

VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
Minutes
Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 5:00 P.M.
Council Chambers, Vigo County Annex

Pledge of Allegiance

Todd Thacker called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Calling of the roll

Present: R. Todd Thacker, Travis Norris, Marie Theisz, Vicki Weger, Nancy Allsup, David Thompson, Aaron Loudermilk.

Reorganization

Auditor James Bramble stated that the first order of business was to open nominations for President. Marie Theisz made a motion to elect Todd Thacker as President. Vicki Weger seconded the motion. With no other nominations and upon a voice vote of 7-0, the motion was unanimously passed and Todd Thacker was elected President. President Thacker then asked for nominations for President Pro Tem. Vicki Weger made a motion to elect Marie Theisz as President Pro Tem. Nancy Allsup seconded the motion. With no other nominations and with a voice vote of 7-0, the motion was unanimously passed and Marie Theisz was elected as President Pro Tem.

The next order of business was the adoption of rules. The proposed rules for this year had been distributed to the Council. The rules are the same rules as adopted last year with updated dates. President Thacker said that the date of the first meeting had changed this year due to the holiday falling so close to the date. Vicki Weger asked about the time allotted for public comment. President Thacker said that was addressed under Rule 4 and said that the length of statement of such person or groups may be limited to 5 minutes or less except in the case the presiding officer extends the time. Vicki Weger noted that the City Council limited their public comments to 3 minutes. She then made a motion to amend Rule 4 concerning public comments to 3 minutes or less. Travis Norris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 7-0, the motion unanimously passed. Travis Norris made a motion to accept the Rules as amended for 2024. Vicki Weger seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 7-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Next was adoption of a tentative meeting schedule for 2024, a copy of which had been provided to the Council. President Thacker noted that two meetings, April 9 and October 8, would need to be conducted at City Hall due to early voting. A calendar providing dates for conducting a meeting in December had also been distributed for consideration. President Thacker also noted there was a legislative session scheduled for February 6 and 7 in Indianapolis for county officials. He noted that he knew of several Council members that wished to attend along with the Auditor's Office and, in that case, it might be wise to adjust the dated of the February Sunshine Meeting in order to have a quorum. There was discussion about moving the date to Thursday, February 8, and the addition of a

December meeting. Marie Theisz made a motion to approve the calendar dates for 2024 and moving the Tuesday, February 6 Sunshine Meeting to Thursday, February 8, due to a conference and to also note that the April 9 and October 8 meetings will be held at City Hall, and adding December meetings. Vicki Weger seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 7-0, the motion unanimously passed.

It was decided that a picture of the Counsel will be taken at the February meeting and, after a brief discussion, they decided to use a professional photographer to take the picture since there were funds in the budget to have that done.

Communications from elected officials of the County

Marie Theisz made several comments about the Markle Mill Dam project and how nicely it has turned out. She also reminded everyone that the pancake breakfast put on by the Parks Department is coming up. Todd Thacker noted that he is going to come in one day a week in the coming year and work with the Courts, the Prosecutors, the Public Defenders, and Sheriff's Department on coming up with a plan to get all inmates back in the County and get the jail numbers down. He also said he had been talking with Travis Norris about heading a group for vehicle procurement for county vehicles. Travis Norris said he thought money could be saved to purchase several vehicles at a time rather than one vehicle at a time. It could also be done less often and build a program where the vehicles are purchased on a more routine basis and not have a bunch of worn out vehicles in different divisions all at once. It should lower the cost to the taxpayer in the end by keeping the fleets better taken care of. Nancy Allsup said she would like to work on getting a tax abatement form package together.

Communications from other officials or agencies

There were none.

Appointments.

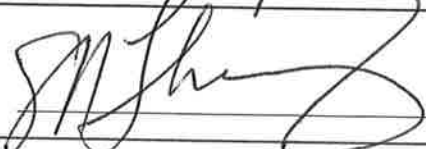
President Thacker announced that no appointments would be made tonight but would be announced at the February meeting. There will be a new appointment from the Council to the Board of Health. Marie Theisz said she would like to see the Council in the future advertise upcoming board openings to open new opportunities. There was a short discussion about that. There was also discussion about the need to come up with a plan to maintain the Baker Tilly study going forward. Council would also like to see the employees provided with total compensation packets so they are aware of exactly what they have.

Public Comment.


There were none.

Marie Theisz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Nancy Allsup seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 7-0, the motion was unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned.

Presented to the Vigo County Council, read in full and adopted this 13th day of February, 2024.

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Attest:



James W. Bramble
Vigo Auditor