
Gibson County Council
Regular Session
November 12, 2014

The Gibson County Council met in Regular Session on November 12, 2014, at 9:00 AM in the North Annex Meeting Room.

Members Present: President Jeremy Overton, Vice-President Craig Pflug, Councilwoman LeAnn Smith, Councilman Bill McConnell, Tony Wolfe, George Ankenbrand, Derek McGraw and Gibson County Auditor, Sherri Smith.

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

Councilman Tony Wolfe attended his last meeting as a Gibson County Councilman, as he will retire at the end of the year after fourteen years on the Gibson County Council. Many kind words were spoken by President Overton, Councilman McConnell, and Councilman Craig Pflug, among others. They thanked him for teaching them to hold up for County Government and for the sharing of his knowledge. An engraved Cross Pen was presented and a round of applause was given.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the October 14th, 2014 meeting were approved as written.

Department Reports

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Refund - Gibson County Auditor Sherri Smith informed the Council that she had received a letter from the BMV explaining that basically the money for the refunds that the State will be sending out to individuals for overpayment at the time of their transaction at the BMV from 2004 to the present, will be withheld from the County's monthly excise distributions for approximately two and one half years beginning June 2015.

EMA Director Terry Hedges asked the Council for full time pay for the new Flood Plain Administrator, who is currently his part time employee. He wants the full time pay for 2015, but also wants to keep the \$18,000 put in for part time in his budget. The Council stated that a decision on the amount of the salary for 2015 will be made at the December meeting. Also, Mr. Hedges asked for a higher rate per hour for the Flood Plain Administrator for the rest of the 2014. A decision on this matter will also be made at the December meeting.

Highway Manpower - Commissioner Douglas asked for some clarification on the hiring of another heavy equipment operator at the Highway Department. The Council decided that between now and the next meeting, they will try to find a way to fund another position in the Highway Department for 2015.

Sheriff George Ballard presented the monthly reports. Councilman Wolfe complimented Sheriff Ballard for always having information on what is going on at the Sheriff's Department and Jail. Mr. Wolfe also thanked Sheriff Ballard for his many years of service.

EMS Supervisor Dan Alvey presented the monthly report. He let the Council know that Councilman Pflug had OK'd the hiring of an EMT to replace an employee that was killed in an automobile accident. This was considered an emergency hire.

Old Business:

- Union Letter - An Addendum to the Union Contract to lower the cost of insurance per union employee in exchange for a \$.33 per hour wage increase in 2015 was presented to the Council. After some discussion, the Council dismissed the proposal.
- Wheel & Surtax Ordinance – A correction needs to be made to the recent Amendment of the current Surtax and Wheel Tax Ordinance. Councilman Wolfe agreed to take care of this. He stated that it will be his last project as a councilman.

New Business:

- Auditor's Office to borrow money for County General and CUM Bridge - If money is needed in the County General fund or the Cum Bridge Fund to stay in the black before December Settlement, the Council stated that money can be borrowed from the Highway fund and/or the EDIT fund.
- Additional Appropriation for Coroner – Gibson County Coroner Barrett Doyle stated that an additional of \$25,000 in the Autopsy & Lab Fee 1000-07-03-10 will be needed before the end of the year, due to the cost of several recent autopsies. Councilman McGraw made a motion to take the \$25,000 from the Rainy Day fund, seconded by Councilman Ankenbrand. Motion carried 7-0. Coroner Doyle also spoke to the Council about the possibility of purchasing a three person storage cooler to be located in Gibson County. Having a location in Gibson County for autopsies would eventually save considerable money for the County. The Council told Mr. Doyle to get a plan together and they can discuss the possibility.
- Out of Series Transfer for Gibson Circuit Court - Councilman Wolfe made a motion to approve a transfer of \$110.00 in the Circuit Court User Fee Fund from Probation Office Supplies 2004-02-02-01 to Probation Office Supplies 2004-03-03-73, seconded by Councilman Pflug. Motion carried 7-0.
- Treasurer Mary Key's Request to Transfer – Councilman McGraw made a motion to approve a transfer in the Treasurer's budget for \$3,000.00 from Printing 1000-03-03-41 to Office Supplies 1000-03-02-60, seconded by Councilman Wolfe. Motion carried 7-0.

- Newly Elected Recorder Tonya Thomson – Personnel Request for First Deputy
Permission was given to newly elected Recorder Tonya Thompson to hire a First Deputy, to fill the vacancy that was created due to the election.
- Sheriff Department's Transfers – Councilman Pflug made a motion to approve two transfers in the Sheriff's budget: \$4,626.45 from Patrol Officers 1000-05-01-26 to Overtime 1000-05-01-28; and \$3,000 from Communication Officers 1000-05-01-23 to Overtime 1000-05-01-28 and two transfers in the Jail budget: \$2,198.02 from Corrections Officers 1000-32-01-25 to Overtime 1000-32-01-19; and \$905.00 from Corrections Officers 1000-32-01-15 to Part Time 1000-32-01-16, seconded by Councilman McGraw. Motion carried 7-0.
- Sheriff Ballard Personnel Request - Council consent was given to the Sheriff's Department to hire a new deputy in 2015 to fill the opening created by newly elected Sheriff Tim Bottoms.
- Assessor Juanita Beadle Personnel Request – Council consent was given for a new employee in the Assessor's office and a new employee in Reassessment. One of the current second deputies, Kim Minkler, will be the new Assessor and the other current second deputy will be the new First Deputy Assessor.
- Highway Transfers – Councilman Pflug made a motion to approve a transfer in the Cum Bridge fund for \$29,500 from Bridge Crew 1135-01-01-13 to Bridge 235 1135-02-02-07, seconded by Councilwoman Smith. Motion carried 7-0.
- Highway Transfers – Councilman Pflug made a motion to approve a transfer in Local Road & Street for \$60,000 from Bituminous 1169-02-02-33 to Stone, Gravel, and Other 1169-02-02-31, seconded by Councilman McGraw. Motion carried 7-0.
- Highway Transfers – Councilman Pflug made a motion to approve a transfer in the Highway fund for \$42,500 from Bituminous 1176-02-02-33 to Calcium Chloride 1176-02-02-22, seconded by Councilman McGraw. Motion carried 7-0.
- Commissioner Douglas presented Transfer - Councilman Wolfe made a motion to approve a transfer in the EDIT fund for \$20,000 from Architech/Engineering/Technical 1112-03-03-12 to Building Improvement and Acquisition 1112-04-04-14, seconded by Councilman Ankenbrand. Motion carried 7-0.

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

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Jeremy Overton, President

Craig Pflug, Vice-President

LeAnn Smith, Councilwoman

Bill McConnell, Councilman

Tony Wolfe, Councilman

George Ankenbrand, Councilman

Derek McGraw, Councilman

Attest: _____
Sherri Smith, Gibson County Auditor