

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
February 21, 2018**

The Grant County Council met in regular session on Wednesday January 17, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

1. Call to order

President McWhirt called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. Prayer

Councilman Conner led prayer.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Hix led the pledge of allegiance.

4. Roll Call

In attendance were Council members Jim McWhirt, Frank Hix, Mike Roorbach, Mike Conner, Shane Middlesworth and Mike Scott. Also present were Council Attorney Phil Stephenson, Auditor Roger Bainbridge, Chief Deputy Auditor Angie Jarvis, and Financials Deputy Stacey Stevens. Councilman Mark Leming was absent.

5. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Conner moved to approve the minutes from the January 17, 2018 meeting as presented. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 5-0, with Councilman Middlesworth abstaining as he was not present at the January meeting.

6. Auditor's Report

Auditor Roger Bainbridge reported from the General Fund Balance report this looks very similar to what it looked like this time last year. So it does not look like anything is out of the ordinary.

Auditor Bainbridge also reported from the Health Insurance Fund report. Auditor Bainbridge presented an email concerning a stop loss amount of 320,363.97. Auditor Bainbridge asked the Council to keep this in mind as he reads from the Insurance report. The ending balance at the end of January is 293,034.38 this is the lowest balance we have had since January 2016. At that time we were expecting a large reimbursement. In February 2016 we have over a million dollars in receipts because we got a large amount of stop loss reimbursement. While 293,000 is a very low balance, we are expecting 300,000 stop loss reimbursement, there is not a need for a great concern at this point. We are not sure how long of a wait there will be before we receive the stop loss money.

7. New Business

A. Fairmount Public Library-The Fairmount Library is asking to appoint Michele Roberts for a term of 4 years, January 1, 2018 thru December 31, 2021. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve the appointment as requested. Second by Councilman Middlesworth; motion carried 6-0.

B. County Highway Department-Safety Director Tony Smith is asking for approval to replace a truck driver position, effective immediately. Councilman Scott made a motion to approve the replacement as requested. Second by Councilman Conner: motion carried 6-0.

C. County Sheriff-Sheriff Reggie Nevels is requesting approval to fill one (1) Dispatcher position and three (3) Merit Deputy Positions. Sheriff Nevels presented the 2017 year end activity report for the Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Nevels expressed where he is short staffed and the positions he is asking to fill are needed. Discussion ensued concerning positions being cut and filling positions just to cut them in the following months. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve 1 dispatcher position and 2 merit officer positions. There was no second motions dies.

Councilman Scott made a motion to approve 1 dispatcher position and 1 merit officer position. Second by Councilman Scott; 3-3 motion does not pass.
Councilman Conner made a motion to approve just the 1 dispatcher position. Second by Councilman Scott: motion carried 2-4.

D. Superior Court 2, Juvenile Division-Magistrate McLane is requesting to replace a Court Reporter position that will be vacant approximately May 1, 2018. Magistrate McLane expressed he has 2 court reporters in his court and both positions are very much needed. Magistrate McLane expressed he is in court every day and one court reporter is at his side while the other is doing the paperwork so things do not get behind. Discussion ensued concerning how positions could be moved to make things work without filling this vacancy. After much discussion a decision was made to table this request until the March 21, 2018 Council meeting.

8. Old Business

None.

Reports, Resolutions, Communications and General Discussion

Committee Reports-None.

Committee Assignments: President McWhirt read aloud the Committee Assignments....

Technology Committee	Leming
Growth Council	McWhirt
ECI Regional Planning District	Middlesworth
Grant County EMA Advisory Board	Hix
Plan Commission	McWhirt
Legislative Liaison	Roorbach
JDAI Initiative	McWhirt
Community Corrections Board	Conner
Salary/Wage Committee	Conner, Scott, Leming
Juvenile Detention Center Review Committee	Middlesworth, Scott, Roorbach

The next Council meeting will be March 21, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

10. Adjournment

President McWhirt adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.