

MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
ST. JOSEPH COUNTY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 11, 2018

The regular meeting of the St. Joseph County Council was called to order at 6:03 p.m., on September 11, 2018, by the President, Rafael Morton, in the Council Chambers, fourth floor, County-City Building, South Bend, Indiana.

Members in attendance were:

Mr. Robert L. Kruszynski
Mr. Corey Noland
Mr. Richard Pfeil
Ms. Diana Hess
Mr. Rafael Morton
Mr. Mark P. Telloyan
Mr. Mark A. Catanzarite
Mr. Robert J. McCahill
Mr. Mark Root

Present from the Auditor's office was Michael J. Hamann, Auditor and John Murphy, Chief Deputy Auditor. Council staff present was Mr. Michael Trippel, Attorney and Ms. Jennifer Prawat, Executive Secretary.

Petitions, Communications & Miscellaneous Matters:

Ms. Hess made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2018 meeting and was seconded by Mr. Noland the motion was passed by a voice vote; 9-0.

No report from the County Auditor
No report from the County Commissioner
No Report from Council Special Committee

First Reading(s):

BILL NO. 62-18: A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA HAVE BEEN MET AND CONFIRMING RESOLUTION NO. R5-18 OF THE ST. JOSEPH COUNTY COUNCIL DECLARING AN AREA OF ST. JOSEPH COUNTY TO BE AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA (CONFIRMING RESOLUTION)

PETITIONER: ABTREX INDUSTRIES

Assigned to the Land Use Planning Committee

BILL NO. 63-18: A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA HAVE BEEN MET AND CONFIRMING RESOLUTION NO. ___ OF THE ST. JOSEPH COUNTY COUNCIL DECLARING AN AREA OF ST. JOSEPH COUNTY TO BE AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA (CONFIRMING RESOLUTION)

PETITIONER: SF MOTORS

Assigned to the Land Use Planning Committee

BILL NO. 64-18: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING TITLE XV, LAND USAGE, CHAPTER 154, PLANNING AND ZONING, OF THE ST. JOSEPH COUNTY CODE, AS AMENDED, FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 55341 WINTERGREEN ROAD, 32645 AND 32787 EARLY ROAD FROM A: AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO R: SINGLE FAMILY DISTRICT

PETITIONERS: JEFFREY & SUSAN THOMPSON, NEW CARLISLE WESLEYAN CHURCH AND SERBIAN ORTHODOX MONASTERY

Assigned to the Land Use Planning Committee

BILL NO. 65-18: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PETITIONER FOR SPECIAL USE FILED BY CENTURY BUILDERS INC. FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT LOTS 3 AND 4 OF STROUDS MINOR SUBDIVISION

PETITIONER: CENTURY BUILDERS

Assigned to the Land Use Planning Committee

BILL NO. 66-18: AN ORDINANCE OF THE ST. JOSEPH COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING TITLE XV: LAND USAGE, BU AMENDING CHAPTER 150: GENERAL PROVISIONS; LICENSING AND REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

PETITIONER: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Assigned to the Land Use Planning Committee

Resolution(s):

BILL NO. 54-18: A RESOLUTION OF THE ST. JOSEPH COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVING THE BUDGET SUBMITTED BY LIBERTY TOWNSHIP

Sue Dittmar, Liberty Township Trustee, it is necessary for Liberty Township to present this petition to you because we currently have two board members who are also on our fire department. Our budget has increased twenty-six dollars from last year.

Tom McCormick, 66480 Sycamore Road, North Liberty, I am serving as the township board president here on behalf of our board supporting that we put this budget together and asking for your approval.

Steve Dalton, Cender and Company, at your request, we reviewed the documents submitted by Liberty Township, bought those to your committee meeting two weeks ago, we would recommend approval. This is a very immaterial increase. They will have to come to you any time they have an increase or an additional appropriation, so we may see them a couple of times in the next couple of years. We would recommend approval.

