

MIAMI COUNTY COUNCIL  
25 NORTH BROADWAY  
PERU, INDIANA 46970  
April 19, 2016

Council President Ralph Duckwall called the meeting to order.

Councilman Wiles led the group in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Councilman Boyer was not present at the meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**MINUTES**

Councilman Wiles made a motion to accept the 3/15/16 minutes. Councilman Manning 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 6-0.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION/TRANSFERS**

**CEDIT**

Business 31

Ken Einselen explained that due to an oversight, there was no appropriation for the Business 31 project. Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve the additional appropriation of \$100,000 from the C.E.D.I.T. Fund. Councilman Manning 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 6-0.

**CEDIT**

MCEDA – Shell Building

Jim Tidd, MCEDA Director, went over the Shell Building project again and noted that the decision was made to lower the ceilings from 36' to 32'. The additional appropriation request is for the \$95,000 interest payment that is due. Councilman Manning made a motion to approve the additional appropriation. Councilman Wiles 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 6-0.

**HEALTH GRANT**

The Health Department is asking for an additional appropriation of \$21,834.36 for the cost of vaccines. Councilman Manning made a motion to approve. Councilwoman Mull 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 6-0.

**RIVERBOAT**

9-1-1

Commissioner Chairman Francis explained the cost regarding equipment and the moving of the 9-1-1 office. The request for an additional appropriation of \$368,000 is to cover these costs. After some discussion concerning the City of Peru being acceptable to paying a share of the cost (\$108,613), Councilman Manning made a motion to approve an additional appropriation of \$217,226. Councilwoman Mull 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 6-0.

Councilman Manning also made a motion to approve the agreement for the equipment and allow Chairman Francis to sign. Councilwoman Mull 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 6-0.

**EMA**

Kris Marks, EMA Director, came before the Council to explain the poor condition of the vehicles used by EMA and the opportunity of purchasing three used police vehicles for \$10,000. The three vehicles are in much better shape than the ones they have and they also still have the lights on top so he would just have to change the lens instead of purchasing new lights. Mr. Marks stated that he has approximately \$6,000 in insurance money from an accident that he had. Council President Duckwall asked if he could use any of the money in the EMA Non-reverting fund. Mr. Marks replied that he would not use of of that money because it was for his volunteers. Councilman Manning made a motion to approve \$12,000 out of the Riverboat Fund (\$368,00 was advertised and only \$217,226 was appropriated) for the purchase of the three vehicles for EMA. Councilwoman Mull 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 6-0.

**ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

HIGHWAY BRIDGE CREW – NEW POSITION

Councilman Manning made a motion to approve anew Bridge Crew Foreman position.  
Councilwoman Mull 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 6-0.

**AUDITOR – PETTY CASH**

The Auditor explained that the Treasurer informed her that she would no longer make change for other offices. This is a problem in the respect that when a taxpayer comes in and needs to transfer a deed, pay for a tax sale property, make copies etc. and does not have the correct change, the Auditor's office may not have money to make change. According to the State Board of Accounts, the Auditor can request permission from the Council to have a petty cash fund (without appropriation). The Auditor is requesting that she be allowed to have a \$100 petty cash

fund with the money coming out of the Plat Book Fund. Councilman Manning made a motion to allow. Councilwoman Harp 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 6-0.

#### **HIGHWAY ENGINEER**

Ken Einselen explained that the Wayne Street Bridge was in need of repair and he applied for a grant to help lower the cost. The total cost of the repair would amount to \$2,218,000. The County portion after the grant would amount to \$425,600 and would come out of Cum Bridge or Rainey Day. If deemed appropriate we could use part of the 75% of the LOT/COIT money being returned to the County (75% has to go towards roads etc). Mr. Einselen needs to have a letter signed by the Chairman of the Commissioners and the President of the Council pledging the County has the money for the project. Councilman Manning made a motion to have President Duckwall sign the letter on behalf of the Council. Councilwoman Mull 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 6-0.

#### **TOWN OF CONVERSE**

The Planning and Zoning Board of Converse has two empty positions due to members leaving. Councilman Manning made a motion to appoint Randy Dever, Republican and Richard Stoops, Democrat to the Board. Councilman Wiles 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 6-0.

#### **REQUEST FOR AUDIENCE**

None

#### **COMMITTEE UPDATE**

None

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

Councilman Manning made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Mull 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 6-0.

Respectfully submitted

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**Jane Lilley**  
Miami County Auditor