

VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
Minutes
Wednesday June 29, 2016 at 2:00 P.M.
Council Chambers, Vigo County Annex

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Rick Burger brought the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

Calling of the roll

Present: Mike Morris, Bill Thomas, Rick Burger.

Absent/Excused: Ed Ping, Kathy Miller, Tim P. Curley, Mark Bird.

Communications from elected officials, other officials, or agencies of the County

Quasar SynGas LLC

Nalin Gupta, managing partner of Quasar Energy Partners, spoke regarding Phibro Group and a group of investors investing about \$450 million to convert the former SG Solutions coal gasification plant outside of West Terre Haute into an ammonia fertilizer production facility.

The project is through Phibro's affiliate Phillip Brothers Fertilizer and will create about 100 new jobs.

It will create and save manufacturing jobs, provide the most affordable fertilizer for farmers in the area and reduce our nation's reliance on imported ammonia fertilizer.

Following the conversion, the plant will use petroleum coke ("petcoke") sourced from Midwest refineries as a feedstock to produce ammonia. Petcoke is more economical than the natural gas many other ammonia plants use as a feedstock and will enable the plant to offer local farmers more affordable fertilizer, according to the company.

The gasification plant's clean coal technology, which was first funded by the Department of Energy more than two decades ago, allows for repurposing it to a world-scale ammonia production plant. There are very few plants in the U.S. with similar technology. The acquisition and conversion of the plant, which had been scheduled to be decommissioned, will not only save existing jobs.

The project is targeting a mid-2018 completion date.

Vigo County Council could not vote on Resolution No. 2016-02, *Resolution of the County Council of Vigo County, Indiana declaring the Council's official intent to reimburse certain capital expenditures of Quasar SynGas LLC from the proceeds of environmental improvement revenue bonds; authorizing certain incidental actions; and providing for an effective date*, due to only three County Councilmen present and must have a majority of the seven County Councilmen to vote. Meeting was recessed until Thursday, June 30, 2016 at 3:00 PM for more councilmen to be present.

Adjournment

Motion: to recess on Thursday, June 30, 2016 at 3:00 PM, **Action:** Recessed, **Moved by** Mike Morris, **None seconded.**

MINUTES OF THE VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
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Presented to the Vigo County Council, read in full and adopted as written this 11th day of October, 2016.

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_____ Mark Bird _____

_____ Tim P. Curley _____

_____ Kathy Miller _____

 _____ Mike Morris _____

_____ Ed Ping _____

 _____ Bill Thomas _____



Rick Burger, President

Attest:

Timothy M. Seprodi
Vigo Auditor