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THE MARTIN COUNTY COUNCIL

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING

December 13, 2021

MINUTES

The Martin County Council convened in Special Session on Monday, December 13, 2021, in the Commissioners’ Room at the Courthouse located at 129 Main Street, Shoals, Indiana. Councilmen attending: Warren Albright, Randy Wininger, James Stiles; Keith Gibson, Adam Greene; and Councilwomen Barbara McFeaters and Sherri Bowling. Also in attendance were Auditor Bobbie Abel; Lori Carrico, Treasurer; Carolyn McGuire, Assessor; Cody Roush, Commissioner; Rhonda Sanders, Recorder; Dena Held, Jeremy Osborn, Mike Engleman, Andy Ringwald, Emergency Management.

President Albright called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 5:30 pm.

Commissioner Cody Roush informed the Council that an offer on the land by the jail has been accepted. He requested permission to proceed with the purchase in the amount of $17,500.00. A motion to proceed was made by Councilwoman McFeaters, seconded by Councilman Greene. All in favor the motion passed.

Commissioner Roush requested approval of the transfer of funds in Cum Cap Development from Courthouse improvements to Land in the amount of $5,000.00. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Wininger, seconded by Councilwoman McFeaters. All in favor, motion passed.

Jim Williams, Martin County Solid Waste Director, submitted a request for an additional appropriation for Solid Waste totaling $104,305.00. A discussion followed regarding revenue that wasn’t budgeted in 2021 and expenditures that were processed. A motion to approve the additional appropriation for Martin County Solid Waste was made by Councilman Stiles, seconded by Councilman Greene. Council woman Bowling was opposed, everyone else in favor, motion passed.

The Resolution for 2022 meeting dates was approved with a motion made by Councilman Greene, seconded by Councilman Stiles. All in favor, motion passed.

Auditor Abel, presented the 2022 Salary and Wage Ordinance to the Council for approval. Auditor Abel requested that the Council consider a stipend for both the employees and the Elected Officials. Abel explained that she was presenting the proposal tonight because once the Salary and Wage ordinance was finalized the Elected Official’s compensation cannot be changed the following the year.

The request was for everyone and the stipend would be from the ARPA funds which can be used for a one-time stipend for work performed during the Covid 19 Crisis. Commissioner Roush was opposed to this, stated procedure was not followed, that it should have been brought to the Commissioners first. Abel replied that the only reason it was brought up this evening was because of the elected officials pay cannot be changed once approved by the Council. A discussion followed. The Council determined that waiting on the possibility of employee stipend be postponed until 2022 as their salaries can be amended anytime throughout the year.

A motion to approve a stipend for Elected Officials for essential personnel out of ARPA funds was made by Councilwoman Bowling, seconded by Councilman Stiles, with Councilman Stiles, Councilwoman McFeaters, Councilwoman Bowling and President Albright in favor and Councilmen Greene, Gibson and Wininger opposed, motion passed. The Stipend is tentatively approved as follows: $1,000.00 for employees that work from their respective office locations during the Covid crisis, $500.00 for employees who worked from both home and respective office locations and no stipend to be provided for employees who worked primarily from home during the Covid 19 crisis.

Prosecutor Wright submitted an interfund transfer request in the amount of $1,440.00 from Prosecutor expenditures to Bonus/Stipend. A motion to approve the transfer was made by Councilman Stiles, seconded by Councilwoman Bowling. Councilman Stiles, Councilwoman McFeaters, Councilwoman Bowling and President Albright in favor, Councilmen Greene, Gibson and Wininger were opposed. Motion passed.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:09 pm with a motion made by Councilman Gibson and seconded by Councilman Stiles, all were in favor and the motion passed. The next Council meeting will be held Monday, January 10, 2021, at 6:00 pm.

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Warren Albright Randy L. Wininger

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Sheri Bowling J. Keith Gibson

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Adam Greene Barbara McFeaters

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James A. Stiles

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 Bobbie Abel, Martin County Auditor