

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
August 10, 2022**

The Grant County Council met in regular session on Wednesday August 10, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

1. Call to order

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

2. Prayer

Del Garcia led prayer.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Roorbach led the pledge of allegiance.

4. Roll Call

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

5. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Leming moved to approve minutes from the regular session for July 20, 2022. Second by Councilman Hix. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Auditor's Report

Auditor Jim McWhirt expressed he sent each member his notes on the Auditor's report and unless there were any questions he didn't have much to report. There were not questions from Council.

New Business

A. Review of Estimated Property Tax Levy Limits and Circuit Breaker Losses-

President Middlesworth expressed he would read through the Calculation of Estimated Maximum Levy for budget year 2023 as follows:

Grant County	Civil: \$18,676,944
Center Township	Fire: \$130,741 Civil: \$281,602
Fairmount Township	Fire: \$49,527 Civil: \$28,031
Franklin Township	Fire: \$25,575

	Civil: \$160,995
Green Township	Fire: \$43,868 Civil: \$7,703
Jefferson Township	Fire: \$56,748 Civil: \$40,743
Liberty Township	Fire: \$29,152 Civil: \$13,370
Mill Township	Fire: \$66,510 Civil: \$203,566
Monroe Township	Fire: \$16,436 Civil: \$17,874
Pleasant Township	Fire: \$28,601 Civil: \$48,920
Richland Township	Fire: \$15,779 Civil: \$24,197
Sims Township	Fire: \$10,011 Civil: \$55,402
Van Buren Township	Fire: \$23,151 Civil: \$31,663
Washington Township	Fire: \$79,762 Civil: 47,397
Marion Civil City	Civil: \$22,092,929
Gas City Civil City	Civil: \$1,615,185
Fairmount Civil Town	Civil: \$924,670
Fowlerton Civil Town	Civil: \$38,760
Jonesboro Civil City	Civil: \$429,125
Matthews Civil Town	Civil: 150,304
Swayzee Civil Town	Civil: \$210,736

Sweetser Civil Town	Civil: \$165,719
Upland Civil Town	Civil: \$533,771
Van Buren Civil Town	Civil: \$362,582
Eastbrook Comm. Schools	SO: 2,404,779
Madison Grant Schools	SO: 3,165,315
Mississinewa Comm. Schools	SO: 2,319,446
Marion Comm. Schools	SO: 8,429,043
Oak Hill United Schools	SO: 2,403,133
Fairmount Public Library	Civil: \$90,989
Gas City/Mill Township Public Library	Civil: \$548,282
Jonesboro Public Library	Civil: \$62,414
Marion Public Library	Civil: \$1,900,334
Matthews Public Library	Civil: \$9,520
Swayzee Public Library	Civil: \$74,573
Barton-Rees-Pogue Memorial Library	Civil: \$56,489
Van Buren Public Library	Civil: \$124,797

President Middlesworth read the second part of the review, the 2023 estimates of property tax caps by unit. The 2023 Estimated Property Tax Circuit Breaker Impacts are as follows:

Grant County	\$ 3,479,780
Center Township	\$ 94,050
Fairmount Township	\$1,340
Franklin Township	\$ 58,130
Green Township	\$ 230

Jefferson Township	\$ 800
Liberty Township	\$ 80
Mill Township	\$ 32,010
Monroe Township	\$ 690
Pleasant Township	\$ 11,480
Richland Township	\$ 3,150
Sims Township	\$ 6,260
Van Buren Township	\$ 610
Washington Township	\$ 4,070
Marion Civil City	\$ 10,198,220
Gas City Civil City	\$ 219,500
Fairmount Civil Town	\$ 64,100
Fowlerton Civil Town	\$ 120
Jonesboro Civil City	\$ 71,990
Matthews Civil Town	\$ 1,900
Swayzee Civil Town	\$ 16,890
Sweetser Civil town	\$ 8,480
Upland Civil Town	\$ 9,130
Van Buren Civil Town	\$ 16,740
Eastbrook Community School Corp.	\$ 59,670
Madison-Grant United School Corp.	\$ 69,990
Mississinewa Community School Corp.	\$ 415,050
Marion Community School Corp.	\$ 4,447,600

Oak Hill United School Corp.	\$ 341,140
Fairmount Public Library	\$ 3,060
Gas City-Mill Township Public Library	\$ 55,250
Jonesboro Public Library	\$ 10,450
Marion Public Library	\$ 851,340
Matthews Public Library	\$ 120
Swayzee Public Library	\$ 7,200
Barton-Rees-Pogue Memorial Library	\$ 960
Van Buren Public Library	\$ 2,030

B. County Sheriff Department-Sheriff Reggie Nevels is asking to amend the salary ordinance for the following eliminate 1 kitchen supervisor position and 2 cook positions and to add a Civilian Lieutenant position. Councilman Leming made a motion to amend the salary ordinance and add the Civilian Lieutenant position as requested. Second by Councilman Hix; motion carried 5-0.

C. Area Plan Commission-Mark Leming stated they had 3 people apply for the open position. After careful consideration we liked Randy Atkins most as our recommendation. Mr. Atkins would finish Mr. Florence's term which runs to December 31st, 2025. Councilman Hix made a motion to appoint Randy Atkins to the Area Plan appointment. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 5-0.

D. Superior Court II- Juvenile Magistrate Brian McLane is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$5,424.12 to pay out an employee that is leaving and asking to be able to hire a new employee as soon as possible. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve being able to fill the vacancy as soon as possible and get the advertisement for the additional appropriation for the September meeting. Second by Councilman Roorback; motion carried 5-0.

8. Old Business

None.

9. Reports, Resolutions, Communications and General Discussion

Committee Reports-None

President Middlesworth expressed the committee discussed the wheel tax, myself, Mr. Conner, Mr. Poling, Angie, Phil and David White had a meeting, we decided to recommend an ordinance regarding the wheel tax. Tonight, is not the public meeting, but we did schedule a public hearing for the 17th regarding the wheel tax. Information and notice of the public hearing were given to each Council member. Discussion ensued involving the information the Council members were given.

Future Meeting Dates:

Public Hearing-2023 Budget

August 17, 18, 24, 25

10. Adjournment

President Middlesworth adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.