

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
July 17, 2019**

The Grant County Council met in regular session on Wednesday July 17, 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

Reverend Don Glenn pastor at Nelson Street Wesleyan Church led prayer.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Scott led the pledge of allegiance.

4. Roll Call

In attendance were Council members Mark Leming, Shane Middlesworth, Frank Hix, Mike Conner, Jonathan Perez, Mike Scott and Mike Roorbach. 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 of regular session June 19, 2019 and the Special Joint Session on June 26, 2019 as presented. Second by Councilman Perez; motion carried 7-0.

6. Auditor's Report

Auditor Jim McWhirt reported from the financial report of all funds, expressing he has no comment on this report. The fund summary report, no comments here either. The general fund balance comparison report, if you compare June 30, 2019 to June 30, 2018 we are at about a 1.2 million dollar increase. In the receipts for the year to date monies received for the year through June 30 is about 480,000 more than the first half of 2018. Next report is the comparison of projected receipts to actual receipts. The first half of the year (through June 30) the local income tax revenue is higher than projected, because of the increase that we put into effect 1-1-19. Comparison of budget to cash disbursements, just note the Commissioners may be asking for an additional for the general maintenance department to fix that account. The cash flow analysis with the property tax funds, no comment here. The insurance funds, our June 30, 2019 balance is encouraging, we are roughly 1.2 million higher than last year.

New Business

A. City of Marion-Mayor Jess Alumbaugh is back requesting funds from the E911 fund for the replacement of a failing emergency generator at City Hall. Mayor Alumbaugh did submit an estimate from Rex Collins Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$76,225.00 with his request last month. This estimate is for a complete package with Generac generator. Consultant for Central Dispatch Terry Burnsworth from Pyramid Consulting, expressed some options. After further discussion Councilman Conner made a motion to approve \$6,000.00 to repair the generator or get a rental and giving Council President Middlesworth the authority to give the go ahead on the decision. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 7-0.

B. County Recorder-Recorder Kathy Foy is asking to transfer money within her accounts to pay for new software. Recorder Foy will need to transfer 65,000 from perpetuation fund to software, 10,000 from perpetuation fund to service agreement fund and 12,000 from perpetuation to equipment. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the transfer as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

C. County Prosecutor-Prosecutor Evan Hammond presented for Prosecutor Faulk. Prosecutor Hammond is asking to fill a vacancy and change the salary ordinance. Deputy prosecutor Happi Stoffell will be keeping her position and taking the vacant position as well. This will combine 2 positions into 1. The salary ordinance needs to be changed to reflect this change in salary, and be retroactive back to July 15. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Perez; motion carried 7-0

D. County Assessor-Rhonda Wylie is asking to fill a vacancy of a part-time employee, but is requesting to make the position full-time. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve as requested and amend the salary ordinance accordingly. Second by Councilman Perez; motion carried 7-0.

E. Interlocal Cooperation Agreements-Central Dispatch-Terry Burnsworth from Pyramid Consulting is asking for Council to approve draft #4 for central dispatch interlocal agreement by and between Grant County and the City of Marion, the City of Jonesboro, the Town of Upland, and Gas City. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 7-0.

F. Public Hearing-Annual Review of Local Income Taxes (LIT)-Auditor Jim McWhirt presented summary reports comparing 2018 to 2019. Darren Bates spoke briefly about the LIT process. After further discussion, Auditor McWhirt's recommendations are to not do anything and leave things the way they are.

8. Old Business

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

Shane Middlesworth gave a brief update concerning the Detention Center Committee.

The next Council meeting will be August 14, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

10. Adjournment

President Middlesworth adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.