

## COUNCIL MINUTES

January 19, 2021

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BE IT REMEMBERED that a meeting of the White County Council was held at the White County Building in Monticello at 9:00 A.M. on January 19, 2021 for the purpose of discussing any business that might come before the membership.

Council President Kramer called the Council meeting to order in joint session with the Commissioners. The following members were present:

James B Davis	Dennis E Carter	Arthur A Anderson
Kevin L Crabb	James G Annis	Janet Faker
Raymond L Kramer Jr		

Also, in attendance: Auditor Gayle Rogers, Leah Hull, Clerk Laura Cosgray, Shanda Cortez, Pat Harper, Ingrid Landis, and Council Secretary Libby Billue

For contents of the joint session, see Commissioners' minutes.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council President Kramer opened the Council meeting with the Council reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **COUNCIL REORGANIZATION**

Council President Kramer opened the floor for nominations of Council President for 2021. Councilor Crabb nominated Raymond L Kramer for President, and Councilor Annis seconded the motion. Vote: Unanimous

There being no further nominations, Councilor Anderson motioned to close nominations, and Councilor Annis seconded the motion. Vote: Unanimous

Council President Kramer opened the floor for nominations of Council President Pro Tem for 2021 and nominated Dennis E Carter. Councilor Davis seconded the motion. Vote: Unanimous

There being no further nominations, Councilor Anderson motioned to close nominations, and Councilor Crabb seconded the motion. Vote: Unanimous

### **MINUTES**

Council minutes for the meeting held on 12/21/20 were presented for approval. Councilor Faker motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Councilor Annis seconded the motion. Vote: Unanimous

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## ELECTION BOARD PAY

Election Board President Pat Harper requested that the Council reconsider the pay rate for the Election Board for 2021. For 2020 Election Board pay per member was \$3,000 (paid in two installments). During meetings and hearings for the 2021 budget, Councilors reviewed compensation for election boards in other surrounding and similar-sized Indiana counties and determined that the 2021 rate of pay for White County Election Board members will be \$1,500 due to it being a non-election year. During years of elections, the rate will return to \$3,000.

At this time the consensus of the Council is that there will be no change to the budgeted pay rate for 2021. Council President Kramer intends to join Election Board meetings whenever possible in order to gain a better understanding of the responsibilities of the Election Board members. Meetings of the White County Election Board are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 2:00pm in the Council Meeting Room.

## TRANSFERS

The following transfers were presented for approval:

	<u>From</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>To</u>
HWY	1176-22101-000-0531 Gas&Oil	\$6,100.00	1176-23201-000-0531 Welding Supp
	1176-11001-000-0531 OT Mech	\$3,100.00	1176-37100-000-0529 Equip Rental
	1176-24300-000-0529 Rd Striping	\$70.00	1176-24200-000-0529 Steel
	1176-30202-000-0529 Contr Svcs	\$9,500.00	1173-30202-000-0529 Contr Svcs

Council members again expressed their concerns regarding the frequency of transfers received from the Highway Department. In order to prepare a more accurate budget for 2022, Auditor Rogers suggested that no Highway Department transfers be allowed in 2021 with the exception of transfers between MVH (1176) and MVH Restricted (1173). Additionally, Auditor Rogers recommended that the transfers between 1176 and 1173 be limited to transfers within the same line item. Following discussion, the consensus of the Council is that this is an agreeable and appropriate plan for 2021. Councilor Anderson motioned to approve only the transfer from 1176-30202-000-0529 to 1173-30202-000-0529 in the amount of \$9,500.00 and to deny the remaining transfer requests. Councilor Annis seconded the motion. Vote: Unanimous

## 2021 SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Auditor Rogers presented an updated 2021 Salary Ordinance for Council approval. Councilor Anderson motioned to approve the 2021 Salary Ordinance Amendment 1 as presented. Councilor Davis seconded the motion. Vote: Unanimous

## COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

The following Council appointments to various boards were presented:

Monon Town & Township Public Library – Julie Hart  
Local Alcoholic Beverage Board – Matthew McKean

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KIRPC – James Davis  
Data Processing Board – Raymond Kramer  
911 Board – Arthur Anderson  
PTABOA – Jennifer Becker (R), Gerald Cartmell (D)  
Redevelopment Commission – Doug Morehouse, Mark Howard  
Tax Abatement Board – Libby Billue, Max Eldridge, Stacy Selagy, David Kurth,  
Andy Harmon, Larry Wiley  
Job Description Committee – Gayle Rogers  
Courthouse Security Committee – Arthur Anderson  
Common Wage Committee – Raymond Kramer

There being no objections to the recommendations of appointment to the aforementioned boards, Council President Kramer asked for a vote. Vote: Unanimous

### **2020 TRANSFERS AND ENCUMBRANCES**

Auditor Rogers presented year-end transfers of 2020 funds to clean up any negative line item balances, to correct balances for encumbrance into 2021 and to correct any budget shortfalls due to the over-expenditure of the department's 2020 budget. In addition, Auditor Rogers requested approval of the Resolution for encumbrances of 2020 funds. Councilor Anderson motioned to approve the 2020 transfers and encumbrances as presented. Councilor Davis seconded the motion. Vote: Unanimous

### **PAYROLL REQUESTS**

Auditor Rogers presented four payroll requests for approval. Councilor Anderson motioned to approve the payroll requests. Councilor Davis seconded the motion. Vote: Unanimous

### **REPORTS**

No reports.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to bring before the Council, Council President Kramer adjourned.

The next meeting of the White County Council is Tuesday, February 16, 2021.

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JAMES G ANNIS

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ARTHUR A ANDERSON

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JAMES B DAVIS

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KEVIN L CRABB

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(Absent)  
RAYMOND L KRAMER JR  
President

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JANET J FAKER

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
GAYLE E ROGERS, AUDITOR