

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
October 18, 2023**

The Grant County Council met in regular session on Wednesday October 18, 2023, 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

Councilman Conner led prayer.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Leming led the pledge of allegiance.

4. Roll Call

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

5. Auditor's Report

Auditor Jarvis expressed there was nothing to report.

6. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 20, 2023, regular session. Second by Councilman Perez; motion carried 6-0.

Old Business

A. Adoption of 2024 Budgets-Council attorney Nathan Meeks read the changes to the Sheriff's union contract. This is the third amended agreement. A negotiated amount of 7% of the base pay, there will be no further negotiations until 2025 for base pay starting in 2026, longevity pay stayed the same, there were big changes in the insurance and retirees can maintain health insurance at the same rates as employed employees. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the third amended agreement as presented. Second by Councilman Poling; motion carried 6-0.

President Middlesworth read the ordinance for the budget. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve ordinance #2-2023 as presented as well as the presented budgets. Second by Councilman Poling; motion carried 6-0.

President Middlesworth expressed there was a clerical error regarding the CHINS/TPR fund we originally approved it at \$55,000.00, we moved it to \$25,000.00. We need a

motion to make that correction. Councilman Poling moved to reduce the CHINS/TPR from \$55,000.00 to \$25,000.00. Second by Councilman Coner; motion carried 6-0.

President Middlesworth expressed do we consider the Clerk's request to be considered in the 5% raise. Councilman Perez made a motion to approve the Clerk's office be included in the 5% raise. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 5-1.

President Middlesworth stated do we allow a full-time position in the Area Plan office and reduce the parttime by \$10,000.00, eliminate a building inspector to create a code enforcement secretary? Councilman Conner moved to approve to amend the salary ordinance and create a code enforcement secretary at \$28,000.00 and reduce the part-time amount to \$20,384.00 as presented. Second by Councilman Perez; motion carried 6-0.

Councilman Conner moved to approve the 5% raise for all other Area Plan positions for 2024. Second by Councilman Perez; motion carried 6-0.

President Middlesworth expressed EMS has requested an increase for the EMS Director and other full-time personnel. I would recommend the \$11,123.00 to be divided up accordingly. Councilman Poling made a motion to approve as presented. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 6-0.

President Middlesworth stated we need to approve the salary regarding the 2024 request in the Health Department. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve as requested noting the change in the administrator to \$50,409.00. Second by Councilman Perez; motion carried 6-0.

Councilman Perez moved to approve the \$1,000.00 reduction in the administrator and the \$1,000.00 to the over-time. Second by Councilman Poling; motion carried 6-0.

President Middlesworth expressed we need to approve the salary regarding the 2024 request for the health department. Councilman Conner moved to approve as requested noting the change to the administrator to \$50,409.00. Second by Councilman Perez; motion carried 6-0.

Councilman Perez moved to approve the \$1,000.00 into the over-time account. Second by Councilman Poling; motion carried 6-0.

President Middlesworth stated our next step is for the chief deputies. You have a schedule at your table regarding the state averages for chief deputies. The ones we have addressed this year may be left out next year and we will address county employees only. If you look at the schedule this would cost the county \$49,819.00 to bring up the Auditor's, Treasurer's, Assessor's, Clerk's and Recorder's chief deputies and the Payroll Clerk, there was no comparison for the Surveyor's chief deputy, they have received the 5% and the recommended amount from Justin. Councilman Poling made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Perez; motion carried 6-0.
The Surveyor's chief was tabled.

New Business

A. Grant County Recorder-Kathy Foy is asking to transfer \$1000.00 from part-time to travel and conference. Councilman Perez made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 6-0.

B. Grant County Highway-Tony Smith is asking for the following additions:
Recycle Center: additional \$12,000.00 in Contractual Services
MVH: additional \$40,000.00 in Building Project

Tony Smith is asking for the following transfer: Cumulative Bridge transfer \$22,000.00 from Bridge 789 to Contractual Services.

Councilman Perez made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 6-0.

C. Grant County Central Dispatch- Marlena Wilson is asking to transfer \$3,000.00 from Contractual to Overtime. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Poling; motion carried 6-0.

D. Grant County Commissioners-Mark Bardsley is requesting an additional appropriation of \$65,000.00 to the ARPA fund for the following:

Upland STEM Open Area Project-\$35,000.00
KSM-\$30,000.00

Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the \$35,000.00 for the Upland STEM project. Second by Councilman Poling; motion carried 5-1 (abstention).

Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the \$30,000.00 for KSM. Second by Councilman Perez; motion carried 63-0.

E. Grant County Auditor-Angie Jarvis is asking to transfer \$2,500.00 from Part-time to Legal Counsel, and \$4,375.00 from Part-time to Software Support, for a total of \$6,875.00. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Poling; motion carried 6-0.

9. Reports, Resolutions, Communications and General Discussion **Committee Reports-**None

Future Meeting Dates:

Regular meeting-Wednesday November 15, 2023.

10. Adjournment

President Middlesworth adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.