

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
May 17, 2023**

The Grant County Council met in regular session on Wednesday May 17, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**1. Call to order**

President Middlesworth called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**2. Prayer**

Councilman Conner led prayer.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilman Perez led the pledge of allegiance.

**4. Roll Call**

In attendance were Council members Shane Middlesworth, Frank Hix, Mark Leming, Chuck Poling, Mike Conner Jonathan Perez, and Mike Scott. Also present were Council Attorney Nathan Meeks, Auditor Angela Jarvis, Chief Deputy Auditor Cori Anderson, and Financials Deputy Stacey Stevens.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

Councilman Scott made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular session on April 19, 2023. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 5-2 (Mike Conner and Jonathan Perez abstained).

**6. Auditor's Report**

Auditor Angie Jarvis expressed we are still in good standing noting to report.

**New Business**

**A. Review of Local Income Taxes Presentation**-Darren Bates reviewed what he explained at the last meeting about the Local Income Structure. In the final total Grant County Government will get \$360,000.00, Marion will get \$330,000.00, Gas City roughly \$23,000.00. The bottom line is every city and town in county government will make money to offset the cap losses. After some discussion President Middlesworth opened the public hearing:

Deb Cain 4622 Carey Street Marion, Center Township Trustee expressed Council needs to do this, but every township loses money, we need to find a way to give money to townships.

Robin Foust, Marion City Council President, encouraged the council members to have conversation with the Economic Growth Council and others through this process.

President Middlesworth closed the public hearing.

President Middlesworth said a few words about cutting Economic Growth Council money.

Councilman Leming made a motion to accept the recommendation of Darren Bates as follows: COIT 1.3%, CEDIT .25%, Lit Public Safety .05%, PSAP (911) .20%, Property Tax Relief .75%, for a total of 2.55%. Second by Councilman Poling; motion carried 6-1. This will need to come back next month for a second reading.

**B. County Commissioners-**Commissioner Mark Bardsley is asking to transfer \$35,000.00 from Building Repair to Contractual Services (General Fund). Councilman Conner made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Perez; motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Bardsley is also asking to transfer \$19,000 from Vehicles to Sheriff Vehicles (CCD fund) and \$23,362.00 from Equipment to Sheriff Vehicles (CCD fund). Councilman Conner made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 7-0.

ARPA Funds Designation Discussion, Mark Bardsley-Commissioner Mark Bardsley expressed in general we are not ready to give a full discussion. We have not received back the appropriate sequence and order from our consultant as to how to attach that to the original paperwork as required by the federal government. The only thing I know is solid is the chiller/boiler project will be 1.3 million.

**C. County Highway Department-**Safety Director Tony Smith is asking for the following additional: MVH 1173

\$800,000.00 in Bituminous

\$100,000.00 in Stone & Gravel

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

Safety Director Tony Smith is also asking for the following additional:

Local Road & Street \$150,000.00 in Paving

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

### **8. Old Business**

None.

### **9. Reports, Resolutions, Communications and General Discussion**

None.

President Middlesworth stated we have a vacancy on the Economic Growth council committee. Councilman Perez expressed he would be happy to fill the vacancy.

### **10. Public Comment**

None.

**Future Meeting Dates:** June 21, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

**11. Adjournment**

President Middlesworth adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.