

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
February 20, 2019**

The Grant County Council met in regular session on Wednesday February 20, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

1. Call to order

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

2. Prayer

Pastor Matthew Trexler from the River Church led prayer.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Leming led the pledge of allegiance.

4. Roll Call

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

5. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Conner moved to approve the minutes of regular session January 16, 2019 as presented. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0.

6. Auditor's Report

Auditor Jim McWhirt reported from the general fund balance report; we are ahead of last year and ahead of what we had last month.

Auditor McWhirt also reported from the comparison of receipts report, there is nothing unusual here to report.

Auditor McWhirt reported from the comparison of the budget report, in total we spend 8.43% of the general fund, and we are pretty much on target for a normal month.

Auditor McWhirt also reported from the insurance fund report, the balance at the end of January is almost 1.9 million; an increase of what the end of the year balance was, mainly because January expenditures were less than normal at this point.

Auditor McWhirt expressed the Treasurer's office has given us their reports and you have been given a copy as well.

Auditor McWhirt expressed a couple of things to keep in mind as we move forward into 2019; we will need to do an appropriation for the dispatcher salaries in the general fund, and an additional appropriation for the spot light on violence grant.

New Business

A. State of the Judiciary-Judge Spitzer presented the Judiciary address as follows: see attached.

B. County Clerk-Pam Harris is asking to fill a vacancy of a 2nd deputy position in the Superior III department. Clerk Harris is asking this to be effective immediately. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 6-0.

C. County Extension Office-Kristina Goff is asking to fill a vacancy of a second deputy as of March 1. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve the request with any domino effect that may take place. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 6-0.

D. County Highway Department-David White is asking to fill 2 vacancies of truck driver positions. One will be immediately and one will be available in April. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0.

E. County Commissioners-Mike Burton is requesting a transfer of 10,400 from Contractual to Part-time. Councilman Perez made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 6-0.

Commissioner Burton is also asking to amend the salary ordinance to allow the part-time mailroom person to work a maximum of 28 hours per week; it currently reads 20 hours per week. Commissioner Burton is asking this be retroactive back to January 1, 2019. Councilman Perez made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 6-0.

Commissioner Burton is also asking 15,000 be appropriated in the E-911 fund. This will be to conduct a feasibility study for the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) for Grant County. This study will be done by Terry Burnsworth of Pyramid Consulting. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the appropriation as requested. Second by Councilman Perez; motion carried 6-0.

F. County Auditor-Auditor Jim McWhirt expressed the Auditor's office had a list of dormant funds that need to be closed. We were waiting on some guidance from the State Board of Accounts. Auditor McWhirt presented Council with a list of the dormant funds. The dormant balance of 28 funds totaling \$63,491.14 were transferred into the General fund, the balance of three funds totaling \$4,205.32 were transferred into the Health Fund, the balance of five funds totaling \$20,851.39 were transferred into the Recycling Fund, the balance of three funds totaling \$3,127.46 were transferred into the Community Corrections Fund. I am recommending approval of these closures of the dormant funds listed. Councilman Roorbach moved to approve the transfers of the dormant funds. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0.

Auditor McWhirt is also asking to change the mileage reimbursement rate. The IRS normally changes this rate effective January 1. Council has not been asked to change the rate since December 19, 2012. The IRS reimbursement rate effective January 1, 2019 for the calendar year is \$0.58 per mile. I recommend taking action to approve the current IRS rate. Councilman Perez made a motion to match the IRS mileage reimbursement rate. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0.

Auditor McWhirt is asking Council to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-1 to establish a Jean Team Forfeiture and Seizure Fund. This comes on the advice of Mr. Phil Stephenson and the ordinance was prepared by Mr. Stephenson as well. Councilman Leming moved to approve ordinance #2019-1. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 6-0.

G. Local Alcoholic Beverage Board-Elizabeth Wright is asking to be appointed to the Local Alcoholic Beverage Board. This is a one year appointment. Councilman Conner made a motion to appoint Elizabeth Wright to the Local Alcoholic Beverage Board. Second by Councilman Perez; motion carried 6-0.

H. Grant County Convention, Recreation, & Visitors Commission-John Lightle, Executive Director of the Visitors Bureau is asking to reappoint Dave Huffman to the Commission. This appointment is a two-year term and will run through 2020. Councilman Conner made a motion to reappoint Dave Huffman to the Commission. Second by Councilman Roorbach; motion carried 6-0.

I. County Prosecutor-Rodney Faulk is asking to fill the vacancy for the Juvenile Court Deputy Prosecutor. Prosecutor Faulk is asking this be effective February 21, 2019. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Perez; motion carried 6-0.

J. County Sheriff-Sheriff Reggie Nevels is asking for a transfer of 25,000 form Juvenile Detention Salaries to Juvenile Detention Overtime. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve the transfer as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 6-0.

8. Old Business

A. County Prosecutor- Rodney Faulk is back asking for a salary ordinance amendment. Prosecutor Faulk is asking for the removal of "part-time" from 5 positions in the Prosecutors office, so 3 of these positions can receive insurance. Councilman Perez made a motion to approve the removal of the "part-time" on the 5 positions. Second by Councilman Hix;

After further discussion Councilman Conner made a motion to amend the previous motion to state the Grant County Commissioners decide if the positions receive insurance. Second by Councilman Roorbach; motion carried 6-0. Motion approving the original motion: carries 6-0.

B. County Coroner-Stephen Dorsey is not present. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve the previous request of additional appropriation of 34,050 for the Coroners budget from last month's meeting. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 6-0.

9. Reports, Resolutions, Communications and General Discussion Committee Reports

Councilman Perez expressed he attend a meeting with the Economic Growth Council and the meetings are fruitful and encouraging.

Councilman Roorbach reported as the Legislative Liaison the issue with County employees being able to get state insurance pretty much is not going to happen, none of them will purpose it as a bill.

Councilman Middlesworth reported on the Economic Growth Council that he asked Bret Carey to speak at a meeting.

Council President Shane Middlesworth read through the Committee Assignments:

Technology-Mark Leming

Grant County Economic Growth Council-Jonathan Perez

ECI Regional Planning-Shane Middlesworth

Grant County EMA Advisory Board-Frank Hix

Plan Commission-Mike Roorbach

Legislative Liaison-Mike Roorbach

Juvenile Detention Center Alternative- Shane Middlesworth

Community Corrections Board-Mike Conner

Salary & Wage Committee-Mike Conner, Mike Scott and Mark Leming

Juvenile Feasibility Committee-Shane Middlesworth, Mike Scott and Mike Roorbach

The next Council meeting will be March 20, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

10. Adjournment

President Middlesworth adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.