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Decatur County Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 21, 2020 Room 106

Present: Danny Peters, Larry Meyer, John Westhafter, Bill Metz, Deanna Burkart, Ernie Gauck and Kenny Hooten

President Peters called the January 21, 2020 meeting of the Decatur County Council to order. He asked Auditor Janet Chadwell to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr Metz moved to approve the December 17th meeting minutes and Mrs Burkart seconded the motion. Motion carries, 7 – 0.

Tourism Director Philip Deiwert told Council members he isn't ready to make a formal request yet regarding a 'sports director or events director' who would/may coordinate events at the Fair Grounds, Pirate Park (soccer fields), amphitheater and possibly the three high school gyms. He is working with **IUPUI's** sports management department hoping to get a grad student to assess/evaluate our community and look at job descriptions from other communities. Mr Gauck asked about scheduling softball tournaments. Mr Deiwert said almost all of the 2020 tournaments are booked, so he's looking to 2021.

EMA Director Brad Speer presented an 'amended 144' (statement of salaries and wages) to pay his part time director \$14.50 an hour instead of the \$13.00 an hour as adopted for the 2020 Budgets. The Council approved part time appropriation was for the \$14.50 rate. Mr Metz moved to allow the hourly rate of \$14.50, retroactive to January 1, 2020. Mr Westhafer seconded the motion. Motion carries, 7 – 0.

Greensburg Housing Authority Director Milissa Ashley and her Housing Inspector Susan Beard asked Council for funding due to **HUD** notifying her on December 5, 2019 a repayment of \$27,279 should be made immediately. **HUD** did agree to an extension to February 7, 2020, for the payment due, which may be made over three years. **Greensburg City Council** denied Ms Ashley's request for the full \$27,279; if she can secure one-third (\$9,083) of the \$27,279 the City Council may reverse 'their no'. The **GHA** serves a 'five mile radius which includes the City of Greensburg'. Mr Hooten moved to pull \$3,028 out of Riverboat Fund for the next three years. Mr Gauck seconded the motion. Motion carries, 7 – 0.

After reviewing requests for additional monies submitted by the **Soil and Water Office (\$25,521.84)** for supplements to salaries and the **Highway Department for match monies (\$333,335) for INDOT's Community Crossings Grants program**. Mr Metz moved to approve both requests and Mr Gauck seconded the motion. Motion carries, 7 – 0.

The **2020 Salary Ordinance** was emailed to Council members last week for them to review prior to today's meeting. Mr Hooten moved to approve the **2020 Salary Ordinance** as presented. Mr Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carries, 7 – 0.

Economic Development Commission Director Bryan Robbins shared **EDC's** annual report; he's continuing working with the Stellar Projects group. A data center through **Hoosier Energy (REMC)**, is considering a business enterprise site across from **Honda**. Mr Robbins told Council their **EDC** appointee Dyar Forkert is looking to retire from the **EDC** and he is looking for a volunteer. Ms Burkart said she would volunteer. Mr Metz moved to nominate Mrs Burkart to the **EDC Greensburg-Decatur County Board of Directors**. Mr Hooten seconded the motion. Motion carries, 7 – 0.

Council reviewed the 'transfer sheet' for the 2020 first quarter from departments' budgets to the Non-reverting Health Insurance Fund. The amount to be transferred from Public Safety should be \$27,655, not the \$20,000. Mr Hooten moved to approve the one-fourth insurance draws and Mr Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carries, 7 – 0.

Mr Gauck told Council he has signed up to attend the 2020 Legislative Sessions on February 11th and 12th.

With nothing else to come before the Council, Mr Metz moved to adjourn and Mr Hooten seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

The Council's next regular meeting is February 18, 2020 at 9:00 am.

Danny Peters, President

Attest: _____

Date: _____