption of the county budgets done included the budget for Solid Waste, but should have been a standalone adoption instead. Councilman Manning made a motion for the Technical adoption for the 2016 Miami County Solid Waste budget of \$456,384. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

REQUEST FOR AUDIENCE

ASSESSOR

Sara McAuliffe, Assessor discussed with the Council the new law that was passed regarding personal property filing. Effective July 1, 2015 IC 6-1.1-3-7.3 allowing a county fiscal body to adopt an ordinance to impose a local service fee on each person that files an annual certification with the County Assessor that has less than \$20,000 in personal property acquisition costs. The county fiscal body must specify the amount of the local service fee in the ordinance, but the fee may not exceed \$50. Mrs. McAuliffe went on to explain that the cutoff for filing of personal property is May 15th of each year. Any filings after that date are already charged a \$25 late fee. This new law would allow the same late charge fee of \$25 and a maximum of \$50 for not filing the new certification required, potentially charging a late filing a maximum of \$75.

COMMITTEE UPDATE

Councilman Manning stated that he and Councilman Duckwall had attended the ribbon cutting for the solar park. Councilman Manning also talked about the Career & Technical Education program at Peru Schools, which allows students to help them prepare for their future careers and obtain certification in specific areas of study. Councilman Manning also noted that there is a North Central Regional Partnership that offers the same type of program through education.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Matt Brennen, Town of Miami Regional Sewer District stated that in July 2015 a member on their board had announced that they would be stepping down after the project was completed. There had been some issues with flooding, but they have since been resolved by both the contractor and the county. Mr. Brennen stated that he had 2 individuals that would like to replace the member who stepped down. Tina Cain & Dave Hamby. Mr. Brennen noted that the Town of Miami Regional Sewer District recommends Tina Cain to be appointed. Ms. Cain has the qualifications they feel are necessary for fulfilling the position on the Board as the Treasurer. Councilwoman Mull made a motion to accept the recommendation of Tina Cain. Councilman Manning 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Manning 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Brown
Miami County Chief Deputy Auditor