

WHITLEY COUNTY COUNCIL
June 5, 2012

The Whitley County Council met in a regular session on Tuesday June 5, 2012 in the Commissioner's Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. Members in attendance were Chairman John Barrett, Vice Chairman Jim Bayman, Kim Wheeler, Glen LaRue, Bill Overdeer, Paula Reimers and Tom Western. Also in attendance were Auditor Jen McGuire, Coordinator Amy Crickmore, Don Amber, Cindy Barnett, Otto Boschert Jr and Lindsay Pease.

Chairman Barrett called the meeting to Order.

IN THE MATTER MINUTES: Minutes from the regular Council meeting May 9, 2012 were reviewed, a motion to approve as submitted was made by Western, seconded by LaRue and carried for approval with a 7/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER VSO REQUEST: A request from Veteran Service Officer, Gene Rohrer, for a new computer system was discussed and reviewed. It was stated that this amount of \$876.00 was not part of the 2012 quarter purchases already approved by Council. Commissioner Amber stated that the Commissioners have given this purchase favorable recommendation. A motion to approve the purchase was made by Bayman, seconded by Western and carried with a 7/0 vote in favor.

IN THE MATTER EXTENSION OFFICE: Cindy Barnett, Extension Educator, came before the Council to update them on the Extension office. Barnett had three subject to cover, first was the Annual Meeting report, second was the invite for Legislation Event at the local Winery in LaOtto, Indiana and third was to review the budget to add another Purdue educator for 2013 for the Extension office. Council discussed the actual office duties and the current personnel on staff in the Extension office and will review the budget when meeting start.

IN THE MATTER ASSESSOR'S OFFICE: Rita Sauders, Deputy Assessor, sent another letter requesting an increase for the current employee in the Assessor's office for the duties being performed at this time for the absence of current Assessor Angie Adams. After discussion and when the actual caucus could be held and if the change should or could happen before that a motion was to compensate and go retroactive to the time of the change was tabled.

IN THE MATTER WHITLEY COUNTY HUMANE SHELTER: Lindsay Pease, Director of the Whitley County Humane Shelter was on hand to present a handout showing the actual number of animals that have been brought to the shelter from the County. On an average it is about three calls a week, and hundreds of calls to the Whitley County Sheriff's department that has to respond and then can not transport so the animal is put down at the location if the property owner does not want to bring the animal in. Lindsay went through the fee structure for the Shelter and the number of employees currently on staff at the location. At this time the Shelter is looking for financial support from the County for services, all other units of Government, Columbia City, Churubusco, Larwill and South Whitley are making annual contributions.

OTHER BUSINESS: Auditor McGuire presented the 2013 Compliancy Forms for the current businesses that have active Abatements throughout the County. After discussion of any non compliancy and closed businesses a motion by Overdeer to approve the 2013 County CF-1's for the County was made, seconded by Bayman and approved with a Council vote of 7/0. Budget meetings with the Department heads will be July 10, 2012 starting at 8am.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT: Commissioner Amber gave the Commissioner's report,

- County claim personally reviewed every two weeks by Commissioner's
- Large Sheriff claims for Inmate care

- Wind Ordinance changed with set back restrictions and sent back to Plan Commission the set back will now read 6.5X the tower height or minimal 2640’
- Golf Cart Ordinance will be in effect for July, 1, 2012 for the County Roads
- Insurance cost for County Employees will increase for 2013 but no amount determined yet
 - Labcorp blood draws may be done here in the Government Center for County employees
 - New employee hired to replace County Coordinator Amy Crickmore, Pam Smith will start June 20, 2012
 - Pitney Bowes will now be used for Postage machines instead of Hasler

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned.

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John Barrett, Chairman

James Bayman, Vice Chairman

Kim Wheeler

Glen LaRue

Thomas E. Western

William N. Overdeer

Paula G. Reimers

Attest:

Jennifer McGuire, Auditor