

MIAMI COUNTY COUNCIL
25 NORTH BROADWAY
PERU, INDIANA 46970
March 15, 2022

Councilman Duckwall – Present
Councilwoman Chittum – Present
Councilman Donaldson – Present
Councilman Wood – Present
Councilman Wiles – Present
Councilman Sailors – Present
Councilman Nutt-Present

President Duckwall called the meeting to order.

Councilman Wiles led the group in prayer. President Duckwall led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

MINUTES

Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve the February 15, 2022 minutes. Councilman Nutt 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION/TRANSFERS

None

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

-SALARY ORDINANCE UPDATE

Auditor Brown presented 2022 Salary Ordinance Amendment #4 to reflect the change in wages for the 9-1-1 Director and Soil and Water Director as approved at the February 15, 2022 Council meeting. Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve the 2022 Salary Ordinance Amendment #4. Councilman Nutt 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

-ENCUMBRANCE RESOLUTION

Auditor Brown presented Resolution 3/15/22 An Ordinance of The Miami County Council Encumbering 2021 Funds for The 2022 Budget Year. Auditor Brown explained department can only encumber funds if there is a quote, invoice or contract that would not be billed until the following year. The total amount of encumbrance is \$1,476,669.03, which includes all payroll encumbered from 2021 to 2022. Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve Resolution 3/15/22 An Ordinance of The Miami County Council Encumbering 2021 Funds for The 2022 Budget Year. Councilman Wood 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

-2022 SHERIFF CONTRACT

The Council received the 2022 Sheriff Contract for Sheriff Tim Hunter. Total contract for 2022 is \$90,000, reflecting the same salary as it has been. President Duckwall noted the Board of Commissioners approved the contract and needed final approval by the Council. Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to approve the 2022 Sheriff Contract for \$90,000. Councilman Sailors 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

REQUEST FOR AUDIENCE

None

COUNCIL DISCUSSION & COMMITTEE UPDATE

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Donahoe questioned the Council regarding the proposed support of \$200,000 for the housing development. Mr. Donahoe is concerned about giving funding to a firm for a blunder they encountered with the land. President Duckwall noted the Council would consider the request. President Duckwall went on to note that the request was not due to a blunder, but an issue the housing company experienced much like the YMCA. President Duckwall further stated MCEDA did not want to borrow funding for the remediation of the soil/concrete removal with TIF funding, as it would deplete funds for future projects. Instead, MCEDA would request \$200,000 from City of Peru, \$200,000 from the county and then borrow the balance needed with TIF funding.

Sheriff Tim Hunter thanked the Council for approving the pay adjustment for 9-1-1 Director, Molly Grant. Sheriff Hunter stated there is not anyone more deserving and the increase much appreciated.

Councilwoman Chittum made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Nutt 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Brown

Miami County Auditor