

RECORD OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL OF ORANGE COUNTY, INDIANA
OCTOBER 22nd, 2020 AT 5:00PM

OFFICIALS PRESENT were Council members Matt Henderson, Alan Waynick, Chad Hager, Robin Stackhouse, Jack Hinkle, and Zach Brown. Also present, Auditor Lonnie Stroud and Sheriff Josh Babcock.

Auditor Stroud gave prayer. The Council and audience observed moment of silence in observance of the loss of county employee Steve Wells. President Matt Henderson called to order the Council meeting.

Minutes from September 18th meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes as written was made Alan Waynick, seconded by Jack Hinkle, and carried 7-0.

Judge Steve Owen, Orange County Circuit Court, presented a request for the CASA Department to be able to collect fees for services that are requested in divorce cases. The fee will be \$500 per case and \$50 an hour for over 10 hours. Motion to approve Ordinance 2020-02 was made by Alan Waynick, seconded by Bob McDonald, and carried 7-0. Also, Judge requested that the clerk position that has been vacated and paid for by the probation user fees be changed to bailiff level pay. This will be a \$2,164 increase. Auditor Stroud prepared a salary ordinance amendment but the position will not be filled till the first of the year. Motion to approve the change and pay increase to the position paid from the probation user fees was made by Jack Hinkle, seconded by Zach Brown, and carried 7-0. In conclusion, Judge reported that after discussion with the Auditor that he willingly relinquished the Judges Supplemental pay that was paid from the General fund. The council thanked the Judge for his cooperation on this. There will be no supplemental salary for either Judges or the Prosecutors in 2021 budget.

Sheriff gave September stats. Population was at 89. Also, Sheriff requested permission to make a correction due to a clerical error of \$323 in the Commissary Fund. Motion to allow that correction be made to the Commissary fund with Commissary funds was made by Bob McDonald, seconded by Robin Stackhouse, and carried 7-0. In conclusion, Sheriff reported that the repairs to the jail from the attempted escape were complete. There was short discussion on security measures that will be improved as well.

Auditor Stroud presented a request from Highway Superintendent, Carl Anderson, to have a verbal to get repairs the County Garage lot. It was the consensus of the Council that these repairs do need to be done. Auditor Stroud presented the Ordinance 2020-03 Horse Drawn Vehicle Lanterns. The Ordinance has a \$25 penalty for recklessly violating. Motion to approve the ordinance was made by Chad Hager, seconded by Jack Hinkle, and carried 7-0. Stroud presented Ordinance 2020-04 amending 2020-08 making correction to the term of the agreement on the registration on Horse Drawn Vehicles. The correction makes the agreement for 4 years and clarifies that this is a registration of \$80 and not a tax There is also a \$25 late fee included. Motion to accept the 2020-04 ordinance was made by Chad Hager, seconded by Robin Stackhouse, and carried 7-0. In conclusion Stroud reported that the health insurance increase was zero for the next 12 months. Stroud reported that the County would like to have an 18-month renewal though and are still trying to get that and some better rates on the dental and vision policies that are paid for by the employees.

Transfers were presented and passed with proper motion and vote.

Bob McDonald asked if there was any update on the JSI building appraisal. Stroud reported that the appraisal has been commissioned but the completion has not been determined.

With no further business to discuss the motion to adjourn was made by Chad Hager, seconded by Bob McDonald, and carried 7-0.

Matt Henderson, President

Attest: _____
Lonnie Stroud, Orange County Auditor