

WHITLEY COUNTY COUNCIL

January 6, 2015

The Whitley County Council met in regular session at 8:00 am on Tuesday, January 6, 2015 in the Commissioner's Room located on the first floor of the Whitley County Government Center. Members in attendance were Chairman Tom Western, Vice Chairman Kim Wheeler, Glen LaRue, Jim Bayman, John Barrett, Bill Overdeer, and Paula Reimers. Also in attendance were Auditor Jana Schinbeckler, Karli Hendry, DJ Sigler, Jr., Jeff Mize, Jeff Scher, Jason Brooks, Troy Wilcoxson, Ryan Daniel, Jeff Walker, Aaron Schoon, and Karen Harpel.

Chairman Western called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE WAIVER OF NON-COMPLIANCE FOR BRIGGS NUTRIENTS, LLC: Chairman Western opened the hearing to the public. There was no public comment. Council member Bayman made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-01 for the waiver of non-compliance for Briggs Nutrients. The motion was seconded by Overdeer and passed with a 7/0 vote. Chairman Western closed the public hearing at this time.

IN THE MATTER OF TAX ABATEMENT REQUESTS: The Council reviewed three tax abatements that were requested by companies. A tax abatement for Briggs Nutrients, LLC was reviewed and the request was for 10 years. Council member Wheeler made a motion to approve the 10 year tax abatement, seconded by Council member Barrett, and passed with a 7/0 vote. ChromaSource, Inc. requested a resolution for a tax abatement. The Resolution is for Whitley County Council approving the deduction of assessed valuation for personal property improvements located in the Whitley County Economic Revitalization Area. A motion to approve Resolution 2015-02 for the 10 year tax abatement was made by Overdeer, seconded by LaRue, and passed with a 7/0 vote. 30 Spec Realty requested a resolution for a tax abatement. The Resolution is for Whitley County Council approving the deduction of assessed valuation for real property improvements located in the Whitley County Economic Revitalization Area. A motion to approve Resolution 2015-03 for the 10 year tax abatement was made by Barrett, seconded by Reimers, and passed with a 7/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CEDIT REQUEST FROM IMPACT CNC: Alan Tio presented a request to the Council for Impact CNC. Impact CNC is based in Whitley County and it was started in 2012. They are hoping to acquire their second and third locations. Alan stated that the City of Columbia City is supporting their project. Impact CNC is requesting the use of CEDIT funds in the amount of \$50,000 to aid in the purchasing of the buildings and their project. Alan reported that it did already receive a favorable pass from the Commissioners to the Council. Council member Reimers made a motion to approve the \$50,000 from CEDIT on Site-off Site Improvements to Impact CNC. The motion was seconded by Wheeler and passed with a 7/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF THE WHITLEY COUNTY PROSECUTOR: DJ Sigler, Jr. and Karli Hendry from the Prosecutor's office came to the meeting on behalf of County Prosecutor Matt Rentschler. The request from Matt is to be a full time Prosecutor for Whitley County with his current election into the position. Council member Bayman made a motion to approve Matt's request for full time Prosecutor, seconded by Overdeer, and passed with a 7/0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES: The minutes from the December 2, December 11, and December 30, 2014 meetings were reviewed. The minutes from December 2nd had one correction. Under the "Commissioners Report", it states that "Overdeer made a motion to approve the purchase of the snow blower with the funds, the motion was seconded by Reimers, and passed with a 4/3 vote with Council members Wheeler, Bayman, and LaRue abstaining". It should read "Overdeer made a motion to approve the purchase of the snow blower with the funds, the motion was seconded by Reimers, and passed with a 4/3 vote with Council members Wheeler, Bayman, and LaRue voting against". Council member Barrett made a motion to approve the December 2nd minutes with this correction, seconded by Wheeler, and passed with a 7/0 vote. The minutes from December 11th had one correction as well. Under the "In the Matter of the Additional Appropriation and Transfer", it states that "Council member Reimers made a

motion to approve the additional appropriation, seconded by Overdeer and passed with a 4/3 vote with Wheeler and Bayman abstaining”. It should read, “Council member Reimers made a motion to approve the additional appropriation, seconded by Overdeer and passed with a 4/3 vote with Wheeler and Bayman voting against”. Council member Barrett made a motion to approve the December 11th minutes with this correction, seconded by Wheeler, and passed with a 6/1 vote with LaRue abstaining. The December 30th minutes had one correction. Under “In the Matter of the New Sheriff Contract”, it states “This was with Council members Bayman, Wheeler, and Reimers abstaining”. It should read, “This was with Council members Bayman, Wheeler, and Reimers voting against”. Council member Barrett made a motion to approve the December 30th minutes with this correction, seconded by Wheeler, and passed with a 7/0 vote.


COMMISSIONERS REPORT: Commissioner Amber gave a report from the Commissioners meeting:


- Commissioner Amber informed the Council that the DLZ presented their feasibility study to the Commissioners on December 15, 2014. On January 20, 2015 the DLZ is coming back to present the cost of the potential new Jail and new Work Release facility and/or additions that we may have in the future. Commissioner Amber requested that the Council attend the meeting on the 20th and have a joint meeting for the presentation. The joint meeting and presentation will be at 2:00 pm.
- Commissioner Amber also reported that the Commissioners did not do officer elections at the January 5, 2015 meeting because Commissioner Schrupf was not able to attend. He also stated that at the meeting, there was a well variance request and the Commissioners denied the request because the well would have to be under a roof. He also informed the Council of the data breach in the Recorder’s office. He stated that we have decided to file our own suit against the company for the data breach.
- Commissioner Amber reported that at the Commissioner meeting, they also made a favorable pass to the Council for the request of CEDIT funds for Impact CNC. The County and the City of Columbia City are working together to help Impact CNC fund their new project.

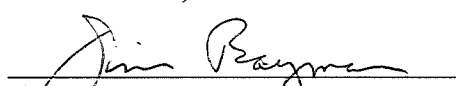
IN OTHER BUSINESS: The County Council discussed their board elections for 2015. Council member Bayman made a motion to appoint Tom Western as Chairman and to appoint Kim Wheeler as the Vice Chairman. The motion was seconded by Overdeer and passed with a 7/0 vote. There were no changes for the Committees that the members of the Council are on. The Council was also requested to appoint someone to fill out their payroll vouchers every pay period. Council member Wheeler made a motion for Auditor Jana Schinbeckler to fill out their payroll vouchers, seconded by Reimers, and passed with a 7/0 vote. Jana Schinbeckler presented a transfer from Longevity in the Commissioner budget to Equipment in Cum Capital Development in the amount of \$28,000. Council member Reimers made a motion to approve the transfer, seconded by Overdeer, and passed with a 4/3 vote with Wheeler, Bayman, and LaRue voting against.

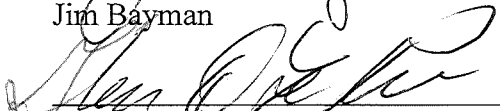
There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 am.

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Thomas Western, Chairman


Kim Wheeler, Vice Chairman


Jim Bayman


Glen LaRue

ABSENT

John Barrett

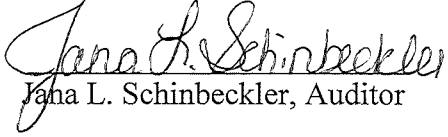


William Overdeer



Paula G. Reimers

Attest:



Jana L. Schinbeckler, Auditor

