

The Rush County Council met in regular session on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. with Gerald Mohr, Warren Norris, Charles Smith, Janet Kile, Marvin Hedrick, Steve McCorkle, Mary Ann Beard, Auditor and Leigh Morning attorney in attendance. Scott Barnes was absent.

Gerald Mohr called the meeting to order and presented the first order of business.

Minutes of the meeting were approved on a motion from Charles Smith with two corrections. Steve McCorkle was the councilman that made the motion to reduce the Commissioner's salary to \$1.00 and the other was a corrected amount of one dollar for the Solid Waste budget. Steve McCorkle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **SOLID WASTE BUDGET**

Auditor Mary Ann Beard explained that the Solid Waste Budget was approved on September 15<sup>th</sup> but that budget was advertised with an incorrect date for the budget hearing. Beard presented the same budget with a corrected date for approval. Carole Yeend shared that the original budget had been approved for the same amount as the 2016 budget plus a reduction of 5%. Yeend said that she would like the opportunity to increase this budget to reach the maximum levy. Warren Norris moved to accept the current budget as the Auditor presented. Charles Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried.

### **ECDC**

John McCane, ECDC director introduced Brandon Wernert as the new client service manager. Brandon has been involved with the Town of Corydon and states that working with economic development is a great way to give back to the community.

### **2017 CALENDAR**

Auditor Beard presented the proposed calendar for 2017. The calendar lists holidays, dates for Commissioner and Council meetings and deadlines for claim submissions. Marvin Hedrick moved to approve the calendar. Warren Norris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **TRANSFERS**

Treasurer Cindy Humphrey requested a transfer from statement processing to equipment. The funds are needed to purchase a counterfeit currency counter and a new tax statement validator in the amount of \$3,604.30. Warren Norris moved to allow the transfer with Steve McCorkle seconding the motion. Motion carried.

Deputy Sheriff Dave Sliger noted that the Sheriff is in need of a transfer of \$1,600 from Idax/Copier Rentals to Institutional. Marvin Hedrick moved to approve the request. Steve McCorkle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **SALARY ORDINANCE**

The 2017 Salary Ordinance reflecting the approved budget was presented by the Auditor. Steve McCorkle proposed a salary increase for the IT director noting that he is very valuable. Charles Smith moved to approve the salaries as presented. Warren Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried with Steve McCorkle offering the only “no” vote.

## **PURDUE EXTENSION**

Gracie Marlatt reported that two employees in the office are on medical leave consequently some meetings have had to be canceled but 4-H enrollment continues until January 15<sup>th</sup>. Carol Holzback has volunteered to work part time to assist in the office but there may be the need to encumber part time funds at the end of the year. Marlatt reminded the Council that the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Rush County 4-H will be celebrated in 2107.

## **RECORDER’S PERPETUATION FUND**

The following ordinances were prepared by Attorney Leigh Morning permitting the Rush County Recorder to expend monies in the recorder’s perpetuation fund to pay expenses in the 2016 and 2017 budgets.

Warren Norris moved to approve the ordinance for the 2016 budget. Marvin Hedrick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Charles Smith moved to approve the ordinance for the 2017 budget. Janet Kile seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY LOCAL INCOME TAX**

Attorney Leigh Morning had prepared the ordinances for the increase in Public Safety Tax and the reduction of Supplemental Homestead credit. These ordinances must be pre-approved by the Department of Local Government Finance. This agency returned the ordinances with instructions that a public hearing must be held. Since the deadline in November 1<sup>st</sup>, the Council agreed to a public hearing on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00a.m.

## **GIS TRAINING**

Auditor Beard requested permission to hire a GIS assistant with extra funds that are available in the salary. This position would begin in mid-December and roll into a full time deputy position in 2017 to replace the incoming Auditor. Steve McCorkle moved to allow the

hiring and Marvin Hedrick seconded the motion. Motion carried. Beard thanked the board for their consideration.

### **40 HOUR WORK WEEK/HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

Councilman Steve McCorkle moved to have a study conducted to review the Holiday Schedule and a forty hour workweek for courthouse employees. Hearing no second, Mr. McCorkle withdrew his motion.

### **SHERIFF'S REPORT**

Sheriff Cowan was attending a family funeral but Chief Deputy Dave Sliger reported a slower week with the number of jail inmates at 47. Twenty three were booked and 9 released since the last weekly report. The back garage has been clean out in anticipation for demolition. Sliger also reported that no new patrol cars have been purchased.

### **COUNCILMEN REPORTS**

Steve McCorkle shared that Chuck Kemker, EMA director reported that the licenses for the radios have been received. Marvin Hedrick would like to see the number of radios needed by each department.

Gerald Mohr reminded those in attendance that the joint meeting with the Commissioners will be conducted at 11:00a.m. and the meeting of the Personnel Committee will meet at 1:00p.m. today.

Charles Smith moved to adjourn. Steve McCorkle seconded the motion and the meeting was closed.

/s/ Gerald Mohr  
Gerald Mohr, Chairman

/s/ Warren Norris  
Warren Norris

/s/ Charles Smith  
Charles Smith

/s/ Janet Kile  
Janet Kile

/s/ Marvin Hedrick  
Marvin Hedrick

/s/ Scott Barnes  
Scott Barnes

/s/ Steve McCorkle  
Steve McCorkle