

MIAMI COUNTY COUNCIL
25 NORTH BROADWAY
PERU, INDIANA 46970
December 15, 2015

Councilman Manning – Present
Councilwoman Harp – Present
Councilman Boyer – Present
Councilman Wood – Present
Councilman Wiles – Present
Councilwoman Mull – Present
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 11/17/15 minutes. Councilman Boyer 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION/TRANSFERS

PROBATION

Susan Rice, Chief Probation Officer, informed the Council that the Adult Probation Fund is lacking funds. They do have money in other funds and are asking to transfer (loan) money from the other funds to ensure that the Adult Probation is not in the hole at the end of the year. Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve the transfer (loan) of \$30,000 from User Fee Drug and Alcohol and \$42,500 from the Admin Fee fund to the Adult Probation Fund. Councilman Manning 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

ASSESSOR

Sara McAuliffe explained that for 2016 pay 2017 the legislation changed for Personal Property tax. The Personal Property for small business, who file and acquisition cost of less than \$20,000 would not be taxed. The Legislators did realize this would be a loss of revenue for the counties and added that counties could charge a fee to those businesses of up to \$50. Mrs. McAuliffe stated that decision was entirely up to the Council.

After some discussion, Councilman Wood made a motion to set the fee at \$25. Councilman Wiles 2nd the motion. Motion failed 2-5.

Manning	nay
Harp	nay
Boyer	nay
Wood	yay
Wiles	yay
Mull	nay
Duckwall	nay

Councilman Manning made a motion to set the fee at \$0. Councilwoman Harp 2nd the motion. Motion failed 3-4.

Manning	yay
Harp	yay
Boyer	nay
Wood	yay
Wiles	nay
Mull	nay
Duckwall	nay

Assessor McAuliffe said they could split the fee if they wanted to, such as \$25 for \$10,000 and below and \$50 for \$10,001 and above. Commissioner Chairman Francis stated he thought that would be fair. If he turned in an acquisition cost of \$20,000 and currently would have paid several hundred dollars, the \$50 would be a good deal. However, if he only had an acquisition cost of \$5,000, he would pay less than the \$50 in taxes, which would not be fair.

Councilman Wiles made a motion to charge a \$25 fee for \$10,000 or less in acquisition fees and \$50 for an acquisition cost of \$10,001 to \$20,000. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 5-2.

Manning	nay
Harp	nay

Boyer yay
Wood yay
Wiles yay
Mull yay
Duckwall yay

MCEDA

Jim Tidd explained to the Council that the Enterprise Zone at Grissom will end December 31st, 2015. One of the benefits equates to a 10 year abatement. Some of the businesses still have time remaining and Mr. Tidd asked the Council to consider signing a resolution to give each company an abatement for their remaining benefit time.

Resolution 12-15-2015 (3) - BELCO

Real Property (3years) at 70%.(Starting with 2016 pay 2017).
Councilman Manning made a motion to approve. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Resolution 12-15-2015 (4) Dean Baldwin Painting

Personal Property (6years) at 70% (starting 2016 pay 2017)
Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve. Councilman Manning 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Resolution 12-15-2015 (5) Exel Logistics

Personal Property (1 year) at 70% (starting 2016 pay 2017)
Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve. Councilman Manning 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Resolution 12-15-2015 (6) Discount Tire/Halle Properties

Real Property (1 year) at 70% (starting 2016 pay 2017)
Councilman Manning made a motion to approve. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Resolution 12-15-2015 (7) Von Liche Kennels

Real Property (3 properties) (5 years) at 70% (starting 2016 pay2017)
Councilman Manning made a motion to approve. Councilman Wiles 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Tim Miller came before the Council to present information on replacing the equipment at the 9-1-1 Center. Motorola presented a quote of \$246,656 for the equipment with a \$40,000 discount if the contract is signed by the end of the year, bringing the price down to \$206,656. Motorola has contracted with the State of Indiana for a period of 20 years for maintenance. If the County signs for a 20 year maintenance program, the cost would be \$410,594 bringing the total of the contract to \$617,250. Commissioner Chairman Francis stated that the Board of Commissioners support the purchase of the equipment and the 20 year maintenance contract. Councilman Manning asked how much the City is willing to pay. Commissioner Francis stated that the new Mayor seems on board with paying half. Councilman Manning made a motion to approve. Councilman Boyer 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

JANUARY MEETING

Council President Duckwall stated that the January meeting would need to be early than the 3rd Tuesday due to State requirement. Councilman Wiles made a motion to have the January meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, January 12th at 7 pm and the remainder of the year still have on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

COMMITTEE UPDATE

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilman Manning congratulated Jim Tidd for winning an Economic Development Leadership award.

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

Respectfully submitted

Jane Lilley
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