

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
March 16, 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 March 16, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

1. Call to order

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

2. Prayer

Councilman Roorbach led prayer.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Conner led the pledge of allegiance.

4. Roll Call

In attendance physically were Council members Shane Middlesworth, Frank Hix, Mark Leming, Mike Roorbach, Chuck Poling, Mike Conner and Mike Scott (entered at 6:07 pm). Also physically present were Council Attorney Phil Stephenson, Chief Deputy Auditor Angie Jarvis and Financials Deputy Stacey Stevens.

NOTE: Seven (7) members were present in person.

5. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Conner moved to approve the minutes from the regular session February 16, 2022. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0.

6. Auditor's Report

Auditor Jim McWhirt was not present. Auditor McWhirt did send his report to the Council members. President Middlesworth asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

New Business

A. Consideration of Request for Tax Abatement-Your Choice Digital-Charity Bailey is asking for a three-year tax abatement for Your Choice Digital. Your Choice Digital plans to hire 30 employees with a starting wage of \$45.00 per hour on 100 N in Marion. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the declaratory resolution #1-2022. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 4-2 (1 abstention).

Charity Baily also gave a quarterly report of the Economic Growth Council.

B. Public Defenders-Bruce Elliott was not present. Mr. Elliott is asking for a transfer in the amount of \$3,000.00 from Depositions/Transcriptions fund to the Expert Witness fund. President Middlesworth expressed the Council can vote to suspend the rule and vote on the request. Councilman Leming made a motion to suspend the rule. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 7-0.

Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the transfer as requested. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 7-0.

C. IT Department-Marcus Elliott is seeking approve on leasing options for equipment. Council gave their approval to start the process of seeking a lease purchase proposal for equipment.

D. County Commissioners-Mark Bardsley gave an update on the facility condition assessment and asset planning services. Commissioner Bardsley turned the update over to representatives from Ameresco. After further discussion Commissioner Bardsley expressed the Commissioners would be back at some point with more information and plan of how to proceed.

7. Old Business

A. County Highway-Superintendent David White is back for a second vote on the salary ordinance amendment. Councilman Conner made a motion to amend the salary ordinance as presented, with an effective date of the April 1, 2022, pay. Second by Councilman Poling; motion carried 5-2.

B. County Commissioners-Mark Bardsley expressed the attorneys have the MOU ready and the Commissioners have signed it. There were no questions from the Council members. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the MOU between the Gas City Redevelopment Commission, the City of Gas City, the Grant County Indiana Board of Commissioners and the Grant County Indiana County Council. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 7-0.

8. Reports, Resolutions, Communications and General Discussion

Committee Reports-None

Future Meeting Dates: April 20, 2022.

9. Adjournment

President Middlesworth adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

