

RECORD OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL OF ORANGE COUNTY, INDIANA  
JULY 16th, 2020 AT 5:00PM

OFFICIALS PRESENT were Council members John Robert (Bob) McDonald, Alan Waynick, Chad Hager, Robin Stackhouse, Jack Hinkle. Also present, Auditor Lonnie Stroud and Sheriff Josh Babcock. Not present was Greg Farlow who resigned June 30<sup>th</sup> and Matt Henderson.

Lonnie Stroud gave prayer. Vice President Jack Hinkle called to order the Council meeting.

Minutes from June 18th meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes as written was made Chad Hager, seconded by Jack Hinkle, and carried 5-0.

Judge Cloud, Superior Court, presented a request to hire a part time person to temporarily replace a full-time position that was recently vacated. The person (Tara Lynch) that did the job before the person vacating agreed to do the job on a part time basis 2-3 days a week for \$20 an hour. Judge explained that this would allow the new Judge to hire the full-time position once that Judge is seated and would save the county some money. Motion to approve the position to be part time till the end of the year and to pay \$20 an hour was made by Alan Waynick, seconded by Chad Hager, and carried 5-0. The amended part time salary Ordinance was presented and signed. Judge also reported on future changes to the Drug Treatment Program to be over seen by both courts in the future and that the details would be decided with the new judge and Judge Owens, Circuit Court. He made only minimal changes in the budget request for that fund.

Sheriff gave June stats and presented the Council with the Commissary report. Sheriff explained that he would like to have permission to use existing funds that were budgeted for a new vehicle to be used as a stipend to pay staff that worked through the health emergency. He would like to award \$1,000 each to those employees that did not receive time off in reduced staffing. Discussion on if there were any other departments that did not receive time off and that this money was appropriated already and will be presented in the transfer ordinance that will be presented in the next council meeting. Verbal was given that this would be considered in the next meeting for approval. Sheriff presented budget information on options for changes to the Sheriff Pension plan to be considered in 2021 budget. This would be a \$4,000 increase for survivor benefits or \$35,500 increase if the years of service was extended and survivor benefit both were added. In conclusion the Sheriff reported that he is seeking quotes to have fence added the parking area for the patrol cars due to some vandalism. This would require an additional appropriation to be published for the Council to consider.

Zack Brown, Orange County Economic Development, reported on the progress of the Business Relief Grant that is passing through the County. The Commissioners had the Public Hearing at their July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting and Region 15 is expecting to have the application done by the end of the month. The money could be awarded as soon as late September or early October to the County for distribution by a committee comprised of possibly 1 Council person, 1 Commissioner, 1 person each from the County Chamber of Commerce, and a person from Economic Development. There would be an application process that will be available on the Economic Development web site for review by this committee and awards of up to \$10,000 could be awarded.

Auditor Lonnie Stroud presented a request for the Council to consider appointing Mylea Pluris to the Paoli Town Economic Development Commission. Motion to appoint Mylea to the Commission was made by Alan Waynick, seconded by Chad Hager, and carried 5-0. Stroud presented a request to appoint Wendy Sprigler to replace retiring Vance Elliot on the Alcoholic Beverage Board. Motion to appoint Wendy Sprigler to the Board to replace Vance Elliott was made by Bob McDonald, seconded by Robin Stackhouse, and carried 5-0.

Additional appropriations were presented and passed with proper motion and vote.

With no further business to discuss the motion to adjourn was made by Chad Hager, seconded by Robin Stackhouse, and carried 5-0.

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Matt Henderson, President

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lonnie Stroud, Orange County Auditor