
Gibson County Council
Regular Session
August 13, 2013

The Gibson County Council met in regular session on August 13, 2013, at 9:00 AM at the North Annex Meeting Room.

Members Present: Jeremy Overton, Craig Pflug, LeAnn Smith, Bill McConnell, Tony Wolfe, George Ankenbrand, Derek McGraw and Sherri Smith, Gibson County Auditor

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

Salary Adjustment: Judge Meade spoke to the Council regarding the salary of his Gibson Circuit Court Probation Secretary. The same position in Superior Court was given the pay raise of a first deputy for 2013. He felt this was an oversight and asked for his position to be treated accordingly. President Overton stated this would be discussed later in the morning, salary to be adjusted for the September meeting in the amount of \$31,964. The Judge does not need to attend.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from July 9, 2013, meeting were read and with no changes, approved by the Council.

Department Reports:

EMS Director, Dan Alvey, gave his July report, and also a six months comparison report. The write offs for July are \$62,864.25.

The new Health Department Administrator, Kelly Kelley, introduced herself and gave her July report. She stated that there will soon be some new programs in place to bring in more revenue to the Health Department. Flu vaccines are due to come in at the end of the month.

Custodian Supervisor, Andy Schafer, has a custodian retiring, and asked for permission to replace her. Council agreed.

Sheriff George Ballard presented his monthly report, along with his State Jail Inspection Report.

Old Business:

As a result of July 9th, 2013 meeting, the Council voted to approve the amended Salary Ordinance with the change in the Health Administrator from \$38,100 to 40,500, and the change in the Circuit Court Probation Secretary from \$31,262 to \$31,964. Motion was made by Councilman McConnell and seconded by Councilman Ankenbrand. Motion carried 6-1 with Councilman Wolfe voting nay. Revised Ordinance will be signed at the next meeting.

New Business:

SB-1 and Vuteq - Todd Mosby with Gibson County Economic Development Corporation and Mike Tracey with Vuteq, appeared before the Council with updates since the meeting on October 28, 2008.

These are background facts:

Vuteq appeared before the County Council on October 28, 2008 to seek phased in taxes.

Vuteq promised to create 52 new jobs and create an additional \$1,871,000 in payroll.

In November 2008 Vuteq entered into a joint venture partnership creating a MBE Partnership Incorporated as Diversity Vuteq.

Vuteq constructed a plant at 825 E 350 S in Princeton, which is directly south of the Vuteq plant on TMMI property and it is operated as Diversity Vuteq.

Diversity Vuteq began hiring in 2009 and has exceeded the promises made in 2008.

Mr. Tracey will be checking with the Assessor's office to make sure all of their paperwork is turned in, on Vuteq and Diversity Vuteq. The Council thanked them for the updates.

The Ice Miller Invoice in the matter of Harmon vs. Gibson County Sheriff Pension Board. These invoices have been paid in the past through the Sheriff's Pension Board. This particular claim has already been paid.

Appropriations – Sheriff Dept. - #52, 53, 54, 56, 56, 64 and 65

Approval of transfers for the Sheriff's department and the E911 fund was made with a motion by Councilman Pflug and a second by Councilman McGraw. Motion carried 7-0.

The transfers are:

\$3,000 from UHP part time, 1000-05-01-34, to Overtime, 1000-05-01-28

\$1,500 from Severance Pay, 1000-05-01-36, to Overtime, 1000-05-01-28

\$1,500 from Severance Pay, 1000-05-01-36, to Part Time, 1000-05-01-29

\$700 from Communications Officers, 1000-05-01-23 to Overtime, 1000-05-01-28

\$1,000 from Patrol Officers, 1000-05-01-26 to Overtime, 1000-05-01-28

\$4,000 from Communications Officers, 1222-01-01-10, to 1222-01-01-07

\$2,000 from Communications Officers, 1222-01-01-10, to Part Time, 1222-01-01-08

Sheriff Ballard asked the Council for permission to replace a retiring Field Officer in Community Corrections. He will be moving a current Corrections Officer to this position, and hiring a new Corrections Officer at 90% of the base salary. Permission was granted by the Council.

