

COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
MAY 23, 2017 6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE:

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Darrell Thomas, President
Keith Berry, Vice President
Jill Bridgewater
Dave Fuhrman
Phillip Gick
Larry Parker
Gene Beck

ATTORNEY:

Trudy Selvia

AUDITOR:

Jessie Hoskins, Auditor's Office

AUDIENCE:

11 individuals

The Putnam County Council met in regular session on May 23, 2017 at 6:30 PM at the Putnam County Courthouse. Darrell Thomas opened the meeting and the pledge to the flag was given.

TREASURER

Treasurer Kathy Minnick was present to update the Council. She stated that all the tax bills were sent in time and collection is going smoothly. She also switched some of our Savings Interest account from Old National, who had a return of .1%, to North Salem State Bank, which is yielding 1% at a \$4M cap.

WALNUT CREEK FIRE PROTECTION

Kathy Deer came before the Council to inform them that she will soon be presenting an additional for \$11,500 to buy the remaining turn-out gear for the department. She also reminded them that they had approved her use of the Cumulative Fire Fund for the purchase of a vehicle. There is currently \$100,000 in the fund, she will need to use \$43,000 to purchase the new vehicle and have all emergency equipment installed.

Discussion was made and the Council members advised her to be added to the next agenda in time for the additional appropriation request to be submitted.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Scott Stockton was present to inform the Council that he is mid-way through his equipment budget for the year and the department's AED machines need replaced.

Deputy Jeffrey Freeman was also present to show the current AED's to the Council. He stated that when cardiac-related calls are made through dispatch, a deputy is often the first to respond. Deputy Freeman said that they currently have 8 machines, none of which work, and they are forced to rely on CPR alone.

Troy Pflugner from Cardiac Science presented a new AED to the Council. The machines contain state-of-the-art technology that instruct a user step-by-step. It contains prompts and sensors that give the perfect shock, as well as direct the user through properly admitting CPR. Each machine will cost \$1,195, with a credit of \$400 given for each trade in from the older machines. The new machines will have an 8-year warranty and the replacement parts, like pads, are relatively cheap.

Discussion was held on the cost of the machines and purchasing in bulk and with trade-ins.

Sheriff Stockton asked the Council for 10 new machines at a cost of approximately \$10,000. Deputy Freeman said that as a deputy and prior EMT, the new AED will be very beneficial.

Dave Fuhrman made a motion to tentatively approve the purchase of 10 new machines, pending funding. Discussion was held on funding. The councilmembers agreed that Sheriff Stockton should purchase the AED's through his current equipment budget, and any short-falls later in the year because of this expense will be addressed then.

Dave Fuhrman motioned to approve Sheriff Stockton to purchase 10 new machines through his own equipment budget. Darrell Thomas seconded. The motion carried.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Director Joni Young informed the Council that Doctor Heavin is requesting their approval to hire a student summer intern from May 27-August 8. This has been done in the past, and the intern will be paid through a grant.

Ms. Young also stated that Darrell Brackney would be retiring on July 3rd and their current Office Administrator, Jessica Watson, will be taking his place. This will leave her current job open, and Ms. Young stated that the new position's job title will be changed from Office Administrator to Medical Office Assistant. The new applicant will need to be a certified MA, or can easily obtain their certification through the Health Department. They will be paid through the county just as the previous position.

Darrel Thomas mas a motion to approve the summer intern hire and changing the Office Administrator title to Medical Office Assistant. Dave Fuhrman seconded. The motion carried.

RECORDER

Recorder Tracy Bridges was present to announce that per Indiana Senate Bill 505, her office will switch to flat rate fees starting July 1, 2017. A mortgage will now cost \$55 to record, and everything else will be \$25. She is not sure exactly how the fees will be dispersed.

AIC CONTRACT

The contract is for the consultation the county receives during budget time from Jaque Clements. She has switched companies and is now working for AIC. The contract would be the same as it was for prior years, except now it is under AIC and not Maximus.

Dave Fuhrman and Phil Gick questioned the prior contract with Maximus. The Councilmembers believed they had already signed a contract with Maximus and are not sure if it can be redacted. Dave Fuhrman made a motion to table the discussion until they can get a status on the Maximus contract. Larry Parker seconded. The motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS/HAZARDOUS WASTE ADDITIONAL

An additional from the Commissioners for \$100,000 for the pavement of County Road 1000 N west of 231 was presented. This will be paid from 1221 (Hazardous Waste) and the work will be completed by the Highway Department.

Dave Fuhrman made a motion to approve the additional appropriation. Darrel Thomas seconded. The motion carried.

HIGHWAY

Supervisor Mike Ricketts was present to update the Council on Highway projects. Currently, they have filled 1 truck driver position and 1 laborer position, but still have 1 opening for operator and 1 more for a laborer.

The Highway Department was approved for a Community Cross grant through the state that is a 25/75% match because we are under a population of 50,000. Mr. Ricketts said that the grant can be used for the \$1.33M we have budgeted for existing projects, so really our only expense would be \$333,000. The money saved can be used toward next year’s projects.

ADJOURN

Phil Gick made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jill Bridgewater seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Darrell Thomas, President

Keith Berry, Vice President

Phil Gick

Larry Parker

Gene Beck

Jill Bridgewater

Dave Fuhrman

Attest: Auditor