

MIAMI COUNTY COUNCIL
25 NORTH BROADWAY
PERU, INDIANA 46970
January 10, 2023

Councilwoman Chittum – Present
Councilman Fruth – Present
Councilman Donaldson – Present
Councilman Wiles – Present
Councilman Allen – Present
Councilman Sailors – Absent
Councilman Nutt-Present

Vice President Chittum called the meeting to order.

Councilman Wiles led the group in prayer and Vice President Chittum led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Vice President Chittum opened the floor for nominations for Council President. Councilman Donaldson made a motion to nominate Councilwoman Chittum as Council President. Councilman Nutt 2nd the motion. Councilman Donaldson made a motion to close nominations. Councilman Allen 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0.

President Chittum opened the floor for nomination for Vice-President. Councilman Donaldson 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0. Councilman Allen made a motion to nominate Councilman Nutt as Council Vice President. Councilman Wiles 2nd the motion. Councilman Donaldson made a motion to close nominations. Councilman Allen 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

President Chittum noted the list of committee appointments were previously sent to the board for review. President Chittum reviewed the committee appointments below:

Budget and Wage	3	Brad Fruth, Sandy Chittum, Dick Wiles
Community Corrections	1	John Allen
County Plan Commission	1	Brad Fruth
Courthouse Security	1-2	John Donaldson, Bryan Nutt

Dukes Healthcare Foundation	2	David Sailors, Richard Wiles
E911	2	Richard Wiles
Emergency Management Agency	1	John Donaldson
Historical Society	1	Sandy Chittum
IT Committee	1	Brad Fruth
Jail	2	David Sailors, Sandy Chittum
Local Coordinating Council	1	John Allen
MCEDA Elected Officials Council	1-2	Bryan Nutt, Sandy Chittum
Miami County Chamber of Commerce	1	Sandy Chittum
Purdue Extension Advisory Board	1	John Donaldson
Regional Planning Council	1	Richard Wiles
Solid Waste District	1	David Sailors
Tax Abatement	3	Brad Fruth, Sandy Chittum, Bryan Nutt
Peru Public Library	1	John Allen

Councilman Wiles asked about the 2nd appointment to the 9-1-1 Committee. President Chittum will work on finding a 2nd appointment. Councilman Nutt made a motion to approve the committee appointments. Councilman Allen 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0.

MINUTES

Councilman Wiles made a motion to approve the December 20, 2022 minutes. Councilman Nutt 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION/TRANSFERS

None

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

-UPDATE TO 2023 SALARY ORDINANCE

The Council received the 2023 Salary Ordinance Amendment #2, updating the part-time nurse rate. Auditor Brown explained in 2022, the Health Department requested approval to apply for a School Liaison grant, but due to many changes with the state the Health Department did not initially apply. Towards the end of the year, the Health Department did apply for the School Liaison grant and requested an increase in wages to the position and rate for the part-time nurse. Auditor Brown explained due to the confusion on the grant approval, the salary ordinance did not get updated to reflect the pay range of \$20-\$30 for the part-time nurse. Councilman Fruth made a motion to approve the 2023 Salary Ordinance Amendment #2 with the change in the part-time nurse rate to \$20-\$30 per hour. Councilman Nutt 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0.

-BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS APPOINTMENT

The Council received a request to appoint Sue Ellen Sopher to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Councilman Fruth made a motion to approve the appointment of Sue Ellen Sopher to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Councilman Nutt 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0.

REQUEST FOR AUDIENCE

None

COUNCIL DISCUSSION & COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Council discussed the transfer of funds from CEDIT to Rainy Day for the construction/reconstruction project at the Courthouse. Auditor Brown explained the Council approved to transfer \$30,000 a month from CEDIT Economic Development to Rainy Day back in 2020, with the original agreement being to transfer \$30,000 from CEDIT Economic Development and \$10,000 from County General. With the pandemic, the Council stopped the transfer of \$10,000 from County General, but the CEDIT Economic Development transfer continues. Auditor Brown noted an update needs to come from the Board of Commissioners on how they want to proceed, but wanted to make sure the Council reviews yearly the transfer. Councilman Wiles noted that he can see both sides to stopping the transfer and allowing it to go on.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Phil Phillippo welcomed Councilman Fruth & Councilman Allen to the Council and congratulated President Chittum and Vice President Nutt for their positions.

Councilman Fruth made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Nutt 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Brown
Miami County Auditor