

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
January 17, 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 Roorbach led prayer.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Conner led the pledge of allegiance.

4. Roll Call

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

5. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Conner moved to approve the minutes from the November 15, 2017 meeting and the December 20, 2017 meeting as presented. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0.

6. Election of Officers

Councilman Conner moved to elect Jim McWhirt as Council President. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 5-1, with Councilman McWhirt abstaining.

Councilman Scott moved to elect Mike Conner as Council Vice-President. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0.

7. Auditor's Report

Auditor Roger Bainbridge read from the General Fund balance report. We are higher in 2017 than we were in 2016. There is not much to report as of now.

Auditor Roger Bainbridge also read from the Health Insurance fund report. At the end of 2017 we are almost 400,000 less than in 2016. Discussion ensued concerning stop loss.

8. New Business

A. Local Alcoholic Beverage Board Appointment-We have received a letter to reappoint Liz Wright to the Local Alcoholic Beverage Board. Councilman Roorbach moved to reappoint Liz Wright to the Local Alcoholic Beverage Board. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 6-0.

B. Amendment to Grant County Police Retirement Plan-We are to consider the approval of this plan tonight. Attorney Phil Stephenson expressed that Reggie Nevels is not in attendance tonight, but he has spoken with Stanley Brown the advisor and feels this is ready for approval. Discussion ensued concerning impact on the county and the details of the plan. Councilman Conner moved to approve the retirement plan. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0.

C. Prosecutor James Luttrull-Vacancies-Prosecutor James Luttrull has 2 vacancies for Deputy Prosecutors, and would like permission to adjust the salaries in his office accordingly. These positions are very much needed as the number of cases in our office is up in recent years. Judge Spitzer spoke about the need for these 2 positions being filled. Judge Spitzer spoke about the number of felonies on the rise, as well as jail overcrowding, and the drug problem in Grant County. President McWhirt expressed these positions are in the budget and in place, not that we may not have to make cuts later. Councilmen Conner and Scott spoke about the need to fill the positions as well. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the filling of the 2 Deputy

Prosecutor positions and approve the salary figures effective January 1, 2018. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0.

9. Old Business

None.

Reports, Resolutions, Communications and General Discussion

Committee Reports-President McWhirt expressed he will read the committee assignments from 2017 and the Council members will need to keep in mind they will decide at the February 21st meeting what committee's each member will be on for 2018.

10. Adjournment

President McWhirt adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.