

RECORD OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL OF ORANGE COUNTY, INDIANA
SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2021 AT 5:00PM

OFFICIALS PRESENT were Council members Chad Hager, Robin Stackhouse, Jack Hinkle, John Robert (Bob) McDonald, and Matt Henderson. Not present was Alan Waynick and Zack Brown arrived after the vote on the Form 4's and the minutes.

Pledge to the Flag was led by Chad Hager and prayer was offered by Auditor Lonnie Stroud. President Chad Hager called to order the Council meeting.

Orange County Council President Chad Hager asked if everyone had an opportunity to review the Form 4's for Orange County Government (tax levy of \$3,468,385 and tax levy budget \$11,107,427 home rule budget of \$3,064,877), Orange County Fire Protection (tax levy of \$310,294 and tax levy budget of \$438,095), Orange County Solid Waste (tax levy of \$415,263 and tax levy budget of \$600,550), and Spring Valley Conservancy (tax levy of \$50,532 and tax levy budget of \$81,650). After a short pause Matt Henderson made the motion to approve the Form 4 for Orange County Government, seconded by Jack Hinkle, and carried 5-0. Motion to approve the Form 4 for Orange County Fire Protection was made by Jack Hinkle, seconded by Bob McDonald, and carried 5-0. Motion to approve the Form 4 for Orange County Solid Waste was made by Robin Stackhouse, seconded by Matt Henderson, and carried 5-0. Motion to approve the Form 4 for the Spring Valley Conservancy was made by Jack Hinkle, seconded by Robin Stackhouse, and carried 5-0.

Chad Hager asked if everyone had an opportunity to review the minutes from the August 19th meeting. Motion to approve the minutes as written from August 19th was made by Jack Hinkle, seconded by Bob McDonald, and carried 5-0.

Sheriff Babcock gave monthly stats and reported that Jail population had been running in the 90's. Sheriff Babcock reported that he has had two full time Sheriff Deputies resign. One position has been filled with one still open. Sheriff Babcock reported that there was an accident with a parked car and a deputy vehicle. Sheriff requested permission to use Commissary funds to make repairs to the vehicle, not making an insurance claim. In conclusion Sheriff reported that he does have one inmate in Crawford County and he is housing one Crawford inmate in exchange.

Auditor Stroud presented a request from Melton Public Library to appoint Dalynn Burton to the Melton Public Library Board. Motion to approve the appointment of Dalynn Burton to the Melton Public Library and Council President Chad Hager to sign the appointment form was made by Robin Stackhouse, seconded by Jack Hinkle, and carried 6-0. Auditor Stroud presented a salary ordinance to correct the pay to the part time summer Purdue Extension Work Study position to \$12.10 an hour. Motion to approve the part time salary amendment was made by Zach Brown, seconded by Robin Stackhouse, and carried 6-0. Stroud presented a part time salary ordinance amendment to allow the pay of \$20.00 an hour for the fill in afterhours janitor for the month of August due to COVID. Motion to approve the salary ordinance amendment was made by Zach Brown, seconded by Matt Henderson, and carried 6-0. In Conclusion, Stroud reported that the State Board of Accounts was in house auditing 2019, 2020, and 2020 Federal.

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

Chad Hager requested that the Council make an appropriation to buy a tablet or laptop for any Council person that attends meetings. Prices are being looked at and the range found was \$1,200 to \$3,500.

Linda Reynolds requested that the part time employees be considered in the longevity pay or if they work a regular schedule that they be paid more than part time that works seasonal or on an as needed basis. There was discussion on possible options that could identify part time employees that work regular hours, that do not get benefits offered to full time employees, but have similar responsibilities and duties.

With no further business to discuss the motion to adjourn was made by Robin Stackhouse, seconded by Jack Hinkle, and carried 6-0.

Chad Hager, President

Attest: _____
Lonnie Stroud, Orange County Auditor