Motion to pass Bill No. 54-18 was made by Mr. Noland and seconded by Mr. McCahill. Bill No. 54-18 was passed to-wit; 9-0

Public Hearing on the Airport Authority, Solid Waste Management, and St. Joseph County 2019 Budget:

BILL NO. 55-18: ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES
(BUDGET FORM 4) AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Mike Daigle, Executive Director of South Bend International Airport, it's been a tremendous year for us. In our first twelve months of full operation of our international facility for corporate and general aircraft, we made a hundred and seventeen aircraft arrive with international destination to land in South Bend for the first time ever. They came to our community and spent their money in our community. Our proposed 2019 budget is actually two-point six three percent less than what we did for 2018. Almost half of our 2019 is a combination of federal and state dollars that we're going to spend on improvements on the airfield side. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

BILL NO. 56-18: ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES
(BUDGET FORM 4) SOLID WASTE

Randy Przybysz, Executive Director of Solid Waste Management, you should have our budget proposal. This is already gone through the budget review committee, our advisory committee which is by state law and our board. You are the final step. All three others said OK. You can see what I sent over, we are looking at a four hundred-thousand-dollar increase. That comes from two-line items otherwise the budget would have been the same. The HHW account, that is the money that we spend to our vendors to take away all of the hazardous waste. The other is, we are in contract negotiations with Borden Waste Away to continue the curb side program. If the contract is not approved and the program does not continue, our fees are set after the first of the year. That money will not be spent nor, will money be collected.

BILL NO. 57-18: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND FIXING THE NUMBERS OF EMPLOYEES OF ST. JOSEPH COUNTY, INDIANA FOR THE YEAR 2019

Mike Hamann, St. Joseph County Auditor, it looks as though the general fund budget will be seventy-one million, two hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars, seven hundred and eight five dollars. That is a balanced budget. When you look at all funds, the budget, it would be, one hundred forty-one million, seven hundred thirty-nine thousand, five hundred thirty-three dollars. That's when you look at all the funds combined. You all tried to do a couple of things this summer and into the fall, two things, one was to present a budget which was fiscally responsible, which was going to be able to help us whether the fiscal cliff coming up and at the same time, you wanted to do something for our employees and these department heads, you all came up with a couple of things, a 2% pay raise for all employees, 3% for the merit officers, you also decided to raise the floor for salaries up to twenty-seven thousand dollars. We also looked at the health department and their very acute needs in terms of trying to hold on to good, quality employees, we agreed to free up six hundred thousand dollars out of the reserves of about one point five, one point six million dollars to help take care of some of these employees that are underpaid in addition to that you put into the 2019 budget a two hundred thousand dollar, set aside, to take on the lead issue.

Mr. Noland: You mentioned the GFOA recommended reserves, I think we are at sixteen percent, what is the recommended....

Mr. Hamann: Sixteen percent. We are right there.

Mr. Pfeil: We have had a long period of time where some people on our staff got regular raises and others didn't get a raise. It's very hard to explain to an organization how you have money for some people to get a raise and how other people in that same organization don't get one. I think this new approach, which everyone here is involved with, I am just one of the nine on this council but, I think that it's something that's monumental and extremely important that we say to our people you get a pat on the back, you get raise, you get something. People say nothing doesn't have much power, but the power of nothing is amazing. When it comes to raise time, the individual in the family, sit around the dinner table and they say what did you get this year and when they can say nothing, I got nothing this year, they got their regular pay, we know that but they didn't get a seat at the table when some improvemnets in income were coming out. I think it's extremely important that we change that approach and I think the council is doing that.

BILL NO. 58-18: ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES (BUDGET FORM 4) ST. JOSEPH COUNTY, INDIANA

Salary Amendment(s):

BILL NO. 60-18: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 60-17, THE SAME BEING AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND FIXING THE NUMBERS OF EMPLOYEES OF ST. JOSEPH COUNTY FOR THE YEAR 2018 PETITIONER: AUDITOR (*Combined with Bill No. 59-18 B*)

Ms. Hess reported that Bill No. 60-18 comes with a favorable recommendation.

Mike Hamann, St. Joseph County Auditor, this is part of a reorganization with the mailroom. There were two employees in the mailroom, overseen by the Commissioners, one has retired. The Commissioners had the idea that instead of hiring another person, they could divvy up those responsibilities between two people. The person that has been in that position is getting an increase in duties and an increase in salary and my executive secretary in my office is going to assume some of those duties as well so she will be getting a pay increase of two thousand dollars. There is a savings of about twenty thousand dollars.

