

COUNCIL MINUTES
BOONE COUNTY, INDIANA
April 9, 2024

Council Member: You are hereby notified that there will be a regular meeting of the Boone County Council at the Boone County Office Building, 116 W. Washington St., in the Connie Lamar Meeting Room, Room 105, in the City of Lebanon, on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 8:30am.

Councilman Hedge called the meeting to order. Council members in attendance were Kevin VanHorn, Jennifer Hostetter, Shari Richey, John Riner and Dan Lamar.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES

Councilman Hedge asked for a motion to approve the March 12, 2024 council minutes. Councilwoman Richey made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilwoman Hostetter seconded the motion. The motion carried, 5-0. One Council member wasn't present for this vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Brian Colton with Baker Tilly presented the TIF Management report to the Council. New legislature was passed by the State that he is required to present the report to the Council.

Andrea Hatfield with the Extension office presented their annual report for 2023. Many people from the office spoke on the annual report.

The Council discussed a timeline for the budget process for the 2025 budget. President Hedge stated that Form 1's will be due to the Auditor's office by July 15, 2024. The first budget workshops will be held from August 13-15. He also asked that the September Council meeting be changed from September 10 to September 17 and continue after the regular Council meeting with the budget workshops on September 17-18. The budget adoption will take place on October 8 after the regular Council meeting.

SALARY AMENDMENT

It was requested that the Council amend the salary ordinance to add fund 9993 for a new part-time Case Manager for Circuit Court/Probation at \$20/hr. Councilwoman Hostetter made a motion to approve the amendment. Councilwoman Richey seconded. The motion carried, 6-0.

Nick Parr with the Highway Department requested a salary amendment to the salary ordinance which would add a second full-time Executive Assistant for the Highway Department. Councilwoman Hostetter made a motion to approve the request. Councilman VanHorn seconded.

The motion carried, 6-0. The second part of the amendment is to remove the part-time Assistant Office Manager position and add another full-time Executive Assistant temporarily as he is having staffing issues and needs more help. This will add a (2) to the title of Executive Assistant on the salary ordinance. The maximum amount will stay the same, which is \$55,057.60. Also noting in the motion to include that any future changes regarding these two positions, it will need to go in front of the Council. Councilwoman Hostetter amended her first motion to include the above language. Councilman Lamar seconded. The motion carried, 6-0.

IN THE MATTER OF RE-APPROPRIATIONS

Nick Parr with the Highway Department requested to move \$24,404 from the Assistant Highway Office Manager line (1000.0068.410.411.0.6900) to the Highway Executive Assistant line (1000.0068.410.411.0.6901). This is being done to support the amended salary ordinance above and to fund the new second full-time Executive Assistant position. Councilwoman Hostetter made a motion to approve the request. Councilwoman Richey seconded. The motion carried, 6-0.

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Katie Devries with Boone County Court Intervention Services requested an additional in fund 4921 to fund two salary lines. She is requesting to move \$16,000 into line 4921.0000.410.411.0.0019 and \$12,000 into line 4921.0000.410.411.0.8501. Councilwoman Hostetter made the motion to approve the request. Councilwoman Richey seconded. The motion carried, 6-0.

Auditor Crum presented an additional for the Health Department in fund 1159. The request is to move \$5,000 into line 1159.0000.430.431.0.9018. Councilwoman Hostetter made the motion to approve the request. Councilman Lamar seconded. The motion carried, 6-0.

Kent Eastwood with the Prosecutor's Office presented an additional in the county general Prosecutor fund. He is requesting \$20,000 into the OT-Investigator line for the new investigator hired in April of 2024. This money will be 100% reimbursed to the county by the FBI monthly. Councilman Lamar made the motion to approve the request. Councilwoman Hostetter seconded. The motion carried, 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman VanHorn announced that the new Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library will be holding their grand opening on April 20, 2024 from 2pm-5pm. The address for the new library is 6310 Albert White Dr. Whitestown, IN 46075.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilwoman Hostetter reminded everyone about the wellness credits that are available to earn money for HSA and they could sign up for pickleball for April that would be included in the first HSA wellness payout in May.

Councilwoman Hostetter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Richey seconded. The motion carried, 6-0.

Minutes Prepared by Caryn Strode, Deputy Auditor.

Kenneth Hedge
Boone County Council President

Date

Debbie M. Morton-Crum
Boone County Auditor

Date