

MIAMI COUNTY COUNCIL  
25 NORTH BROADWAY  
PERU, INDIANA 46970  
DECEMBER 20, 2011

Council President Ralph Duckwall called the meeting to order and Councilman Wiles led the group in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

All members were in attendance.

Council President asked the Board if there was anything that needed to be added to the agenda. Councilman McAuliffe asked that abatement for Von Liche Kennels be added.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Brenda Weaver, Recorder, could not make the meeting, but asked the Auditor if she could document a correction for her. During budget hearings, someone incorrectly stated that Rhonda Trexler was the interim Recorder and the interim Director in 2008. Mrs. Trexler was appointed to replace the Recorder who left 1 year before her term was up. Mrs. Trexler was the Recorder for 2008.

#### **MINUTES**

Councilman McAuliffe asked if the minutes could be corrected later if they discovered an issue. The Auditor said she can make a notation such as was done for the title correction for the Recorder.

Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve the October 18<sup>th</sup> (regular meeting) minutes. Councilwoman Mull 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

Councilman McAuliffe made a motion to approve the minutes from the special meeting on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Councilwoman Mull 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 15<sup>th</sup> (regular) meeting. Councilwoman Mull 2<sup>nd</sup> that motion and it passed 6-0-1 (McAuliffe abstained due to not being at that meeting).

Councilman McAuliffe made a motion to approve the minutes from the special meeting on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Councilwoman Mull 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0

Councilman Kendall asked about the October 27<sup>th</sup> meeting where the Council changed the Clerk's budgets. The numbers sent to the State was different than what was decided during that meeting. Council President Duckwall explained that there was not enough notice given for the meeting on October 27<sup>th</sup> meeting (the meeting where the numbers were changed) so the Council President told the Auditor to send in the numbers from the original adoption. President Duckwall reminded the Council that the Council controls the budget and the State determines how much money is allowed for the budget. Pat Woods, Treasurer's office, stated that not all of the interest had been reported. The Auditor explained that when the budgets are done in July, we cannot predict what will come in the second half of the year. We take what was collected the first half of the year and times that by two for an estimate of the 18 month cycle that determines the budget process.

#### **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS/TRANSFERS**

##### **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Craig Boyer, Chairman of the Commissioners, explained to the Board that reality has hit the County General Fund due to increasing cost such as Health insurance, Social Security and PERF shortfalls. Since we are self insured, claims are paid with money from County General. The December settlement brought 1.9 million but there will not be a lot left after paying the end of the

year bills. The Commissioners are asking the Council to appropriate \$600,000 from Rainy Day and \$600,000 from Riverboat funds to get us through the first half of 2012. Councilman McAuliffe asked if that would get us through until May or June. It depends on how much our expenditure are. Council President Duckwall stated he would like to see it be a loan. Chairman Boyer said if there is money left it could go back but he didn't see any way it could be paid back as tight as money is. Councilwoman Mull made a motion to allow a loan of \$600,000 from Riverboat and \$600,000 from Rainy Day to be made after January 1<sup>st</sup> to be paid back by the end of 2012. Councilman Hunt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

#### **COUNCIL ACTION**

Councilman McAuliffe made a motion to approve the Confirmatory Resolution for Von Liche Kennels. Councilman Wiles 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 5-2 (Donaldson and Kendall)

Christy Householder explained that they are asking for abatement for Von Liche Kennels. They are going to be constructing a building and have already obtained a contract with the Army. This project would help save the lives of soldiers. Motion to grant abatement was made by Councilwoman Mull and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Wiles. Motion passed 6-1 (Donaldson).

#### **REQUEST FOR AUDIENCE**

Councilman Kendall asked about back taxes that were paid and why it was swept under the rug. The Auditor explained what was paid and that it was not swept under the rug. The Auditor informed the Board of Commissioners since they are the Legislative body. Councilwoman Mull stated that it was the Board of Commissioners issue and not the Council.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jim Tidd updated the Council on the Baldwin, Hanger 200 project.

Councilman McAuliffe made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Mull 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted

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Jane Lilley  
Miami County Auditor