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THE MARTIN COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

July 6, 2021

MINUTES

The Martin County Council convened in regular session Tuesday, July 6, 2021, in the Commissioners’ Room at the Courthouse located at 129 Main Street, Shoals, Indiana. Councilmen attending: Warren Albright, Randy Wininger, Keith Gibson, Adam Greene; and Councilwomen Barbara McFeaters and Sheri Bowling, Councilman Stiles absent. Also in attendance were Auditor Bobbie Abel, Cathy Evans, Coroner; Sheriff Travis Roush; Mike Jones; Pat Jones; Angie Risacher, Martin County Alliance Director.

President Albright called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 6:00 pm.

The minutes from the meeting held June 7, 2021 were approved with a motion made by Councilwoman McFeaters, seconded by Councilman Gibson.

Courtney Hughett, Martin County Humane Society Director, submitted the semi-annual report. Councilman Albright stated that the numbers were down. Ms. Hughett informed that a law had been passed recently that requires all pets adopted from shelters have to be spade or neutered before they go to new homes. The new clinic spay and neuter clinic at the shelter is currently working on what their requirements will be in the case that a pet is too young to be fixed and someone wants to adopt.

Travis Roush, Sheriff, presented an updated Commissary Resolution for approval. A motion to approve resolution 2021-16 was made by Councilman Wininger, seconded by Councilman Greene with the formal documentation to follow at the next meeting for signature. All in favor, the motion passed. Sheriff Roush, informed the Council that the Commissioners had approved the creation of two new positions within the current personnel of Assistant Jail Commander and Assistant Dispatch Commander. A motion to approve the funding of the new positions this year and the remaining modifications to wages next year was made by Councilwoman McFeaters, seconded by Councilman Gibson. All in favor, motion passed. Sheriff Roush and Matron Beaver are currently working with Attorney Lett on a non-compete policy. There are currently 69 inmates with 32 from Vigo County. The Annual Jeep/Bike ride went really well during the Catfish Festival.

Angie Risacher, Martin County Alliance Director, updated the Council on the current projects she is working on. The broadband summit had fifty-four attendees, Orange County Fiber and RTC both attended and are working together to help bring broadband to Martin County. The Phase III Ocra Grant for businesses effected by Covid-19 has received a lot of applications for assistance, it is first come first served. If anyone is still interested contact the Martin County Alliance office. Ms. Risacher is currently working on Housing in Martin County and is looking for a champion to help spearhead the project. Please contact the Martin County Alliance Office if interested.

Additional Appropriations were approved as follows:

General Fund:

Coroner/Autopsy & Lab, in the amount of $6000.00 with a motion made by Councilwoman Bowling, seconded by Councilwoman McFeaters. All in favor, motion passed.

Commissioner/SIDC, in the amount of $2,400.00 with a motion made by Councilman Wininger, seconded by Councilman Greene. All in favor, motion passed.

Highway:

Cumulative Bridge/Contract Services, in the amount of $75,000.00 with a motion made by Councilman Wininger, seconded by Councilman Gibson. All in favor, motion passed.

Auditor Abel submitted the monthly financial statement.

Bobbie Abel, Auditor, informed the Council that Spring Settlement is complete, disbursements to the local units were made and final approval from State Board of Accounts was received. Abel stated that Additional Appropriation ordinance previously approved as 2021-13 should have been 2021-14. The budget workshop with Department heads will be July 26, 2021 followed by an ARPA meeting.

Important Dates:

Safety Meeting for July 21, 2021 @ 9:00 am / 4:00 pm at the Highway Department

Budget Workshop Monday, July 26, 2021 @ 8:00 am

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm with a motion made by Councilman Gibson and seconded by Councilman Greene, all were in favor and the motion passed. The next Council meeting will be held Monday, August 2, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

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Sheri Bowling J. Keith Gibson

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Adam Greene Barbara McFeaters

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Bobbie Abel, Martin County Auditor