

**COUNCIL MINUTES
BOONE COUNTY, INDIANA
June 11, 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, June 11th, 2024, at 8:30am.

Councilman Hedge called the meeting to order. Council members in attendance were Aaron Williams, 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 May 14, 2024 council minutes. Councilman Williams made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman VanHorn seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Chou-il Lee with Taft spoke on the new Ordinance 2024-02 which is amending the allocation percentages for MVH funds 1173 and 1176. The new ordinance states it will now receipt 45% of the State distribution into fund 1173, and 55% into fund 1176. This change will help the MVH non-restricted fund (1176) to maintain a positive cash balance as the previous split of 90%/10% was not sufficient to maintain a positive cash balance. Mr. Lee stated that the Council would need to make a vote to suspend the rules of State legislation and to consider the ordinance. Councilman Williams made a motion to do so. Councilman Lamar seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0. Then Councilman Lamar made a motion to pass the ordinance. Councilman Riner seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0. Mr. Lee noted that the percentage allocation can be adjusted next year if needed with another ordinance.

Casey Samson with Center Township requested that the Council approve to contribute monies from the Jail LIT next year. He requested \$180,000 and said that he would allocate that to staffing at Center Township Fire Department. Councilman Hedge stated that this is a discussion and decision the Council would consider at budget time which is coming up in the coming months.

SALARY AMENDMENT

N/A

IN THE MATTER OF RE-APPROPRIATIONS

Area Plan requested to move \$40,000 from 1000.0101.410.411.0.3111 (Executive Director) to 1000.0101.430.431.0.3136 (Planning Consultant) to pay the interim Area Plan Director until a permanent director is hired. Councilman Lamar made a motion to approve. Councilwoman Richey seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

N/A

OLD BUSINESS

Nick Parr with the Highway Department wanted to report to the Council that he hired a new full-time Office Manager. He also noted that the other full-time office staff personnel had resigned. Mr. Parr asked the Council to let him keep 2 full-time office staff. The Council discussed it and decided to put it back to how it was before with one full-time and one part-time employee for the remainder of this year. Councilman Riner made a motion to approve that decision.

Councilwoman Hostetter seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0. The salary ordinance will be updated and approved at the next Council meeting to reflect one full-time and one part-time.

Councilman Hedge spoke on the budget timeline. He said the Council members need to be working as budget liaisons with the departments they were designated to. Auditor Crum recommended they should have those meetings done by June 25th as the Form 1's will be available to the departments on July 1st and then due back to the Auditor's office by July 15th.

Susan Reid and Alex McKinney with Baker Tilly presented a Capital Improvement Plan update to the Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Matt Gentry spoke on the request by Casey Samson with Center Township of Jail LIT monies. He stated that the City of Lebanon has offered to unify with Center Township Fire.

Councilwoman Hostetter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Williams seconded. The motion carried, 7-0.

Minutes Prepared by Caryn Strode, Deputy Auditor.

Kenneth Hedge
Boone County Council President

Date

Debbie M. Morton-Crum
Boone County Auditor

Date