

**WARREN COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2018**

The Warren County Council were sworn in for their first meeting of August 2018 by Debra Hiatt, Clerk. Present for the meeting were: John Comer, Adam Hanthorne, Steve McIntosh, George Taylor, Clay Andrews, Lee Kay and Sharon Hutchison. Also, in attendance were Brian Jordan, Tom Hetrick, John Kuiper, Jenny Hobaugh, Matt Herndon, Bill Miller and Steve Eberly.

1. The meeting was called to order by John Comer, Council President.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Comer.
3. The Warren County 2019 Budget Hearing was held. There were questions concerning salaries from Debbie Hiatt, Clerk, as the salary increase request was not granted. The salary was discussed and the Council explained the decision that had been made. There were no comments from the public.
4. The Warren County Solid Waste 2019 Budget Hearing was held. Jenny Hobaugh, Solid Waste Director stated that 80,000 pounds were recycled last year. There were no comments from the public.
5. Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor, presented the 2019 Maximum Levy and 2019 Estimated Property Tax Cap Reports were presented for approval. After much discussion and explanation, the Maximum Levy and Estimated Property Tax Caps were approved.
6. Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor, presented the 2019 Form 3 Budget for the State Line City Civil Town for adoption as per HEA 1264-2015. Lee Kay made a motion to approve the 2019 State Line City Civil Town Form 3 as presented with a second from Steve McIntosh, all voted in favor.
7. Proposed Local Income Tax Rate Change – Weston-Hubner presented information from the DLGF concerning the proposed change. The total change will not increase the Local Income Tax Rate, but will increase the Public Safety by approximately \$91,900.00 overall and decrease the Economic Development Revenue. Lee Kay made a motion to approve the proposed ordinance modifying the LIT for Public Safety and Economic Development with a second by George Taylor, all voted in favor. The Ordinance adoption will be at the September 24, 2018 Council Meeting at 4:00 p.m.
8. New Business:
 - a. Sharon Hutchison made a motion to approve the July 23, 2018 minutes with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor and the minutes were signed. George Taylor made a motion to approve the June 25, 2018 minutes with a second from Sharon Hutchison, all voted in favor and the minutes were signed. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the July 30, 2018 minutes with a second from Lee Kay, all voted in favor and the minutes were signed. Weston-Hubner presented information concerning the Council Minutes posted after approval, on the County Website. Lee Kay made a motion that approved minutes be placed on the website with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 - b. County Council Meeting Schedule for 2019 - Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the County Council Meeting Schedule for 2019 with a second from George Taylor, all in favor.
 - c. Biller Miller, Sheriff, presented information concerning the Sheriff pension renewal. Line of duty death is currently \$25,000 with this recommendation to increase to \$50,000 beginning Jan 1, 2019. Currently the dependent will receive \$200 per month and recommended increase is \$400 per month. Hutchison questioned the cost increase. Miller stated that the current is \$1,100/Month and with the increases would be \$2,000/Month. After much discussion, Miller suggested increase today and possibly more of increase next year. Miller explained that the Line of Death benefit to the children is currently \$50 each. George Taylor made a motion to approve the increase with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor. The renewal was signed by John Comer, President.
 - d. Longevity Proposed Changes – Weston-Hubner presented information that was requested by the Council and Commissioners during the 2019 Budget Meeting as the longevity line was approved for increase in the Commissioner's budget for 2019. The information presented showed several Counties Longevity. Lee Kay discussed the reasons for not allowing the proposed change such as Judge additional position, prosecutor possible budget increase, Extension full time employee request, Sheriff COLA increase, the ambulance budget was increased and new deputy for Auditor. Steve Eberly questioned the employee turnover and asked if this is something that we need to look at as a group. Brian Jordan stated that his employer does not have scaled wages but employees receive shares for years worked. Kuiper stated that at his previous job they had a bonus system as well. Brian Jordan stated that the longevity is a salary so this would be a decision made by the Council. Tom Hetrick stated that in the past the Commissioners made the decision. Tabled until the Commissioner review.
9. Brian Jordan stated that he is collecting information from other Counties in regard to black topping. Jordan will present the information at the next Council meeting.
10. Steve Eberly stated that on September 27, 2018 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. there will be an Employment Showcase for employment opportunities in Parke, Verm, Warren and Fountain Counties.
11. Matt Herndon, Highway Department Supervisor, stated that he appreciated all that the Council has done for them. Herndon stated that the State Line Road project is almost finished and looks good. Hutchison inquired about the Community Crossing Grant. Jenny Hobaugh, Highway Department Office Manager, stated that on Sept 4th there will be an official bid opening for 4 roads that need to be added to the Grant application as well as bridge #122 is being considered. Hutchison inquired about additional grants. Eberly stated that the Highway is finishing up the paperwork from the flood damage in the Spring for FEMA which is over \$140,000.
12. Phil Astell, EMA Director, discussed the EMA phone system. Astell stated that they are working on quotes for a phone system as the current system is not working properly.
13. Robin Weston-Hubner presented information concerning the MVH increase. The estimated for 2019 is slightly lower than the 2018 estimate due to a change in the Indiana Legislature for the gas tax calculation.

The next County Council meeting will be October 29, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

There being no further business, Adam Hanthorne made a motion to adjourn with a second from Clay Andrews.

ATTEST: Robin Weston-Hubner
Robin Weston-Hubner

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Steve McIntosh
Steve McIntosh, Vice President

Clay Andrews
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Laurie "Lee" Kay

Sharon Hutchison
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