

CASS COUNTY COUNCIL

JUNE 19, 2015

The Cass County Council met at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner Hearing Room. Present were George Stebbins, Brian Reed, Stacey Donato, Grover Bishop, Phil Rains, Tracy Williamson, Attorney John Hillis and Auditor Vaneen Ide. Absent was Steve Kain.

Council President George Stebbins opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

MINUTES

Brian Reed made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Phil Rains seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

TAX ABATEMENTS

Christy Householder, Cass County Economic Development Director, appeared before the Council and presented the abatements that had been received by the 15th of May.

Maple Grove Distributing abatement was presented and deemed compliant. Brian Reed made a motion to approve Maple Grove Distributing abatement as it was found to be compliant, Tracy Williamson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

S.U.S. Cast Products, INC abatement was presented and deemed compliant. Grover Bishop made a motion to approve S.U.S. Cast Products, INC abatement as it was found to be compliant, Tracy Williamson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The Andersons Clymers Ethanol, LLC abatement was presented and deemed compliant. Stacey Donato made a motion to approve The Andersons Clymers Ethanol, LLC abatement as it was found to be compliant, Phil Rains seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The Andersons, INC abatement was presented and deemed compliant. Stacey Donato made a motion to approve The Andersons, INC abatement as it was found to be compliant, Tracy Williamson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

There were other abatements that were missing entries and could not be presented to the Council at this meeting. Brian Reed made a motion to allow the finance committee to view the abatements after they are corrected and approve if the finance committee deems them compliant, since they must be approved before the end of June, Tracy Williamson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

AMEND WHEEL TAX ORDINANCE

Motor driven cycles were added upon the passing of House Bill 1343 and could be assessed a flat rate wheel tax of \$10.00. Beginning January 1, 2016 and until further amended by ordinance, all passenger cars, trucks of less than 11,000 pounds G.W., and motorcycles registered in Cass County, that are now subject to an excise tax shall also be subject to an annual excise surtax of \$25.00 to be paid with the registration of said motor vehicles. Motor driven cycles are not subject to this annual excise tax. Grover Bishop made a motion to approve the amended Wheel Tax Ordinance, Stacey Donato seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 4 yeas and 2 nays from Phil Rains and Brian Reed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS & ADJOURN

Councilman Grover Bishop introduced visiting Boy Scout troop 202 and 227 to the Council. They were present as a requirement for their citizenship in the community badge.

Ralph Anderson informed the Council members that interviews with office holders and directors are now complete and information regarding pay for employees will be available for the next Council meeting.

Ralph also announce the Civic Players are presenting "Chicago" ", June 18 and 19 and June 26 and 27 at 7:30 at McHale.

Council President George Stebbins extended condolences to Commissioner Jeff LeDonne for the passing of his mother and the Crimmins Family for the passing of Sarah Jane Crimmins former County Council woman.

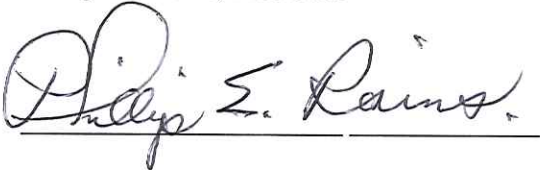
Grover Bishop made a motion to adjourn, Stacey Donato seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



George Stebbins, President



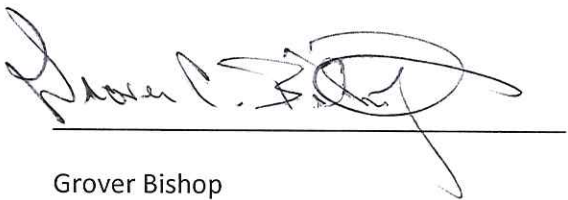
Stacey Donato, Vice President



Phillip Rains



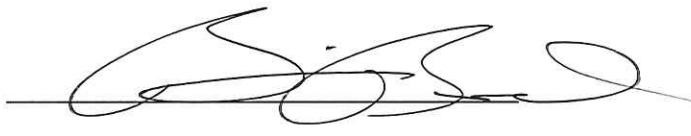
Steve Kain



Grover Bishop



Tracy Williamson

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Brian Reed

ATTEST: 

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Vaneen M. Ide, Auditor