

VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
Minutes (*As Amended on November 13, 2018*)
Monday, July 9, 2018 at 4:00 P.M.
Council Chambers, Vigo County Annex

Pledge of Allegiance

President Aaron Loudermilk called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Calling of the roll

Present: Mike Morris, Bill Thomas, Vicki Weger, Brendan Kearns, Aaron Loudermilk

Absent: Jim Mann II, Tim Curley

Questions or Comments from Public or Representatives of Local Government on the potential adoption of a Vigo County Food and Beverage Tax.

Public Comment

Dennis Burskey commented that waitresses don't receive enough tips as it is and some people that are on a fixed income will have a hard time going out to restaurants anymore if there is a food and beverage tax.

Pastor Dwayne Malone questioned the tax dollars being used for this project (Convention Center Project), will it also be used for future projects in the community. He also commented about the 13th Street corridor and what development could be brought to that area.

David Haynes, President of the Terre Haute Chambers of Commerce, the chamber represents 651 local businesses. They expressed gratitude that the food and beverage tax was coming to Terre Haute with the Convention Center here in Terre Haute. We will benefit from it and will increase tourism.

County Commissioner and CIB President Jon Marvel commented that our State Senator Jon Ford fought hard for this bill along with a few others and he also commented on Friday July 6, 2018 in the Tribune Star there was a comment made about the Food and beverage tax.

Council Comment

Councilman Mike Morris commented that several years ago they entertained an idea about having a convention center and at that time they were going to take \$10 million out of the edit money and at that time they were advised they could not have a food and beverage tax. Now we don't have a partnership with ISU and a plan established but he believes this will be a positive thing for Terre Haute and the surrounding communities.

Councilman Bill Thomas stated that the initial plan was to be able to fund the construction along with the food and beverage tax for the Convention Center will help move Terre Haute forward.

Councilwoman Vicki Weger commented to what Dennis Burskey stated that this would be something that would concern people who do work as a wait staff but to have the convention center here in our community it will get more tourism here in our county.

Councilman Brendan Kearns commented that when he travels he looks at other communities to see what they have to offer and looks for things that would be great for this community. We need to use the edit money to invest into our community. He has been supportive of this tax since day one and we could use a convention center to help bring in the tourism and help bring in other attractions.

Ordinance 2018-01 Establishing Vigo County Food and Beverage Tax

County Auditor James W. Bramble read the second reading of Ordinance 2018-01 Vigo County Food and Beverage Tax.

President Aaron Loudermilk stated that during the first reading of the Ordinance 2018-01 there was a change in the language on page one and page two. Motion to amend the language in Ordinance 2018-01 was made.

Motion: to approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vicki Weger, **Seconded by:** Bill Thomas.

Motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2018-01 Establishing Vigo County Food and Beverage Tax motion made to approve.

Motion: to approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vicki Weger, **Seconded by:** Brendan Kearns.

Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Motion: to adjourn, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by:** Mike Morris, **Seconded by:** Bill Thomas.

Motion passed unanimously.