

MIAMI COUNTY COUNCIL  
25 NORTH BROADWAY  
PERU, INDIANA 46970  
JUNE 16, 2009

Council President Ralph Duckwall called the meeting to order.

Council President Ralph Duckwall led those in attendance in prayer and the reciting of the pledge to the flag.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**MINUTES**

Councilman Hunt moved to approve the May minutes. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Mull and passed 7-0.

**APPROPRIATIONS OR TRANSFERS**

**TOWN OF MACY**

Marilyn Jackson from the Town of Macy came before the Board with a request for \$60,000 from C.E.D.I.T. money as a match for Federal Grant money to fund the new sewer system in Macy. The Council is willing to consider the request with a stipulation that half of the money (\$30,000) be paid back. Mrs. Jackson presented a wage survey that shows the low incomes of the residents of Macy. She is concerned about the retired people living there and what kind of effect a high rate would do to them. Patrick Roberts, County Attorney, addressed the group with concerns of some things that need to be done first and recommends that the Council resolves to support the request but not actually approve the additional appropriation request at this time. Councilwoman Mull made a motion to commit \$60,000 of C.E.D.I.T. money for the Town of Macy sewer project. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Wiles and passed 7-0

**LCC COORDINATOR**

Councilman Hunt spoke to the Council regarding this issue. The LCC Board had to submit their budget to the Council in June of last year and in November the LCC Board looked at the salary of the LCC Coordinator and decided to raise her pay (it had not been raised in 3 or 4 years). The raise had not been approved by the Council therefore they had to request an additional appropriation. Councilman Wiles made a motion to approve and Councilman Hunt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

**E 9-1-1**

Councilman Wiles made a motion to table this item until next month. Councilwoman Mull 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

**CLERK**

Deborah Walker, Miami County Clerk, made a request to purchase some desk scanners for her office out of the Clerk Perpetuation Fund and the Clerk 4-D Fund (1/2 out of each). Councilman Kendall moved to approve and Councilman McAuliffe 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

**REQUEST FOR AUDIENCE**

**MCEDA**

Mr. Jim Tidd of MCEDA presented a program he would like to see funded out of C.E.D.I.T. Funds. The program is for students in 9-12 grade and helps the students figure out what they want to do in life and what skills it will take to get there. He said the program would serve Peru, North Miami and Maconaquah school corporations. They will be going before the Peru Common Council with the same presentation and asking that they pay 1/3 of the cost and the County pay

2/3 of the cost. Councilman Donaldson asked about Oak Hill School Corporation since part of it is in Miami County. Mr. Tidd said they could probably work out something for those students from Miami County attending Oak Hill. Councilman Kendall asked if this is something the Guidance Counselors at the schools are suppose to be doing and felt that the transcripts from the schools should give the students level. Councilwoman Mull asked if this program would be a duplication of the Vocational School. There were many questions and concerns regarding this issue and Council President Ralph Duckwall asked Mr. Tidd if he could set up another meeting where the program could be further discussed and information shared. Mr. Tidd will set up another meeting to go over the program in more detail before the next Council meeting.

#### **MEXICO SEWER PROJECT**

Shirley Lezenby from the Mexico Project came before the Board requesting to be able to spend some of the funds granted to them by the Council on an option to purchase land for the project. There were some misunderstandings about whether the group wanted to purchase land with the money or not. The money would be used to purchase an option to purchase only. The option would cost \$2000 for each property. Councilman Kendall moved to approve and Councilwoman Mull 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

#### **COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

None

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilperson Mull. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman McAuliffe and passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted

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Jane Lilley  
Miami County Auditor