
Gibson County Council
Regular Session
May 10th, 2016

The Gibson County Council met in Regular Session on May 10th, 2016 at 9:00 AM at the North Annex Meeting Room.

Members Present: Included President Jeremy Overton, Vice-President Derek McGraw, Councilmen Craig Pflug, William McConnell, George Ankenbrand, Dan Beard, Jay Riley and Sherri Smith, Gibson County Auditor.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited and led by President Overton.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of the April 12, 2016 Council meeting were approved as read.

Department Reports

EMS Director Jim Allen presented the monthly report. A request was made to add another full time employee in the office. There was discussion regarding the use of a Private Billing Service. Some additional information will be gathered and a decision will be made at the next meeting. One of the basic EMTs will be obtaining his Paramedic license. Monies will need to be moved from the EMT accounts to the Medic's accounts. The salary ordinance will need to be amended to reflect this change.

Sheriff Bottoms presented the monthly report.

Old Business

- Overtime vs. Comp Time issue has been tabled pending a change in the Federal Overtime Law.
- Commissioner Bottoms asked for \$8,000 from CUM Building Funds to pave the Elected Officials Parking Lot – Councilman Pflug made a motion to advertise for an additional appropriation of \$8,000 from the Cum Building Fund to pave the Elected Officials parking lot, seconded by Councilman McGraw. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 7-0.

- Approval of the Commissioner's 2016-2017 EDIT Plan was tabled.
- Bruce Fisher updated the Council on the Gibson County Warehouse regarding \$820,000 in TIF monies given to this project. Required to be in business a minimum of five years and were to increase their manpower by 60 over a 3 year period. They employed 58 people on average and had to reimburse \$27,315. A letter had been sent to Mike Crabtree by RDC Attorney McDonald and Mr. Crabtree has paid the money and met his obligation

New Business

- County Recorder Tonya Thompson asked the Council's permission to spend money out of the Recorders Records Perpetuation Fund to hire FIDLAR, a computer remote access company, to put Recorder records on line. Councilman Pflug made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Councilman McGraw. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 7-0.
- Sheriff Bottoms Request to use funds from 1130 Prisoner Reimbursement Money – Councilman Ankenbrand made a motion to allow Sheriff Bottoms to access the Prisoner Reimbursement for Incarceration Fund to pay for bullet proof vests for the Jailers in the amount of \$11,000, seconded by Councilman McGraw. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 7-0.
- Judge Meade requests \$6000 to cover the costs of psychological evaluations on two criminal defendants from 36-03-11 – Councilman Pflug made a motion to advertise an additional appropriation of \$6,000 from County General for use by Circuit Court, seconded by Councilman Riley. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 7-0.
- Proposed 2017 Budget Dates – Departmental Budget meetings will be July 12 at 10:30 AM after the regular meeting and July 13 at 9:00 AM. Budget meetings: August 2 at 10:00 AM and August 9 at 10 AM or following the regular meeting. First hearing August 25 at 9 AM and Adoption September 13 after regular meeting.
- Councilman McConnell passed out some info about matching grants to be used in a proposal that he will present at the next meeting to help some of the units in the County with their water and sewer systems.
- Councilman Riley felt there should be more checks and balances in place regarding the 295 hours of overtime worked since January 1st by 2 appointed employees. Commissioner Bottoms stated that these two positions were hired with overtime to be paid above 40 hours. President Overton stated that the Federal Overtime Law is currently being reviewed and that when Director Allen takes an ambulance run that means that a

Paramedic does not receive the overtime. Payroll/Health Deputy Wendy Williams stated there is no overtime line to pay the Director from and the funds are being taken from the Paramedics and EMT's overtime line. There was no money budgeted for the Director's overtime and an additional will be required. When the Director fills a shift, there is a procedure that he follows in accordance with the Union Contract. Auditor Smith stated concern regarding the Director taking overtime from Union Employees and not seeing a grievance as a result. Commissioner Bottoms stated there was a "Gentlemen's Agreement" that there would be no grievance. Auditor Smith asked if another Paramedic or EMT should be hired. Director Allen stated he has an agreement with Rick Voyles and the Stewards that "he is the absolute last person to go out". President Overton asked for a list of these "Gentlemen's Agreements". Commissioner Douglas requested that Director Allen provide this paperwork to the Council. President Overton states that the Council will have to address this issue during budget meetings at a minimum and that the Commissioners have to realize that they cannot make financial promises without talking to the Council first and obligate the Council/County to spend money that is not appropriated. Commissioner Bottoms stated they will work with the Council to resolve this issue.

- Alcohol and Tobacco Commission – appointment was tabled.
- Commissioner Bottoms requested that the 2016 SEA 67 LOIT Special Distribution money be released to the Highway Department. Councilman Overton requested a list of the roads to be paved or chip and sealed with the money.
- Councilman Pflug requested an update on the \$1.3 Million Blight Program – Commissioner Bottoms stated that the first two sets of homes have been demolished and they are advertising the 3rd set of homes.

Councilman McGraw made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Ankenbrand. Motion carried 7-0.

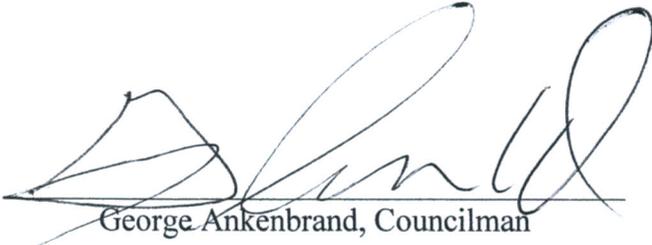
Minutes from the May 10th, 2016 meeting.

Jeremy Overton, President

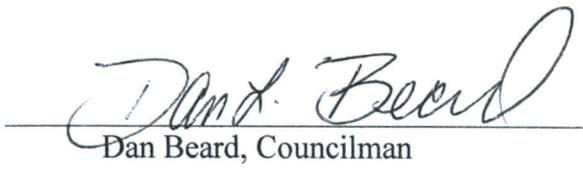
Derek McGraw, Vice-President

Craig Pflug, Councilman

William McConnell, Councilman



George Ankenbrand, Councilman



Dan Beard, Councilman

Jay Riley, Councilman

Attest: 

Sherri Smith, Gibson County Auditor