

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

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

1. Call to order

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

2. Prayer

Mark Atkinson from Westview Wesleyan

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Conner led the pledge of allegiance.

4. Roll Call

In attendance were Council members Mark Leming, Shane Middlesworth, Mike Roorbach, Frank Hix, Mike Conner, Mike Scott and Jonathan Perez. 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 Perez moved to approve the minutes of regular session February 20, 2019 as presented. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 6-0 Councilman Mike Scott abstained as he was not present.

6. Auditor's Report

Auditor Jim McWhirt reported from the various financial reports, there is not much too really report on these.

Auditor McWhirt reported from the normal general fund balance report, we are about a million five ahead of last year at this time, which is about a hundred thousand ahead of last month (a million four).

The Comparison of cash receipts projected to actual; in the LIT we are receiving more dollars than when the DLGF did their estimate for budget approval.

The insurance fund report balance looks good. The balance is 1.9 billion at the end of February. The Treasurer report is still a difference of \$247.71 at the end of January.

New Business

A. Superior Court I-Judge Jeff Todd is asking to fill a Bailiff vacancy to be effective April 19, 2019. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 7-0.

B. County Prosecutor-Prosecutor Rodney Faulk is asking to fill the Victims' Assistance Coordinator position. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the filling of the vacancy as requested. Second by Councilman Perez; motion carried 7-0.

C. County Sheriff-Sheriff Reggie Nevels is asking to fill 4 vacancies. These positions are two Deputy positions, one Victim Advocate position, and one cook position. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 7-0.

D. County Highway Department-Superintendent David White is asking for additional funding for employees at the Highway department. Superintendent White expressed he is having trouble keeping employees due to failing to be competitive with other companies in wages. Superintendent White is asking to increase the following positions: Superintendent (1) \$1,000, Foreman (4) \$2,000, Truck Driver (17) \$2,000, Equipment Operator (4) \$2,000, Mechanic (1) \$2,000, for a total of \$53,000. Council expressed they would like to see Superintendent White come back at budget time with this request. Council expressed they feel as though the Highway department does an excellent job and are much deserving of the request, it is just not the right time. Councilman Perez made a motion to approve the request. Second by Councilman Hix; motion failed 2-5.

Superintendent White is also requesting an additional \$400,000 in Bituminous and \$100,000 in Stone and Gravel. This is for additional road projects for 2019. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent is also asking to transfer LIT money to bridge #93 and create a new line item in the fund. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

E. Consent to Financing Construction of Economic Development Facilities-Central Indiana Ethanol-Consideration of Resolution-Tom Hunt corporate council for the city of Marion, expressed he is here for Council's assistants of a local company; Central Indiana Ethanol. This company needs the Grant County Council's permission to engage in the financing of the project that is currently on county property but in nine (9) months will be on city property. Ryan Drock from CIE and Buddy Downs from Ice Miller explained all the details of the project. After much discussion, Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the resolution to consenting to the financing of the construction of economic development facilities by Marion Indiana for Central Indiana Ethanol. Second by Councilman Perez; motion failed 3 -2, and 2 abstentions.

8. Old Business

None.

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

None.

The next Council meeting will be April 17, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

10. Adjournment

President Middlesworth adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.