Appropriations – Gibson Superior Court

Motion was made by Councilman Pflug and seconded by Councilman Ankenbrand to approve a transfer for Superior Court. Motion carried 7-0.

The transfer:

\$5,000 from Pauper Attorneys 1000-41-01-31, to Medical/Psych Exams 1000-41-03-11.

2013 pay 2014 Tax Abatement

Motion was made by Councilman Wolfe and seconded by Councilman Pflug to approve the tax abatements, for real property, 2013 pay 2014 tax year, for the following companies: Diversity Vuteq Corporation; Prodigy Mold and Tool Incorporated; Toyota Boshoku America Indiana Motion carried 7-0.

Another motion was made by Councilman Pflug and seconded by Councilman McGraw to approve the two abatements for real property, for Highway Machine Company Incorporated. Motion carried 6-0, with Councilwoman Smith abstaining.

Todd Mosby, President and CEO of the Gibson County Economic Development Corporation, presented another possible investor, WIN Energy REMC, to the Council, with a request for a tax abatement. Thomas Gregory, Marion Yochim, and Tom Nowowski of WIN REMC were available for questions. Councilman Wolfe made the motion to grant the tax abatement on real property, new construction, the abated taxes would be \$35,930 vs. the \$52,960, phased in over five years, seconded by Councilman McGraw. Motion carried 7-0.

The Commissioners made a request of the Council for approval to hire two experienced Grade-All Operators and an experienced Bridge Crew member. After extensive discussion this request was tabled until Union Contract could be reviewed.

After extensive discussion, Councilman Wolfe made a motion to start the new employees at 100% pay, considering the experience of the three, seconded by Councilman Pflug. Motion carried 7-0.

County Attorney McDonald addressed the Council with regard to the loan agreement between Gibson County Warehousing Incorporated and Gibson County Indiana which has had some corrections made to it, since it had been approved. Those corrections include paragraph H and paragraph I on page 7; paragraph 5.1.b.i (claw back clause) and required clarification. They have been corrected in an Amended and Restated Loan Agreement, dated August 1, 2013. This agreement is being presented to the Council. Signatures from the Council were not required, only an approval of the changes. The Agreement was approved with a vote of 4-3 with Councilman Ankenbrand, Councilman McConnell and Councilwoman Smith voting nay.

Safety Director Andy Schafer made a request of the Council to make a current part-time custodian full time and at 100% of Salary. President Overton made a request that a resume' type report be put together regarding the part time employees attributes and the job. Safety Director Schafer is to have this information to them by the next meeting.

Commissioner Bottoms spoke with the Highway Supt. and they felt it would cost the County more administratively to bring the new Hwy. Employees in at 90% vs. 100%. He also commented the Contract states during the probationary period of 60 days, they could be paid as low as 90%. When this period is over, they must be brought up to 100% of salary.

It was stated that the new custodian has a background in plumbing, heating and air conditioning and had worked part time for the Courthouse for 1.5 years. Councilman Ankenbrand then made a motion to pay the new custodian 100% pay after the 60 day probationary period, seconded by Councilman McGraw. Motion carried 6-1, with Councilman Pflug voting no.

President Overton recessed the meeting, Budget Hearings to begin after the break.

August Budget Meetings Begin

All Council members were present.

Vice-President Craig Pflug read each Department's Budget, line for line. Discussions were held and Corrections were made. Salaries were tabled for a later meeting.

Meeting was recessed until August 15th, 2013.

Meeting reconvened at 8 a.m. on August 15th, 2013 with all Council members present.

Vice-President Craig Pflug read each Department's Budget, line for line. Discussions held Corrections were made. Salaries tabled for a later meeting. Meeting recessed to August 23.

Meeting reconvened at 9 a.m. on August 23rd, 2013 with all Council members present.

All line items have been updated on department reports with the exception of personal services. Councilman Wolfe began reading the personal services fund lines while Councilman Pflug verified figures.

Motion was made by Councilman Wolfe to recess this meeting and reconvene on August 29th at 8 a.m. to begin the Advertised Budget Hearing, second by Councilman Ankenbrand . Motion carried 7-0.

