

## COUNCIL MINUTES

February 22, 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 February 22, 2021 for the purpose of discussing any business that might come before the membership. This meeting was originally scheduled for 2/16/21, but was postponed due to inclement weather.

Council President Kramer called the Council meeting to order. The following members were present:

Matthew A McKean	Janet Faker	Arthur A Anderson
Kevin L Crabb	James G Annis	Raymond L Kramer Jr

Absent: Dennis Carter

Also, in attendance: Auditor Gayle Rogers, Leah Hull, George Cook, Steven Grayson, Deanna Dreblow, and Council Secretary Libby Billue

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

### **MINUTES**

Council minutes for the meeting held on January 19, 2021 were presented for approval. Councilor Faker motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Councilor Annis seconded the motion. Motion Passed: 6 - 0

**Aye:** Anderson, Annis, Crabb, Faker, Kramer, McKean

**Nay:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Absent:** Carter

### **WOLCOTT LIBRARY – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

The Wolcott Public Library requested an additional appropriation of \$150,000 for an expansion project that has been planned for several years. Funding for this project is currently in hand with \$110,000 to be appropriated from the Library Improvement Reserve Fund, and \$40,000 to be appropriated from the Rainy Day Fund. Deanna Dreblow was present and provided a brief explanation of the project. Councilor Anderson motioned to approve the additional appropriation for the Wolcott Public Library. Councilor Crabb seconded the motion. Motion Passed: 6-0

**Aye:** Anderson, Annis, Crabb, Faker, Kramer, McKean

**Nay:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Absent:** Carter

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### RESOLUTION 21-02-22-01

Joint Resolution 21-02-22-01 to support local control was presented for discussion and approval by Council members. Following discussion, Councilor Faker stated that she is not in favor of voting on this resolution until she has had an opportunity to speak with Senator Buchanan about the issue and gather more information prior to making her decision. Councilor Anderson motioned to approve the resolution in favor of local control. Councilor Annis seconded the motion. Motion Passed: 5-1

**Aye:** Anderson, Annis, Crabb, Kramer, McKean

**Nay:** Faker

**Abstain:** 0

**Absent:** Carter

### COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

Board and Committee appointments were presented for approval. There were several individuals interested in serving as the Alcoholic Beverage Board appointee. George Cook spoke to the Council regarding his interest and qualifications for this position. Council President Kramer read a letter submitted by Gary Allen. Other Councilors also spoke on behalf of Brandi Page, Eric Becker, and Chris Phillips who had expressed their sincere interest and qualifications to Council members prior to today's meeting. Following discussion Council members selected Brandi Page to the Alcoholic Beverage Board by informal paper ballot.

*KIRPC – Matthew McKean (replacing James Davis)*

*NWISWD – Arthur Anderson (as alternate for appointee Raymond Kramer)*

*Area Plan Housing Committee – Libby Billue*

*Alcoholic Beverage Board – Brandi Page (replacing Matthew McKean)*

Councilor McKean motioned to approve the aforementioned appointments. Councilor Faker seconded the motion. Motion Passed: 6-0

**Aye:** Anderson, Annis, Crabb, Faker, Kramer, McKean

**Nay:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Absent:** Carter

### TRANSFER & PAYROLL REQUESTS

Auditor Rogers presented payroll requests for Sheriff PT Maintenance and a transfer from the PT Corrections Officer line item to PT in the Jail budget. Since the employee is not a Corrections Officer, it was not appropriate to pay him out of that line item. Auditor Rogers suggested moving the maintenance employees from the Jail budget to the Sheriff's budget for the 2022 budget since the new job descriptions state that maintenance employees report directly to the Sheriff, not to the Jail Commander. Councilor Annis motioned to approve this payroll and transfer request. Councilor Faker seconded the motion. Motion Passed: 6-0

**Aye:** Anderson, Annis, Crabb, Faker, Kramer, McKean

**Nay:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Absent:** Carter

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Additional payroll requests were presented for Merit Deputy, PT Recycling, and 2 PT Recorder positions. Councilor Anderson motioned to approve the payroll requests. Councilor Annis seconded the motion. Motion Passed: 6-0

**Aye:** Anderson, Annis, Crabb, Faker, Kramer, McKean

**Nay:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Absent:** Carter

### **REPORTS**

Auditor Rogers discussed HB1498 which would allow electronic publication of legal notices. This bill failed on the third reading, but is being re-proposed.

Councilor McKean noted that he attended the first Alcoholic Beverage Board meeting, but has stepped down due to his appointment to the White County Council.

Councilor Annis advised that the Aerostat project near Reynolds has started but does not know the anticipated completion date.

Council President Kramer met with the NWISWD last week and advised that their funds are dwindling due to a reduction in their share of the tipping fees. Also, he noted that the White County Board of Finance met and investments are doing well.

Councilor Crabb discussed Economic Development's onboarding of newly appointed members and reorganization. He now serves as Chairman, Jeff Campbell as VP, Andrew Westfall as Secretary, and Barry Haskins as Treasurer.

Councilor Faker advised that EMA is working on a new location for their office. She also discussed her most recent meeting with the TLRSD and urged them to attend the Area Plan Tech Review meetings to which they are invited to discuss proposed subdivision requirements. Regarding the Tourism Board, she noted that Digital Marketer Kaylee Hahn has been working on the county's online tourism presence. Councilor Faker also advised that White County will be part of a six-county tourism study and that Indiana Beach plans to open on May 22 with new features and upgrades.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to bring before the Council, Councilor Annis motioned to adjourn, and Councilor Faker seconded the motion. Motion Passed: 6-0

**Aye:** Anderson, Annis, Crabb, Faker, Kramer, McKean

**Nay:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Absent:** Carter

The next scheduled meeting of the White County Council is Monday, March 15, 2021.

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(Absent)  
DENNIS E CARTER

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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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RAYMOND L KRAMER JR  
President

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JANET J FAKER

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