

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
September 18, 2019**

The Grant County Council met in regular session on Wednesday September 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**1. Call to order**

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

**2. Prayer**

Chuck McCallum led prayer.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilman Conner led the pledge of allegiance.

**4. Roll Call**

In attendance were Council members Shane Middlesworth, Frank Hix, Mark Leming, Mike Roorbach, Mike Conner, Jonathan Perez and Mike Scott. Also present were Council Attorney Phil Stephenson, Auditor Jim McWhirt, Chief Deputy Auditor Angela Jarvis, and Financials Deputy Stacey Stevens.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

Councilman Scott moved to approve the minutes from the regular session for August 14, 2019 and the budget hearings August 21, 22, 28, and 29, 2019. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0 with one abstention on 8-14-19, one abstention on 8-28-19 and two abstentions on 8-29-19.

**6. Auditor's Report**

Auditor Jim McWhirt expressed he had no comment on the all fund combine report and the fund summary report. There were no questions on either report. Auditor McWhirt wanted to point out on the general fund monthly comparison report from the general fund balance standpoint we are approximately 2.3 million dollars better than we were this time last year. The cash disbursement report basically we are in good shape. In the health insurance fund our balance continues to be encouraging.

**New Business**

**A. County Prosecutor**-Prosecutor Rodney Faulk was absent, Prosecutor Evan Hammond presented the request. Prosecutor Hammond is asking for a transfer of \$1,500 from maintenance and repair to gasoline and auto. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve the transfer as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 7-0.

**B. County Assessor**-Assessor Rhonda Wylie is not present but is requesting a transfer of \$37.00 from contractual services to maintenance. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve the transfer as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 7-0.

Assessor Wylie is also requesting to reappoint Elizabeth Wright and Richard Cox to the PTABOA board. Councilman Conner made a motion to reappoint Elizabeth Wright and Richard Cox to the PTABOA board as requested. Second by Councilman Roorbach; motion carried 7-0.

**C. County Sheriff-**Sheriff Reggie Nevels is asking for a transfer of \$20,000 from Juvenile Detention Center Salaries to Juvenile Detention Center overtime. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve the transfer as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 7-0.

Sheriff Nevels is requesting to fill two Merit Deputy vacancies. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve the filling of the vacancies as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 7-0.

Sheriff Nevels is also asking to fill a cook position that will be available on September 29, 2019. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to fill the vacancy as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 7-0.

**D. Public Defenders-**Public Defender Bruce Elliott is asking to fill the vacancy of a Public Defender. Mr. Elliott has chosen Michael Hotz as the replacement and is asking his time as a Public Defender be retro back to September 9, 2019. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve Michael Hotz to fill the vacancy as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0 with one abstention.

**E. Area Plan Commission-**Area Plan Director Larry Strange is asking for an appropriation of 31,022 to spend from the Unsafe Building fund for 2019. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 7-0.

**F. Central Dispatch-**Terry Burnsworth from Pyramid Consulting is asking for Councils approve of draft five (5) of the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Grant County and the City of Marion and Grant County and the City of Gas City. Councilman Scott made a motion to approve draft five (5) of the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Grant County and the City of Marion and Grant County and the City of Gas City. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Burnsworth is also asking for permission to send out letters for rates to accept bids for phase one of the RFP for the loan for dispatch. The bids will be turned into the Auditor's office. Councilman Conner made a motion to give Mr. Burnsworth permission to send out letters for bids. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

**G. County Auditor-**Auditor Jim McWhirt is asking to fill a vacancy and in doing so reconfigure positions which would need an amendment to the 2019 salary ordinance to reflect the changes. This would be effective October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve the filling of the vacancy and amending the salary ordinance to reflect the changes. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 7-0.

Auditor McWhirt expressed there is unclaimed tax sale surplus in the Tax Sale Surplus Fund, the amount that is eligible to be transferred to the General Fund is \$130,447.76 and is from tax sales that occurred from September 2009 through September 2016. Auditor McWhirt will transfer the

\$130,447.76 to the General Fund and is requesting Council approve the write-off of the unidentified variance in the amount of \$10,733.90. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the transfer and the write-off as requested. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 7-0.

**H. County Clerk**-Clerk Pam Harris is asking for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$4,671.10 for the cost of a new shredder. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve the \$4,671.10 for a new shredder as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 7-0.

## **8. Old Business**

**A. Additional Appropriations**-Auditor McWhirt expressed there was a “glitch” in the advertising of our appropriations in August. We need to reapprove these appropriations. There was not a “glitch” in the advertising this time. Councilman Roorbach made a motion for approval of the appropriations from August. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 7-0.

**B. 2020 Budget**-President Middlesworth expressed he was going to read through the budget issues handout that was in all the packets. These are issues we did not act upon during the budget sessions and we will need to decide what we want to do with these items. President Middlesworth asked IT director Marcus Elliott to go over his budget with the council as he had made some revisions to the IT budget. Director Elliott gave each Council member a handout with costs and quotes he had gotten for equipment that is needed. Director Elliott went over his revised budget. Discussion ensued concerning the IT budget. President Middlesworth then read through the list of budget issues that will need to be considered. No action was taken on any of the items at this time.

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

**A. Committee Reports**-None.

**B. Future Meeting Dates**-President Middlesworth expressed on October 2, 2019 we will have an Executive Session at 5:30 pm to discuss potential contract negotiations and at 6:00 pm the Special Session will begin to discuss potential action regarding various budget matters.

## **10. Adjournment**

President Middlesworth adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.