Reconvened on August 29th, 2013 at 8 a.m. with all Council members present.

Discussions held with Solid Waste and the Owensville Montgomery Township Fire Department representatives for 2014 Budget reviews.

The Binding and Non-Binding Review of all Township balances of all units was held. Council Members discussed and then approved each unit. President Overton signed each report.

With all in agreement, the Council adjourned this meeting.

1st Advertised Budget Hearing

President Overton called the meeting to order with all Council Members present.

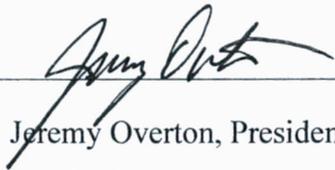
The County expected 2.6% in State Growth and 2.8% in County Growth. There were some updates to reports discussed as well as the creation of a few new reports.

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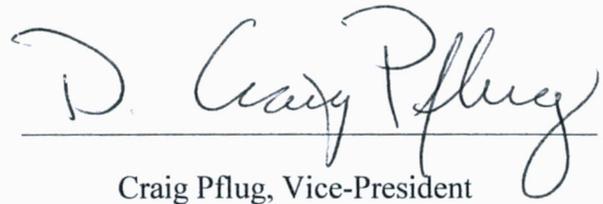
Vice President Pflug made a motion to use funds from 8895 for Prosecutor IV D School tuition in 2014 instead of fund 8897, seconded by Tony Wolfe. Motion carried 7-0.

Salaries were discussed, considering the anticipated growth factor for 2014 and the increased costs of PERF and Health Insurance, the Council was in agreement that there would be no money for salary increases for 2014.

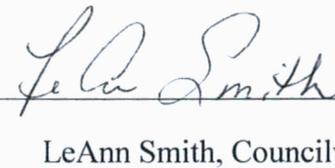
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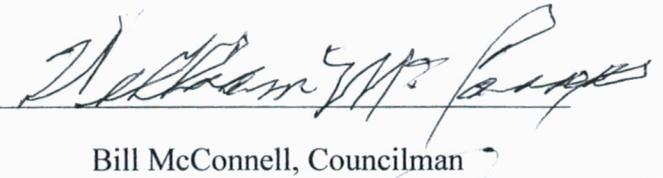
Jeremy Overton, President



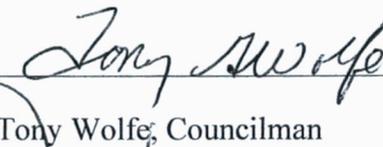
Craig Pflug, Vice-President



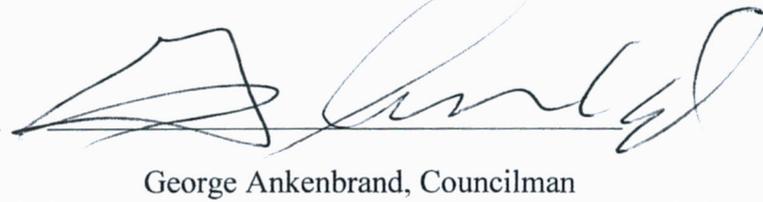
LeAnn Smith, Councilwoman



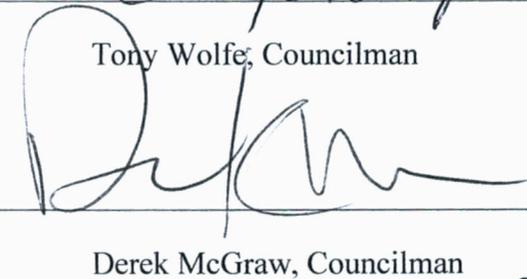
Bill McConnell, Councilman



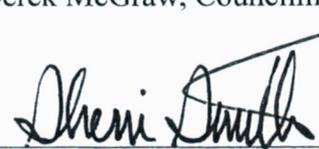
Tony Wolfe, Councilman



George Ankenbrand, Councilman



Derek McGraw, Councilman

Attest: 

Sherri Smith, Gibson County Auditor