

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
November 16, 2016**

The Grant County Council met in regular session on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**1. Call to order**

President McWhirt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. Prayer**

Councilman Conner led prayer.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilman Baker led the pledge of allegiance.

**4. Roll Call**

In attendance were Council members Jim McWhirt, Frank Hix, Shane Middlesworth, Tresa Baker, Mike Scott, Mark Leming and Mike Conner. Also present were Auditor Roger A. Bainbridge, Council Attorney Phil Stevenson, Chief Deputy Auditor Tammy Miller and Financials Deputy Stacey Stevens.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

Councilman Scott moved to approve the minutes from the Special Session on October 13, 2016 and the regular session minutes from October 19, 2016. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 7-0.

**6. Auditor's Report**

Auditor Roger Bainbridge reported from the General Fund Balance Report that at the end of October 2016 we are 10% better than last year at this time and 5% better than 2 years ago.

Auditor Bainbridge also reported from the Health Insurance Fund that this fund is very similar to last year. Compared to last year's balance at the end of October we are about 380 less than what we were then, so this is very comparable to what we had last year. This is mildly encouraging with all the major pay outs we have had this year.

**7. New Business**

**A. Gas City-Mill Township Public Library-**April Dickey's term expires on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016, Council is being asked to reappoint her to a 4 year term, which will go through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Councilman Middlesworth made a motion to reappoint April Dickey to a 4 year term to the Gas City-Mill Township Library Board through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

Councilman Baker made a motion to approve all the transfer of appropriations on the agenda as one motion. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 4-3.

**B. Superior Court II- Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Grant-** Judge Kenworthy is not present. This is just information on this grant that has been awarded to the county. No action is required by the Council.

**C. County Highway Department-Additional Appropriation-Local Road and Street-** Highway Superintendent David White expressed the appropriation is for the Garthwaite Road extension. Superintendent White explained he paid 100% of the invoices and received an 80% reimbursement from the Federal Government and wants to put that money back into the line item to get it out of the red before the end of the year. Councilman Baker made a motion to approve

the appropriation for the Local Road and Street fund in the amount of 100,000 as requested. Second by Councilman Middlesworth; motion carried 7-0.

#### **D. County Commissioners-Mike Burton**

Commissioner Mike Burton is requesting an additional appropriation in the COIT fund in the amount of 75,000 for the workman's comp account. Councilman Middlesworth mad a motion to approve the additional appropriation in the COIT fund in the amount of 75,000 for the workman's comp account as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Burton is also requesting an additional appropriation from the E911 fund. One concerns new equipment for dispatch. IT tech Kevin Hicks explained to Council what new equipment is needed and why. The change in technology and upgrades is why the need is there, the equipment is needed for these changes. The amount of this request is 32,330; 28,851 for the equipment and 3,479 for labor. Commissioner Burton presented the rest of the appropriations being requested from the E911 fund. The first being the annual payment to Motorola in the amount of 100,355, then for the annual payment for updating and training on dispatch consoles in the amount of 10,000, the next is for the town of Fairmount for equipment in the amount of 9,920 and for the town of Sweetser for equipment in the amount of 7,000. The total amount requested from the E911 fund is 159,605. Councilman Baker made a motion to approve the additional appropriation of the County Commissioners from the E911 fund. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

#### **E. Auditor-Additional Appropriation-General Fund**

Auditor Roger Bainbridge expressed there were concerns about the 27<sup>th</sup> pay this year, and several hundred thousand dollars may have to have been needed to transfer to cover that cost. As it turns out, due to actions taken by this body over the year, there have been some surpluses in various departments that have contributed back to that, so we only need a maximum of 50,000 to make it up. Councilman Baker made a motion to approve the 50,000 from the General Fund to the personnel accounts as needed for the 27<sup>th</sup> pay. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 7-0.

#### **F. 2017 Salary Ordinance**

Council President Jim McWhirt communicated this would be ordinance #2-2016. "We do this every year at this time to reflect the various positions in the wages and salaries that are associated with those for the next calendar year". The ordinance will be effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 and will be applied to all services rendered by the elective officials and the employees through December 31, 2017, the pay during that time for services rendered. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve ordinance #2-2016, the salary ordinance for 2017 as presented. Second by Councilman Baker; motion carried 7-0.

#### **8. Old Business**

None.

#### **9. Reports, Resolutions, Communications and General Discussion**

Councilman Baker stated she attended the Community Corrections board meeting on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. They spoke about things that will be coming up; they will be coming before Council to ask for more money for various things they will be implementing next year. Councilman Baker presented the meeting dates for the board for next year to President McWhirt.

President McWhirt stated the next Council meeting will be Wednesday December 21, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

#### **10. Adjournment**

President McWhirt adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

