

RECORD OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL OF ORANGE COUNTY, INDIANA
AUGUST 20th, 2020 AT 5:00PM

OFFICIALS PRESENT were Council members Matt Henderson, Alan Waynick, Chad Hager, Robin Stackhouse, Jack Hinkle. Also present, Auditor Lonnie Stroud and Sheriff Josh Babcock. Not present was Zach Brown (caucus to replace Greg Farlow) and John Robert (Bob) McDonald. Zach Brown listened in by remote but did not vote.

Lonnie Stroud gave prayer. President Matt Henderson called to order the Council meeting.
Orange County Council President Matt Henderson read the statement:

Orange County Council Recommendation:

While not having sufficient information to fully evaluate your 2021 budgets and levies, the Orange County Council recommends the following:

On your Budget Form 4-B's funded by property taxes, in order to preserve your cash balance, we recommend the budget estimate, line 15, be set at an amount no more than a total of miscellaneous revenue on line 13, plus the maximum levy allowed by DLGF for your unit.

In addition, we recommend that all levies be adopted at a level equal to or less than the growth quotient being utilized by DLGF.

Auditor Stroud was directed to send a copy of the minutes to all the non-binding units by President Matt Henderson.

Council President Matt Henderson opened the public hearing for the binding units Orange County Government, Orange County Fire Protection, Orange County Solid Waste, and the Orange County Conservancy. Matt asked if the Council had an opportunity to review the Form 3 Budget reports for these units and if there were any questions from the Council or the public? After short pause and no comments Matt entertained a motion to close the public hearing. Motion to close the public hearing was made by Chad Hager, seconded by Jack Hinkle, and carried 5-0. Motion to approve the Form 3 from the above stated units was made by Alan Waynick, seconded by Robin Stackhouse, and carried 5-0.

Minutes from July 16th meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes as written was made Chad Hager, seconded by Jack Hinkle, and carried 5-0.

Sheriff gave July stats.

Holly Hudelson, Orange County Prosecutor, presented information on changes to her budget for the Prosecutors office to be considered by the council. Paying the second deputy Kelly Minton 75% from the Child Support Department and 25% from the LIT Public Safety.

Carl Anderson, Orange County Highway Superintendent, introduced Matt Chestnut as the district 2 Forman, replacing Kevin Rutherford. Carl gave the Council a detail of the current projects that the Highway is working on and requested that the Council verbally approve an additional request for \$100,000 from LIT Edit fund be appropriated for road materials. Verbal was given for the appropriation to be published for the next meeting to be considered.

Abby Heidenreich, Orange County Purdue Extension, introduces the new educator Clint Deck and reported that their budget request was the same as last year and thank the Council for their continued support.

Auditor Lonnie Stroud reported that it was an oversight that Jack Hinkle was identified and led the last Council meeting as Vice President when it was actually Chad Hager that was appointed Vice at the beginning of the year. Stroud presented the Council with the declaration to be signed by the Council president acknowledging the Council to be the fiscal body to review in the event that the Melton Public Library was under binding review.

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

Motion to approve the stipend for essential public safety workers identified by the Sheriff at the rate of \$1,000 full time and \$500 part time was made by Chad Hager, seconded by Alan Waynick, and carried 5-0. This stipend will be paid by a transfer that was approved by the Council.

In final business Stroud requested an amount to use for raises in 2021 budget. After discussion it was decided that no raise be calculated and that the Council would consider a one-time stipend in January from the Casino fund. The amount would be published in the salary ordinance and appropriated in the first meeting of the year.

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

Matt Henderson, President

Attest: _____
Lonnie Stroud, Orange County Auditor