

VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
Minutes
Tuesday, January 5, 2010 at 5:00 P.M.
Council Chambers, Vigo County Annex

Pledge of Allegiance

Sheriff Jon Marvel called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Calling of the roll

Present: Bill Bryan, Brad Anderson, Ed Ping, Tim Curley, Darrick Scott, Mark Bird, Kathy Miller.

Reorganization

Election of Officers

Tim Seprodi, Vigo County Auditor opened nominations for Council President.

Motion: To elect Kathy Miller, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Bill Bryan, **Seconded by** Tim Curley.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Bill Bryan, Brad Anderson, Ed Ping, Tim Curley, Darrick Scott, Mark Bird, Kathy Miller.

President Kathy Miller opened nominations for Council President Pro-Tem

Motion: To elect Tim Curley, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Darrick Scott, **Seconded by** Bill Bryan.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Bill Bryan, Brad Anderson, Ed Ping, Tim Curley, Darrick Scott, Mark Bird, Kathy Miller.

Adopt 2010 Council Meeting Schedule

President Kathy Miller would like to set the meeting dates as the 4th Tuesday of each month at 5pm.

Motion: to hold Council meetings at 5:00 p.m., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Bill Bryan, **Seconded by** Ed Ping.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Bill Bryan, Brad Anderson, Ed Ping, Tim Curley, Darrick Scott, Mark Bird, Kathy Miller.

An exception to the schedule is the January 19, 2010 meeting, which is not the fourth Tuesday, however, it will be held at 5:00 p.m. President Kathy Miller also reminded the public and County officials that the August and September meetings are Annual Budget meetings and the budget will be the only issue discussed.

Public comment

There was none.

Communications from elected officials of the County

Councilman Tim Curley commended Commissioners in being proactive with the insurance issues.

Communications from other officials or agencies

President Kathy Miller asked the Auditor's office for information on the totals of the fall tax collections. Tim Seprodi, Vigo County Auditor stated that the settlement for the second half of the year was down \$2+ million from the first installment.

Councilman Brad Anderson asked how many properties are going to be in the tax sale, Mr. Seprodi replied over 1,000.

Councilman Darrick Scott stated that there are rumors that the City Council may have to reduce their 2010 budget further due to assessed valuations. He asked Mr. Seprodi if he sees the County needing to cut the 2010 budget due to assessed valuations. He replied, "No, not at this time."

President Kathy Miller asked if the Town of Riley loan has been repaid, which it has not. Currently, the Town of Riley is asking that the loan become a gift. However, at this time it is a loan and should be repaid. Once the loan is paid, Vigo County will reissue the loan to the Town of Riley as the current agreement states. Councilman Darrick Scott addressed the Special Projects meeting and advised if the gift is granted to the Town of Riley, there will be a request for a gift for West Terre Haute water towers and an expectation that the gift request be granted as well.

Commissioner Bill Bryan questioned the details of the agreement and requested the Auditor get an update on the Riley Loan contract as well as send a letter requesting payment.

President Kathy Miller addressed the issue of Council requests submitted to the Auditor's office. She would like the requests to be specific, state what revenue source exists within that department's budget and where the revenue would come from to pay for the requests. In addition, state how the request would be a benefit to the county. Also, submit it to the Auditor's office by the appropriate deadline. This is in effect for all future requests.

First reading by summary reference of proposed ordinances and resolutions

President Kathy Miller assigned Request of Council for the February 23, 2009 meeting to committee for further review.

Appointments

Vigo County Council Annual Budget Committee—1Year

- ✓ Councilman Darrick Scott-Chairman
- ✓ Councilman Ed Ping-Member

- ✓ Councilman Brad Anderson-Member

Vigo County Council Budget Adjustments, Transfers, & Appropriations Committee—1 Year

- ✓ Councilman Mark D. Bird-Chairman
- ✓ Councilman William “Bill” Bryan-Member
- ✓ Councilman Ed Ping-Member

Vigo County Council Personnel Committee—1 Year

- ✓ Councilman Timothy P. Curley-Chairman
- ✓ Councilman Darrick Scott-Member
- ✓ Councilman Brad Anderson-Member

Vigo County Council Facilities, Services, & Special Projects Committee—1 Year

- ✓ Councilman William “Bill” Bryan-Chairman
- ✓ Councilman Timothy P. Curley
- ✓ Councilman Mark D. Bird

Vigo County Council Administrator—1 Year

- ✓ Ryan Oilar

Vigo County Council Attorney—1 Year

- ✓ Robert Effner

Vigo County Council Facilities, Services, and Special Projects Committee—Ex-Officio—1 Year

- ✓ Bernard Riddens

Comments

Councilman Darrick Scott congratulated Commissioner Judy Anderson on taking the President’s seat. He appreciates all of the help from the Commissioners and working with the Council. He acknowledged it is tough at times, but in the end they work it out as a team.

Councilman Tim Curley reiterated that the Council and Commissioners need to work more closely together and times are going to get tough. The Commissioners have already been proactive and with the savings, it has probably saved 6 – 8 employees.

President Kathy Miller would like to add the request of the Commissioners for the Highway equipment and the Riley gift request to the meeting for January 19, 2010. These two issues will be the only items discussed at that meeting. Kylissa Miller, Chief Deputy Auditor advised that the amount for the Highway equipment must be advertised with the fund name and questioned if the Council desires the Riley gift request be advertised as well. It was decided it would advertise as the EDIT fund since that is where the original loan was from.

Adjournment

Motion: 5:30, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Tim Curley, **Seconded by** Bill Bryan.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Bill Bryan, Brad Anderson, Ed Ping, Tim Curley, Darrick Scott, Mark Bird, Kathy Miller.