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THE MARTIN COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

JULY 10, 2023

MINUTES

The Martin County Council convened in regular session on Monday, July 10, 2023, in the Commissioners’ Room at the Courthouse located at 129 Main Street, Shoals, Indiana. Councilmen attending: Jordan Dant, Adam Greene, Warren Albright, Keith Gibson, Monty Gregory, and Jim Hamby. Councilman Andrew Beaver was absent. Also attending was Auditor Michelle Norris.

President Jordan Dant called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 6:00 pm.

**RE: MINUTES**

The minutes from the regular meeting held June 5th, 2023 were approved with a motion made by Councilman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Greene. All in favor, motion passed.

**RE: VOTER REGISTRATION OFFICER PER DIEM**

Martin County Clerk, Julie Fithian, came before the Council to discuss a voter registration officer per diem. Clerk Fithian stated some counties have a voter registration officer and all that person does is voter registration. Martin County does not have a voter registration officer, the Clerk performs those duties. Other counties pay a per-diem ranging from $3.50 to $22.00 per day. Clerk Fithian is asking for $5 per day for performing those duties.

The Council asked that Auditor Norris contact the State Board of Accounts to determine if the payment of the per diem will be acceptable from an audit standpoint. A motion was made by Councilman Gregory to table approving the per diem contingent on the response from the State Board of Accounts, seconded by Councilman Hamby. All in favor, motion passed.

**RE: TRANSFER REQUEST**

The following transfer request was submitted to the Council for approval from Community Corrections:

From: 9131.387.3000.20 Travel/Training $1,000.00

To: 9131.387.4000.11 Office Equipment $1,000.00

From: 9131.387.3000.14 Contract Services $200.00

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From: 9131.387.3000.14 Contract Services $1,000.00

To: 9131.387.2000.20 Incentives $1,000.00

A motion was made by Councilman Albright to approve the transfer requests from Community Corrections, seconded by Councilman Greene. All in favor, motion passed.

Community Corrections Director, Danielle Murphy, stated the Community Service road crew is back up and running and is out picking up trash.

**RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

TIF Capital Project- WG

Fund 4500

Professional Services $3,500

A motion was made by Councilman Gregory to approve the additional appropriation for professional services in the TIF Capital Project- WG fund in the amount of $3,500, seconded by Councilman Greene. All in favor, motion passed.

General Fund- 1000

Courthouse

Vacation/Comp Time Payout $2,000

A motion was made by Councilman Hamby to approve the additional appropriation of $2,000 in the General Fund for Courthouse vacation/comp time payout, seconded by Councilman Albright. All in favor, motion passed.

**RE: ABATEMENT RENEWALS 2024**

Auditor Norris stated there were three abatement CF-1 statements: compliance with statement of benefits real estate improvements; received for abatement renewal and for review by the Council. CF-1 forms were received by Wagbaugh Properties, United States Gypsum, and Solomon Westgate Holdings (also known as Westgate Eight). Auditor Norris stated the abatement for Westgate Eight was approved in 2020 but the abatement has yet to be started.

A motion was made by Councilman Hamby to approve the abatement renewals for Solomon Westgate Holdings and United State Gypsum and to table the Wagbaugh Properties request due to more information being needed, seconded by Councilman Albright. All in favor, motion passed.

**RE: DEPARTMENT BUDGET MEETINGS**

Auditor Norris stated at the previous Council meeting the department budget meeting had been set for August 7th. There has been a scheduling conflict and the department budget meeting has now been moved to Monday, August 21st with an 8:30 am start time.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:26 pm with a motion made by Councilman Gregory and seconded by Councilman Greene, all were in favor and the motion passed. The next regular Council meeting will be held Monday, August 7, 2023, at 6:00 pm.

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Monty Gregory

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Michelle Norris, Martin County Auditor