

COUNCIL MINUTES

August 9 – 12, 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 August 9, 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
	Kevin L Crabb		

Also, in attendance in person: Auditor Gayle Rogers, Atty George Loy, Matthew Johnson & Atty Kyle Resetarits representing Next Era Energy (Cavalry Solar), Tom Loturco of EDP Meadow Lake Solar Park, Douglas McGill, and Council Secretary Libby Billue

By electronic attendance: None

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

Council minutes for the meeting held on 07/19/2021 were presented for approval. It was noted that the minutes should be corrected to read that Councilor Faker seconded the motion for approval of June 2021 minutes. Councilor Carter motioned to approve the minutes with the aforementioned correction. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Motion Passed: 7 - 0

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

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

VISITOR BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC HEARING

Attorney George Loy presented CONFIRMATORY RESOLUTION 21-08-09-01 FOR THE DESIGNATION OF AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA ON APPLICATION OF CAVALRY ENERGY CENTER, LLC. There being no objection from the public, Council President Kramer closed the public hearing.

Following discussion, Councilor Anderson motioned to approve Resolution 21-08-09-01.

Councilor Annis seconded the motion.

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

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

SB-1 CAVALRY ENERGY CENTER, LLC

Attorney George Loy presented form SB-1 for Cavalry Energy Center, LLC for review by Council. Cavalry requests a 10-year abatement for a solar park (state-assessed utility) located in Monon Township. Councilor Anderson motioned to approve the SB-1 as presented. Councilor Faker seconded the motion. Motion Passed: 7 - 0

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

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT – EDP/MEADOW LAKE SOLAR FARM

Attorney George Loy presented an Economic Development Agreement for EDP/Meadow Lake Solar Farm. The project is scheduled to be finished in October 2022. Following discussion Councilor Anderson motioned to approve the EDA as presented. Councilor Annis seconded the motion. Motion Passed: 7 - 0

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

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

DECLARATORY RESOLUTION 2021-08-09-02 EDP/MEADOW LAKE SOLAR FARM

Attorney George Loy presented DECLARATORY RESOLUTION 2021-08-09-02 FOR THE DESIGNATION OF AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA ON APPLICATION OF MEADOW LAKE SOLAR FARM LLC. This solar project covers an area of approximately 1,500 acres with the potential for an additional 1,000 acres of expansion. Road Use and Decommissioning Agreements are in process, and Area Plan is working with EDP regarding the use of native grasses and pollinator plants as groundcover. Councilor Anderson motioned to approve Declaratory Resolution 2021-08-09-02. Councilor Crabb seconded the motion. Motion Passed: 7 – 0

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

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

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SB-1 EDP/MEADOW LAKE SOLAR FARM

Attorney George Loy presented form SB-1 for Meadow Lake Solar Farm LLC for review by Council. Meadow Lake requests a 10-year abatement for a solar farm (state-assessed utility) located in Honey Creek, Big Creek & Union Townships. Councilor Anderson motioned to approve the SB-1 as presented. Councilor Annis seconded the motion. Motion Passed: 7 - 0

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

RESOLUTION 2021-08-09-03 TO APPOINT APPRAISER

Attorney George Loy presented RESOLUTION 2021-08-09-03 AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS for the purchase of the Alberts property, 11296 W US 24, located within the Mid-America Commerce Park. Councilor Anderson motioned to approve Resolution 2021-08-09-03. Councilor Faker seconded the motion.

Motion Passed: 7 - 0

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

GIRTZ INDUSTRIES ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE CF-1

Following review of Abatement Compliance Form CF-1 from Girtz Industries, Councilor Anderson motioned to approve continued abatement. Councilor Annis seconded the motion.

Motion Passed: 7 - 0

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

REVIEW OF ESTIMATED PROPERTY TAX LEVY LIMITS & REDUCTIONS TO CIRCUIT BREAKERS

This topic will be reviewed during Council budget hearings following this meeting.

TRANSFERS

Auditor Rogers presented the following transfers for approval.

<u>From</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>To</u>
4972-54000-000-0000 Verasun	\$955,282.07	8118-00980-000-0000 WWTP Co Match
1194-54000-000-0000 SWOP	\$1,330,624.70	8118-00980-000-0000 WWTP Co Match

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Councilor Anderson motioned to approve the transfers as presented. Councilor Annis seconded the motion.

Motion Passed: 7 - 0

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

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

PAYROLL REQUESTS

Auditor Rogers presented several payroll requests. Councilor Faker motioned to approve all payroll requests as presented. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion.

Motion Passed: 7 - 0

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

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

BOARD REPORTS

Councilor Faker provided updates from the Tourism Authority Board. The lakes are very busy, and there is a notable increase in tourist activity. Also, she shared that NIPSCO has indicated that there is potential of low lake levels as we are in the dry season.

Council President Kramer says that the Northwest Indiana Solid Waste District has met and is currently preparing a reduced 2022 budget.

Councilor Carter reported that the White County Auditor has recently mailed letters on behalf of the Auditor/Innkeepers Tax Commission/White County Tourism Authority to approximately 75 resort owners and others as a reminder of their responsibility to collect and remit White County Innkeepers Tax.

2022 BUDGET HEARINGS

Immediately following the above meeting, 2022 budget hearings began and ran through Thursday, August 12, 2021. Discussions were held with each department. On Thursday, August 12, 2021, as a conclusion to budget hearings and after much discussion, the following occurred:

Councilor Anderson motioned for a general increase of 5% for all employees; a matrix base level adjustment for the County Health Officer and Jail Cooks; with no other matrix level increases allowed for 2022. Councilor McKean seconded.

Motion Passed: 6 - 1

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

Nay: Carter

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

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Councilors then proceeded through the budget, line item by line item. They directed the Auditor as to which changes to make per line item. Councilor Anderson then motioned to accept the budget with Council's proposed changes. Councilor Faker seconded.

Motion Passed: 7 - 0

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

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm on Thursday, August 12, 2021. The next meeting of the White County Council is Monday, September 20, 2021 at which time final budget adoption will take place.

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Attest: _____
GAYLE E ROGERS, AUDITOR