MINUTES
JACKSON COUNTY COUNCIL
July 19, 2017
6:00 PM

Members Present: Councilman Leon Pottschmidt, Councilman Brian Thompson, Councilman Michael Davidson, Councilman John Nolting, Councilman Dave Hall, Councilwoman Ann Cain and Councilwoman Bridey Jacobi
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 John Nolting made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2017 regular meeting. Councilman Brian Thompson seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from Other Committees:
Councilman Thompson stated that the Judicial Center Committee met with Garmong and reviewed the steps of construction, what to expect next, site preparation and received contact information for Garmong employees that would be onsite.
Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter stated that the County Commissions have approved moving the current Plan Commission building to the Highway Department. A quote was received for $18,000 for the move. It was also stated that the Public Defenders current office will be torn down as planned. The Public Defender’s office will move to the Seymour Courthouse during the construction phase.
Councilman Michael Davidson stated that the Juvenile Home has hired a highly qualified individual to fill an employee vacancy.
Councilman Leon Pottschmidt stated that he and Councilman Dave Hall attended the State Called Council Meeting.
Councilman Nolting stated that he and Councilmen Davidson and Hall attended the Soil & Water meeting.
End of Reports from Other Committees.

New Business
Mason Cockerham with Reedy Financial appeared before Council to discuss a GIC Liquidation. The current bank that holds the GIC is needing to file for bankruptcy and therefore has offered the County a deal for the holding. The offer is for the $750,000 principle and a premium of $52,000 – making the total to be received by the trustee, $802,000. Attorney Bevers stated that the money is not required to be reinvested in a GIC and that the first step would be signing an agreement with Portagon (the current holding bank) agreeing to the $802,000 payment. Councilman Thompson made a motion to accept the $802,000 offer and terminate the current GIC and allow Reedy Financial, Attorney Bevers and Jim Gutting (Barnes & Thornburg) to begin looking at reinvestment options. Councilman Nolting seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.
County Assessor Katie Kaufman then presented the Reassessment Contract with Tyler Technologies. This contract is for four years and has been approved by Commissioners.

JL Brewer then presented the 2017/2018 Community Corrections Budget for Council approval. Brewer stated that the Advisory Board and State have approved the budget and he is asking for Council to approve. After review, Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve. Councilman Hall seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Detective Tom Barker then presented information to Council regarding Salary Comparisons between the Sheriff’s Department, Seymour Police Department and ISP. This information also included proposals on how to get the current Sheriff’s Department salaries back to a comparable rate. Discussion held included, but was not limited to, how an increased salary would affect keeping qualified employees, the effect on budget, the effect on retirement and how the County Sheriff’s department pay compared to other county sheriff’s departments.

Councilwoman Bridey Jacobi then performed the 1st reading of Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2017 – 15. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve upon 1st reading. Councilman Davidson seconded. The Additional is for the following:

County General:
- $1,750.00 to 1000-32220-0068
- $10,000.00 to 1000-31120-0007

Cumulative Bridge Fund:
- $114,102.36 to 1135-40206

Jackson County Drug Free Grant:
- $5,580.00 to 1148-19801
- $6,000.00 to 1148-19800
- $5940.00 to 1148-19803
- $8,574.41 to 1148-19805
- $1,377.65 to 1148-19811
- $6,000.00 to 1148-19820

CHINS – Child in Need Fund:
- $5,799.66 to 9103-12250

Court Interpreter Grant:
- $1,000.00 to 9126-31060
- $1,000.00 to 9126-31065

Supplemental Public Defender Fund:
- $10,000.00 to 1200-11650

Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilwoman Jacobi then performed the 2nd reading of Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2017- 15 by title only. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve. Councilman Davidson seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Juvenile Detention Center Director, Steve Redicker then presented the June 2017 report and a 5 year population report.
Sheriff Mike Carothers presented Council with the June 2017 Jail Report, Meal Expenditure Report, Dog Detention Report and Judicial Statistics Report. The Sheriff also reported that the new HVAC units are running behind and have not been received.

Councilman Thompson stated that Rumpke will be holding a Picnic Wednesday August 2nd, 2017 for the grand opening of the Medora Recycling Center from 11:30am – 1pm.

It was then stated that Dave Early from the Seymour City Council will sit on the Jail Expansion/Overcrowding Committee.

Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard informed Council that their appointee to the Brownstown Library Board term will be up at the end of August. After discussion, Councilman Pottschmidt made a motion requesting that the Council receive a letter, email or personal appearance from appointees leaving or ones that want to serve. Councilman Nolting seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Pottschmidt made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Nolting seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at 8:00 AM. 2018 Budget Hearings will follow the regular meeting.

Signed this 16th day of August, 2017.

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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