

WHITLEY COUNTY COUNCIL
February 7, 2012

The Whitley County Council met in a regular session on Tuesday February 6, 2012 in the Commissioner's Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. Members in attendance were Chairman John Barrett, Vice Chairman Jim Bayman, Kim Wheeler, Glen LaRue, Tom Western and Paula Reimers, Bill Overdeer was absent. Also in attendance were Auditor Jen McGuire, Coordinator Amy Crickmore, Otto Boschert Jr, Alan Tio, Jim Becher, Jim Atz, Don Amber, Henry Janda, Brandon Forrester, Marc Gatton, Carrie Meyer, Michael Schrader, Chad Whetstone and Jerry Busche

Chairman Barrett called the meeting to Order.

IN THE MATTER MINUTES: Minutes from the regular Council meeting January 4, 2012 were reviewed, a motion to approve as submitted was made by Bayman, seconded by LaRue and carried for approval with a 5/0 vote with Western abstaining. The minutes from the Joint meeting held January 25, 2012 were reviewed, a motion to approve was made by Western, seconded by Wheeler and carried with a 5/0 vote with Reimers abstaining.

Regular Council meeting was adjourned for a Public Hearing meeting on the PDQ Abatement.

IN THE MATTER PDQ WORKHOLDING, LLC ABATEMENT: A personal property tax abatement for PDQ was presented to the Council. Resolution #2012-04 of Non Compliance was discussed stating some of the personal property was purchased before the abatement was approved, this resolution will allow PDQ to go back and collect on the prior purchase. After discussion Reimers made a motion to sign Resolution #2012-04 for the Non Compliance, seconded by Western and carried with a 6/0 vote. Next Resolution #2012-05 is the actual deduction of Personal Property within an ERA, in the amount of 1,026,000 for a ten year period, creating an additional five new jobs. A motion by Bayman to approve this Resolution was made, seconded by LaRue and carried with a 6/0 vote by Council.

With no further discussion for the Pubic Hearing the hearing was adjourned, and Council reconvened back the normal Council meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW POLICE VEHICLES: Marc Gatton, Chief Deputy, came before the Council for approval of the purchase of two new Dodge Chargers. The cost will be a total of \$52,984, each vehicle is \$24,492 and there will be a need of \$2000 per vehicle for equipment. The amount is in the Cum Cap budget for 2012, after discussion of the need and if funding can come from other sources a motion to approve was made by Western, seconded by Reimers and carried with a 4/2 vote with Bayman and LaRue casting nay votes for the purchase.

IN THE MATTER INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS: Auditor McGuire presented an Ordinance #2012-03 to the Council from the Treasurer that will allow taxpayers to make monthly installments or deductions towards their property tax bills. After discussion of the benefits for this program a motion to sign the Resolution was made by Bayman, seconded by LaRue and carried for approval with a 6/0 vote to allow taxpayers to pay property tax bills by monthly installments or deductions.

IN THE MATTER ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS: Brandon Forrester, county engineer, brought before the Council an additional appropriation for surveyor cornerstone in the amount of \$4,750, in regards to invoices from Walker & Associates for section corner work that has been done. After discussion a motion to approve was made by Reimers, seconded by Wheeler and carried with a 6/0 vote of approval. Further discussion was the necessary funding for cornerstone locations and see if it will be discussed at budget time in the Fall. Brandon gave the Council notification that Devon Shuman will be retiring April 27, 2012, and wanting an overlap of funding for the cross training of work before he retires. Council gave their general consensus to go fourth with finding a replacement.

IN THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE BOARD APPOINTMENT: A request for the 2012 Council appointment to the Local Alcoholic Beverage Board for Ted Linn, his term will be for one year from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012. After reviewing his request a motion to approve the appointment of Ted Linn was made by Bayman, seconded by Wheeler and carried with a 6/0 vote.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT: Commissioner Chairman Amber gave the Commissioner’s report,

- 2012-2013 Two Year CEDIT Program – 9 Projects for 2012
- County declines to fund Sewer Systems for taxpayers
- April is County Government Month

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned.

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John Barrett, Chairman

James Bayman, Vice Chairman

Kim Wheeler

Glen LaRue

Thomas E. Western

William N. Overdeer

Paula G. Reimers

Attest:

Jennifer McGuire, Auditor