

**Decatur County Council**  
**May 22nd, 2012**  
**7:00 P.M.**

Present: Ernie Gauck, Danny Peters, Kenny Owens, Rheadawn Metz, Geneva Hunt, Kenny Hooten, Larry Meyer

Minutes were approved as submitted with Larry Meyer moving to accept and Rheadawn Metz seconding the motion.

**Mr. Tom Hunter – Greensburg School Superintendent** came before the Council to discuss legislative changes that now require the city school to present their budget to the council. House Bill 1072 now requires that appointed school boards have their budgets approved. Mr. Hunter was concerned about the timeline that must be followed for the state and how it would work with the timeline imposed by the school calendar. He submitted copies of the prior year budget and various reports to the council. After much discussion it was agreed that Mr. Hunter could present his budget at the July 17<sup>th</sup> meeting which will be held at 9:00 a.m. Council Chairman Ernie Gauck requested that any significant changes be summarized and Mr. Gauck will have Mr. Hunter present the budget at the end of the meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Abatements - John Massel – Mesco Mfg** came before the board to request a personal property tax abatement on two machine projects and a 3<sup>rd</sup> project that involves getting air conditioning into the production area to maintain production efficiency and keep the computerized components of the machinery working well. He requested a five year abatement. Their company produces machined precision metal parts, suspension components and other specialty products. After reviewing the paperwork and asking some questions, Chairman Gauck said the paperwork appeared to be in order. Councilor Geneva Hunt moved to approve Resolution 2012-1. Councilor Kenny Owens seconded the motion and Mesco Mfg. was awarded a five year personal property abatement. The Council also performed a hand vote and the vote was 7 – 0 in favor of the abatement.

**Honda** – Compliance forms for an existing abatement were submitted by Honda. After review of the paperwork, Councilor Rheadawn Metz moved to find Honda compliant, Mr. Hooten seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**George Metz – Vice-President of the Cemetery Commission** presented a report of what actions have been taken and the work that has been done by the Cemetery Commission. They have accomplished a lot of work with a handful of volunteers and some hired help from high school students. He did mention that one of the recently discovered cemetery plots may have a Revolutionary War veteran buried in it and if so, there may be some federal money available to preserve the site. The Board all agreed that the Cemetery Commission is doing a great job and the work should continue. Mr. Metz said they would like to request more funding for this calendar year and the board encouraged him to come back with a request for an additional appropriation and the council would approve it. Mr. Metz intends to request \$3500 in additional money. Auditor Wenning mentioned that the DLGF said it is possible to institute a levy for a cemetery fund but that it might take away from some other fund.

There was more discussion on the backlog project involving how County Surveyor Andy Scholle could be compensated for helping do the research. The Council suggested that Tami Wenning contact Frank Cummings to see what his advice would be. The final suggestion to be made was that a payment of \$1000 per month be added into his current salary to cover 20 hours worth of

research per month. His progress would be reviewed in January. Wenning is to check with Mr. Cummings to see if he can offer any suggestions.

The dates for budget review and adoption were set as follows: August 21<sup>st</sup> – 9:00 a.m. Council Meeting followed by Non-binding budget reviews, then the departments present their budget requests.

August 22<sup>nd</sup> – 9:00 a.m. Council meets to finish budget preparation

August 27<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 a.m. Public Hearing for 2011 Budget

Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting and Budget Adoption

Wenning will check to see what the advertisement requirements are for this and the school board reviews.

Councilor Danny Peters moved to adjourn. Councilor Hooten seconded the motion. The motion carried. The council is scheduled to meet on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

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Ernie Gauck, President

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