MINUTES
JACKSON COUNTY COUNCIL
May 17, 2017
6:00 PM

Members Present: Councilman Leon Pottschmidt, Councilman Brian Thompson, Councilman Michael Davidson, Councilman John Nolting, Councilman Dave Hall, Councilwoman Bridey Jacobi and Councilwoman Ann Cain
Members Absent: All Present

The Lord’s Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
Councilwoman Bridey Jacobi called the Regular meeting to order at 6:00PM.
Sheriff Carothers performed the swearing in of the Council.

Councilman Leon Pottschmidt made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2017 regular meeting. Councilman John Nolting seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from Other Committees:
Councilman Pottschmidt stated the following:
- The HHS part time position for the extension office has been filled.
- Next month REMC will be in to discuss a new abatement application.
- He will be meeting with Aran Banks of the Visitor’s Center to discuss funding for county parks.
- Dan Davis will be coming next month to ask that the Education Coalition be considered in the 2018 budget.

Councilman Brian Thompson stated that Plan Commissioner Conner Barnette has worked to place the Right of Way widths on the County GIS map.

End of Reports from Other Committees.

Public Hearing on Additional Appropriation for Judicial Center
Councilwoman Jacobi then opened the Public Hearing on the Additional Appropriation for the Judicial Center. With no questions or comments being heard, Councilman Thompson made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Councilman Pottschmidt seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

New Business
Councilwoman Jacobi performed the 1st reading of Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2017-7. County Attorney Susan Bevers stated that this ordinance is for the Jackson County Building Corporation to own the land that the Judicial Center will be built on. The additional is in the amount of $325,000 and the money must be put toward Judicial Center expense. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve upon 1st reading. Councilman Dave Hall seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.
Councilwoman Jacobi then performed the 2nd reading of Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2017-7 by Title Only. Councilman Hall made a motion to approve. Councilman Nolting seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.
Councilwoman Jacobi then read Resolution #5, Council Bill #7. This is the Resolution to approve the pledge of LIT revenues. The pledge is to pay lease payments for the Judicial Center. Gary Smith, with Reedy Financial spoke to the coverage of the payments. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve. Councilman Hall seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Purchases have not been made of the Kloppenburg or Middendorf properties, however, lines of communication remain open in hopes of obtaining these corner lots in the future. Councilman Nolting then expressed his concerns on parking. It was stated that during construction there may be some parking issues, but once complete there should be ample spaces for parking.

Integrity Personal Property Abatement Compliance- No representative was present to discuss the compliance. Upon review of the forms, which were filled out incorrectly and the fact that the deadline had been missed, Councilman Pottschmidt made a motion to skip this abatement year. Councilman Thompson seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried. Councilman Michael Davidson abstained from this vote.

Joe Joray then addressed the Council members to discuss the raise in property taxes for 2016 pay 2017. Joray stated that his taxes went up 33.4% from last year. Discussion was held with Joray about the changes that were made for tax year 2017. In past years, the residents of the City of Seymour had been receiving a larger credit then residents in other areas. The Council voted last year, after numerous discussions and public hearings voted to spread out the credit, so that all taxpayers of the county would receive partial credit. Joray stated that it seemed like there was not much notice given – not enough advanced warning for the taxpayers who see a major increase.

Councilman Michael Davidson excused himself from the meeting.

Sarah Brichto with the Children’s Advocacy Center of Southeastern Indiana then came before Council to discuss services that are provided to the county. Brichto then asked for county support in the 2018 budget. Brichto stated she has been before Commissioners and they have agreed to add $7,500 to a line item in their 2018 budget to be presented to Council.

JL Brewer then appeared before Council to discuss the Driftwood Fire Protection District Additional Appropriation for $5,000. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve. Councilman Pottschmidt seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Gary Smith with Reedy Financial then came before Council to discuss a Rate Re-Establishment Analysis for the Cum Cap Development Fund. After discussion, Councilman Hall made a motion approve Reedy Financial to engage in this Special Project. Councilman Nolting seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilwoman Jacobi then performed the 1st reading of Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2017 - #6. Councilman Pottschmidt made a motion to approve.
Councilman Thompson seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried. Councilwoman Jacobi then performed the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2017 -#6. This Additional is for the following:

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Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve. Councilman Nolting seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

The 2017 Reedy Contract was then presented for approval. After discussion, Councilman Hall made a motion to approve pending the following changes:

1. List 2017 as the term of the contract &
2. Add a 30 day notice provision for termination of contract.

Councilman Pottschmidt seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

END OF OLD BUSINESS

Highway Supervisor, Jerry Ault then appeared before Council to discuss the following:
- The updated 2017 Paser rating has begun.
- Currently working on sealing cracks on roads that will be getting a chip/seal this year – about ¾ done.
- Work will begin on Bridge #183 later this summer.
- Explained that the county entered into a rental agreement to keep the CAT grader. The payment stayed the same as the previous lease and this payment can continue to come out of Cum Cap.
- June 1, 2017 – INDOT Community Crossings grant meeting at 10am.
- There will be 21 total miles paved in 2017 between the Contract Paving and Community Crossing Paving.


Gary Smith then presented the TIF Expansion Impact Statement for review.

Councilman Hall then stated that he was approached by Commissioner Markel about a Jail Needs Committee that was formed. Currently Commissioner Markel and Sheriff Carothers are on the committee and would like to see at least two Council members on the committee as well. Councilman Nolting made a motion for Councilman Hall and Councilman Thompson to sit on this committee. Councilwoman Ann Cain seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried. Councilman Thompson then asked if a representative from the City of Seymour Council should sit on the board as well. Councilman Hall will get in contact with Commissioner Markel on this idea.
Councilman Hall made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Pottschmidt seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 6:00 PM.

Signed this 21st day of June, 2017.

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Brian Thompson                    Ann Cain

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Michael Davidson                  David Hall

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Leon Pottschmidt                   John Nolting

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Bridey Jacobi

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Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest