

Council Meeting

August 17, 2010 – 5:30 pm

The meeting was called to order by President Spaetti. Councilmen Spaetti, Ebert, Winsett, Kress, Waninger, Kroeger, Bunner, and Attorney Wetherill were present.

Minutes

07/20/2010 minutes; Winsett made a motion to approve the minutes. Bunner seconded. All in favor.

Budget Review – Engineer

Engineer Lloyd will be on maternity leave during the scheduled budget hearings and asked to discuss her budget. Lloyd said she is still looking over the work done by her seasonal help and will let Auditor Shelton know if the help can be taken out of the budget. Lloyd also requested funds in the budget for bridge design software. Discussion was had on where in the budget the software should be requested. The council will discuss the budget further during the scheduled budget hearings.

Budget Review – Advisory Plan

Administrator Cail will be at training during the scheduled budget hearings and asked to discuss her budget. An increase was requested in legal services. The council will discuss the budget further during the scheduled budget hearings.

Tourism

Melissa Wilkinson, Executive Director of the Spencer County Visitors' Bureau, discussed the new iphone app, the maps of the county attractions, and the county tourism statistics. Currently county innkeepers' tax is set at 4%, while most of the surrounding counties are set at 5%.

Fidlar – Record Scanning

Greg Sullivan of Fidlar discussed the scanning of the records in the recorders' office. The scanning provides protection from disaster, protection from wear and tear, convenience of searching, and remote searching in the future. Discussion was had on how and where the scanning will take place.

Additional Appropriations

Recorder ID Security Protection

Scanning Books – Recorder Dugas requested \$36,112 from the ID Security Protection Fund to pay for the scanning of the books by Fidar. Kroeger made a motion to approve. Ebert seconded. All in favor.

County General

Commissioner / Inmate Housing – Judge Dartt requested \$20,000 for inmate housing. Bunner made a motion for \$10,000. Winsett seconded. All in favor.

Commissioner / Emergency Lightning Damage – The commissioners requested \$250,000 for repairs necessary due to the lightning strike at the jail/sheriff's office. After discussion the council agreed to wait to see what the insurance will reimburse. Ebert made a motion to table the request. Kroeger seconded.

Courthouse / Janitorial - \$3,000 was requested for Janitorial Supplies. Bunner made a motion to approve \$1,000. Ebert seconded. All in favor.

Sheriff / Meals – Chief Deputy McDurmon requested \$40,000 for inmate meals for the remainder of the year. Winsett made a motion to approve. Kress seconded. All in favor.

Sheriff / Medical, Hospital, & Dental – McDurmon requested \$25,000 for inmate Medical, Hospital, and Dental. Ebert made a motion to approve \$25,000. Waninger seconded. All in favor.

Highway

Highway Superintendent Painter requested the following additions for the 27th pay:

\$9,600 for Truck Drivers

\$25,400 for Equipment Operators

\$1,900 for Mechanics

\$2,830 for Social Security

\$3,880 for PERF

Winsett made a motion to pay for all. Waninger seconded. All in favor.

Unemployment – Painter requested \$7,740 to pay for an on-going unemployment claim. Kress made a motion to approve. Winsett seconded. All in favor.

Cumulative Bridge

Painter requested the following additions for the 27th pay:

\$3,600 for Bridge Crew

\$280 for Social Security

\$380 for PERF

Ebert made a motion to approve all. Bunner seconded. All in favor.

Backhoe – Painter requested \$80,000 for the purchase of a backhoe. After discussion regarding the disposal of the old backhoe, Ebert made a motion to approve. Waninger seconded. All in favor.

COIT

Highway Equipment Building - At the recommendation of the commissioners, Painter requested \$90,000 to contract for the construction of a 60' by 160' equipment building. Discussion was had on the cost of the building. Winsett made a motion to table the request. Kress seconded. All in favor.

Riverboat

Adult Plaza Litigation – Commissioner Attorney Lueken requested \$4,936 for the final legal bills associated with the Adult Plaza Litigation. Lueken read a letter of thanks from the North Spencer Ministerial Association. Bunner made a motion to approve \$4,936. Waninger seconded. All in favor. The council thanked Lueken and Wetherill for their work on the case.

Cornerstone Perpetuation

Section Corners – Surveyor Herron requested \$8,000 to pay for the identification of section cornerstones. Kress made a motion to approve. Winsett seconded. All in favor.

Pre-trial Diversion

Transcription Charges – Prosecutor Wilkinson requested \$1,677 for transcription charges associated with the Ward trial, but was not present at the meeting. The council asked if the charges could be paid for out of the capital trial expenditures. Shelton will research. Kroeger made a motion to table until the next meeting when the Prosecutor will be present. Bunner seconded. All in favor.

Transfers

Chief Deputy McDurmon requested the following transfers:

\$6,185.17 from Senior Jailer to Jailer

\$1,036.20 from Senior Jailer to Chief Jailer

\$16,732.49 from Senior Jailer to Radio Dispatcher

\$294 from Part-time Cook to Janitor

Kress made a motion to approve all. Bunner seconded. All in favor.

Luce Sewer

John Wood, President of LTRSB, reported the sewer district has received approval from the Corp of Engineer to proceed without Corp of Engineer permits. He said the goal is to have the project out for bid by mid-September and have the project awarded by December. Wood also reported the judge has taken the case “under advisement” regarding the districts right to proceed. Wood stated the district is following the letter of the law.

Public Safety Building & the YCC Board

Kress discussed the meetings with the YCC Board and the 4-H Association regarding the proposed Public Safety Building. Kress reported the boards tentatively agreed to look at incorporating the design for the new YCC building with the top floor of the design for the Public Safety Building. The concerns the board has are over the physical appearance of the building, their ability to maintain control over their portion, and their ability to rent out the space. Kroeger stated the square footage of the top floor of the Public Safety Building is the same as the proposed YCC building. Lueken discussed the re-design by Universal Design.

Local Option Income Tax (LOIT)

Kroeger discussed his involvement with the AIC Legislative committee and the state suggested Levy Freeze LOIT. Kroeger explained that the LOIT will save the taxpayers on property taxes but will cost them more income taxes. This would lower taxes for the large companies but increase the income taxes paid by the individual.

Ebert made a motion to adjourn. Kress seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm.

County Council,

President

Attest:

Cindy Shelton, Auditor

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