

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
January 19, 2022**

**Note: This Grant County Council meeting was conducted electronically as permitted under Governor Holcomb's Executive order 20-09.**

The Grant County Council met in regular session on Wednesday January 19, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**1. Call to order**

President Middlesworth called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**2. Prayer**

Rev. Taylor Frank led prayer.

Councilman Leming presented Garrett Geller with a certificate for earning the Eagle Scout award.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Garrett Geller led the pledge of allegiance.

**4. Roll Call**

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

**NOTE:** Six (6) members were present in person.

**5. Election of County Council Officers**

Councilman Scott made a motion to elect Shane Middlesworth as President. Second by Councilman Poling; motion carried 5-0. Councilman Middlesworth abstained.

Councilman Roorbach made a motion to elect Mark Leming as Vice President. Second by Councilman Poling; motion carried 5-0. Councilman Leming abstained.

**6. Approval of Minutes**

Councilman Scott moved to approve the minutes from the regular session December 15, 2021. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0.

**7. Auditor's Report**

Auditor Jim McWhirt expressed he sent each member his notes on the Auditor's report and we are in good shape financially.

## **New Business**

**A. Local Alcoholic Beverage Board**-President Middlesworth expressed we would leave this open to the public like we have done with the appointments we have recently received. This will be open to the public until February 2, 2022.

**B. County Commissioners**-Commissioner Mark Bardsley gave an update on the Courthouse repair proposal. The estimated cost is 2.2 million. After much discussion Ameresco will look at what was suggested and give another update and cost estimate at a later date.

Commissioner Bardsley also gave an update on the American Rescue Plan (ARP). Commissioner Bardsley expressed there is approximately 10 million dollars that can potentially be used. Gas City Mayor Bill Rock is asking the Commissioners for 2.5 million to help in the building of a Performing Arts Center in Gas City. Mayor Rock is asking if a MOU (memorandum of understanding) can be written up by County Attorney Phil Stephenson. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to table this item until the February meeting to see the details of the MOU. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0.

## **7. Old Business**

**A. Fairmount Public Library**-Councilman Scott moved to approve Marilyn Roth to a 4 year term to the Fairmount Public Library. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0.

**B. Converse-Jackson Township Public Library**-Councilman Scott moved to approve Elaine Sweet to the Converse-Jackson Township Public Library board. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0.

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

**Committee Reports**-None

President Middlesworth presented members with a list of 2022 Committee Assignments to look over to see if any changes need to be made.

**Future Meeting Dates:** February 16, 2022.

## **9. Adjournment**

President Middlesworth adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

