

**MIAMI COUNTY COUNCIL
25 NORTH BROADWAY
PERU, INDIANA 46970
JULY 15, 2008**

Council President Duckwall called the July meeting to order.

Councilman McAuliffe led everyone in prayer and Council President Duckwall led the pledge.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

MINUTES

Councilman Click moved to approve the minutes. The motion was 2nd by Councilperson Hunt and passed 7-0.

EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS

None

L.O.I.T. TAX RESOLUTION AND ORDINANCES

David Grund, County Attorney, informed the Miami County Income Tax Council that according to the Statue, the Board has to pass a resolution stating that the Council has considered the impact of adopting the county option tax to provide property tax relief in respect to all taxpayers in the County.

Councilman Click made a motion to adopt the resolution (7-15-08A) and Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion. The motion passed 7-0 at 7:09 p.m.

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to adopt Ordinance 7-15-08B, Ordinance imposing the County Option Income Tax to Provide Property Tax Relief. Councilman Wiles 2nd the motion. Council President asked if there was any discussion. Councilman Click just wanted to comment that the people he had spoken to told him they would rather have the tax relief on their home as they can raise the rent that they charge.

It was also mentioned that everyone with the exception of Amboy had sent in their votes and all had passed unanimously.

The adoption of Ordinance 7-15-08B passed 7-0 at 7:15 p.m.

Councilman Click made a motion to adopt Ordinance 7-15-08C, Ordinance Imposing A County Option Income Tax To Provide Funding For Public Safety. Councilman Wiles 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0 at 7:19 p.m.

With each ordinance passing unanimously, Councilman Click made a motion to suspend the rules and vote on the ordinances again. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Councilman Click made a motion to adopt Ordinance 7-15-08B for the 2nd time and the motion was 2nd by Councilwoman Mull. The motion passed 7-0.

Councilman Click made a motion to adopt 7-15-08C for the 2nd time. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Councilman Click made a motion to suspend the rules in regard to Resolution 7-15-08A. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Councilman Click made a motion to adopt for the 2nd time Resolution 7-15-08A and Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

Next item for consideration was MCEDA. Mr. Tidd explained that there is 23 acres east of the medical clinic on 24 that a potential business is wanted to locate at.

Mr. Tidd presented Resolution 7-15-08D, Declaratory Resolution Designating the Oldfather Planned Unit Development as an Economic Revitalization Area, for consideration to the Council.

Councilman Click made a motion to adopt Resolution 7-15-08D. Councilman Wiles 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Councilman Click made a motion to set the Public Hearing for Resolution 7-15-08D for August 19th at 6:45 p.m. and Councilman McAuliffe 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. John Alfrey addressed the Council wanting to know how money they think they need to make up the shortfall and how much money they will make off of this. He was told by the Council that the 1% was property tax replacement and the .25 Public Safety portion was the only part bringing in revenue. Mr. Alfrey said the taxpayers will make their discussion at election time.

Mr. Dick Lancaster asked the Council if they believed that with the state of the County we can tax our way out. He doesn't mind paying his fair share but he doesn't understand how we can in good conscience spend 20 million for a jail and an additional \$400,000.00 for staff.

Councilman Hunt said he is not happy about having to build a jail but he applauds the work the Board of Commissioner did on the Jail project. Council President Duckwall concurs.

Mr. Wayne Bunker wanted to know why we went from covering a 1.4 million dollar shortfall to 3x that. The Council explained that Weatherwax did not project past next year. Councilman Click said they had asked the State to wait 2 year to see how everything ended up but the State would not do that.

Councilman Click made a motion to adjourn and Councilman Hunt 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

**Jane Lilley
Chief Deputy Auditor**