

COUNCIL MINUTES

May 17, 2021

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 May 17, 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:

In Person: Dennis E Carter Arthur A Anderson Matthew A McKean
 James G Annis Raymond L Kramer Jr Janet Faker

Absent: Kevin L Crabb

Also, in attendance in person: Auditor Gayle Rogers, Dawn Girard, Randy Mitchell, Brian Pogue, George Loy, Leah Hull, and Council Secretary Libby Billue

By electronic attendance: Brian Paulsen

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

MINUTES

Council minutes for the meeting held on 04/19/2021 were presented for approval. Councilor Carter motioned to approve the minutes with the addition of notation regarding electronic attendance and early departure from the meeting by Councilor Faker. Councilor Annis seconded the motion. Motion Passed: 6 - 0

Aye: Anderson, Annis, Carter, Faker, Kramer, McKean,

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Crabb

RECYCLING GRANT MATCHING FUNDS

Recycling Director Dawn Girard requested matching funds for IDEM Solid Waste Mgmt Fund grant under Contract #52733 for \$76,563 for the purchase of 6 new recycling trailers. Dawn requested \$50,500 (which will supplement currently available NWISWD grant funds) to serve as this 50% match. Following brief discussion, Councilor Faker motioned to allow \$50,500 from the Council budget to be used for this purpose. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Motion Passed: 6 - 0

Aye: Anderson, Annis, Carter, Faker, Kramer, McKean,

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Crabb

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PUBLIC HEARING – CONFIRMATORY RESOLUTION

Attorney George Loy presented Confirmatory Resolution 2021-05-17-02 designating an ERA in Monon Township for the purpose of real estate and personal property tax abatement for Rockland Wood Products. Planned expansion for Rockland includes construction of a new building and a second product line at their Monon Township location, as well as additional employees.

Councilor Anderson motioned to approve Confirmatory Resolution 2021-05-17-02.

Councilor Annis seconded the motion.

Motion Passed: 6 - 0

Aye: Anderson, Annis, Carter, Faker, Kramer, McKean,

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Crabb

ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE

Council members reviewed the CF-1/PP submitted by Rockland Wood Products LLC, and the CF-1/RE submitted by Bio Town Ag Inc and determined that both entities remain in compliance. Councilor Anderson motioned to approve continuation of abatement for Rockland Wood Products LLC and Bio Town Ag Inc. Councilor Annis seconded the motion.

Motion Passed: 6 - 0

Aye: Anderson, Annis, Carter, Faker, Kramer, McKean,

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Crabb

SALARY MATRIX – HOURLY RATES

HR Director Leah Hull discussed the challenges she is facing while trying to convert the current payroll system from a “daily rate” to an “hourly rate” for all non-exempt hourly employees in preparation for county-wide use of Right Stuff payroll software. Although this change was scheduled to be in place beginning mid-year, Leah suggests waiting until January 2, 2022. After much discussion, it was determined that more information regarding the impact of this change is needed. Leah will calculate the potential changes to hourly rates for non-exempt employees and meet with Auditor Rogers prior to the next Council meeting. Council President Kramer tabled the discussion until the June meeting.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Auditor Rogers noted that a rate of pay for an Interim Community Corrections Director may need to be determined. A current Community Corrections staff member has offered to handle the responsibilities until a new Director is hired, and a temporary increase in pay may be warranted. The general consensus of the Council was to allow a temporary raise in pay for this employee if appointed as Interim Director.

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RESOLUTION 21-05-17-03 – ELECTRONIC MEETINGS POLICY

Resolution 21-05-17-03 *Establishing the Policy by Which Members of the County Council May Participate by Electronic Means of Communication* was presented for consideration. This resolution states that a member of the governing body may participate by any means of communication that (in general):

-Allows all participating members of the governing body to simultaneously communicate with each other; and

-Except for a meeting that is an executive session allows the public to simultaneously attend and observe the meeting

For any meeting in which at least one member participates electronically, all votes must be taken by roll call, at least 50% of members must be physically present, a member may not attend more than 50% of meetings electronically, a member may not attend more than 2 consecutive meetings electronically, minutes must identify members who were physically present, members who attended electronically (and through what means), members who were absent, and public attendees in attendance. No member of the Council may participate by means of electronic communication in which Council may take final action to:

-Adopt a budget

-Make a reduction in personnel

-Initiate a referendum

-Impose or increase a fee

-Impose or increase a penalty

-Exercise the Council's power of eminent domain

-Establish, impose, raise or renew a tax

Councilor Annis motioned to approve Resolution 21-05-17-03 as presented. Councilor Carter seconded the motion.

Motion Passed: 6 - 0

Aye: Anderson, Annis, Carter, Faker, Kramer, McKean,

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Crabb

RESOLUTION 21-05-17-04 – WAIVER OF PENALTIES

Resolution 21-05-17-04 *Approving Policy for Waiver, Negotiation, or Settlement of Certain Delinquent Property Tax Penalties* was presented for consideration and approval. Auditor Rogers noted that per IC 6-1.1-37-15 allows for certain property tax penalties to be waived by the treasurer or auditor with a policy approved by the Council. She explained that there are instances where a penalty has been applied in error for various reasons, and this policy will allow for a correction to be made without formal council approval. Councilor Anderson motioned to adopt Resolution 21-05-17-04. Councilor Annis seconded the motion.

Motion Passed: 6 - 0

Aye: Anderson, Annis, Carter, Faker, Kramer, McKean,

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Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: Crabb

MONTICELLO-UNION TOWNSHIP LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT

Council President Kramer stated that Barry Haskins declined to accept nomination to the MUTPL Board. Several interested persons were discussed as potential appointees, and Councilor Faker motioned to approve Jamie McKean as the appointment. Councilor Annis seconded the motion. Motion Passed: 6 - 0

Aye: Anderson, Annis, Carter, Faker, Kramer, McKean,
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: Crabb

REPORTS

Councilor Anderson spoke on behalf of the committee tasked with improving ambulance service to County residents outside of Monticello. There are many factors to consider, and the committee will continue to work toward a long-term plan for County-wide ambulance service.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before the Council, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the White County Council is Monday June 21, 2021.

DENNIS E CARTER	JAMES G ANNIS	ARTHUR A ANDERSON
MATTHEW A MCKEAN	<u>Absent</u> KEVIN L CRABB	RAYMOND L KRAMER JR President
JANET J FAKER	Attest: _____ GAYLE E ROGERS, AUDITOR	