Motion to pass Bill No. 60-18 was made by Mr. Catanzarite and seconded by Mr. Hess. Bill No. 60-18 was passed to-wit; 9-0

1000-11520-000-0005 Patrolman \$100,000.00
TOTAL: \$400,000.00

E. Jail
General Fund

FROM: 1000-11541-000-0006 Correctional Officer \$80,000.00
TO: 1000-11571-000-0006 Overtime 80,000.00
TOTAL: \$80,000.00

F. County Police
General Fund

FROM: 1000-11505-000-0005 Captain \$50,000.00
1000-11516-000-0005 Corporal II Senior 10,000.00
TOTAL: \$60,000.00

TO: 1000-11571-000-0005 Overtime \$50,000.00
1000-11571-000-0005 Overtime 10,000.00
TOTAL: \$60,000.00

G. County Police
General Fund

FROM: 1000-11040-000-0005 Board Members \$6,000.00
TO: 1000-31211-000-0005 Board Members 6,000.00
TOTAL: \$6,000.00

H. Sheriff's Dept.
General Fund

FROM: 1000-14850-000-0040 Unemployment Costs \$25,000.00
TO: 1000-32022-000-0040 Return of Fugitives 25,000.00
TOTAL: \$25,000.00

I. Juvenile Justice Center/St. Joseph Probate Court
General Fund

FROM: 1000-11367-000-0049 Team Leaders \$10,000.00
1000-11370-000-0049 Detention Officers 74,000.00
TOTAL: \$84,000.00

TO: 1000-11439-000-0049 Overtime \$84,000.00
TOTAL: \$84,000.00

APPROPRIATE:

J. Auditor
LIT Public Safety Fund

1170-45010-000-0081 Vehicles-EMS \$330,300.00
TOTAL: \$330,000.00

K. Clerk
HAVA Fund

1215-44250-000-0001	HAVA	\$176,610.00
1215-39750-000-0001	HAVA	967.00
	<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$177,577.00</u>

L. County Police
LIT Public Safety Fund

1170-14830-000-0005	Police Pension	\$72,000.00
	<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$72,000.00</u>

M. County Police
General Fund

1000-11571-000-0005	Overtime	\$27,009.51
	<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$27,009.51</u>

N. Ducomb Center
Comm Base Correction

9125-39986-000-0080	Distribution to the State	\$54,117.16
9125-39986-000-0080	Distribution to the State	3,367.70
9125-39986-000-0080	Distribution to the State	14,085.57
	<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$71,570.43</u>

Motion to pass Bill No. 59-18 was made by Mr. Noland and seconded by Mr. Pfeil. Bill No. 59-18 was passed to-wit; 9-0

Land Use Planning:

BILL NO. 52-18: A RESOLUTION OF THE ST. JOSEPH COUNTY COUNCIL DECLARING A PORTION OF ST. JOSEPH COUNTY AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA, PURSUANT TO IC.6-1.1-12.1-1, ET SEQ. PETITIONER: SF MOTORS (DECLARATORY RESOLUTION)

Mr. Noland reported that Bill No. 52-18 comes with a favorable recommendation.

Bill Schalliol, Executive Director of Economic Development, SF Motors will repurpose and reuse the former AM General property out on McKinley Avenue. This is the first of the two steps in the declaratory process. The tax abatement would be for personal property tax only, that's proposed as a seven-year tax abatement with a total estimated savings with twenty million dollars of investment of approximately eight hundred and sixty-three thousand dollars. I would note as we discussed before, the only party that affected by this tax abatement is the St. Joseph County Redevelopment Commission, this property sits within a economic development area, all personal property tax as well as real property tax collected off this property goes to the Redevelopment Commission, this abatement really is only affecting the increment generation during the seven year period of time.

Mr. Catanzarite: In the next couple of weeks before we have a confirming resolution on this, will there be more time where we can work on hammering out any differences or any further amendments to the development agreement?

Mr. Schalliol: It is my anticipation that with your favorable approval tonight, we will have, in addition to a confirming resolution at your committee meeting, we would also have the development agreement, I am certainly happy to recirculate that amongst the members, any comments I'd be happy to have those, we'd like to get that back so that we can have a final version to present to you at committee. The goal would then be, the same night as the confirming to do the development agreement approval also having been through the Commissioners as well as the Redevelopment Commission before it comes to you for final approval.

Motion to pass Bill No. 52-18 was made by Mr. Catanzarite and seconded by Mr. Noland. Bill No. 52-18 was passed
to-wit; 9-0

Miscellaneous:

Unfinished Business:

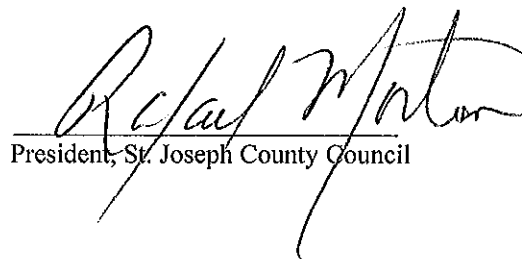
New Business:

Privilege of the Floor:

Andre Stoner, 628 Cushing Street, I wanted to speak to the budget regarding the health department. We have been working with a number of partners across the city and we are really please that in the last number of months some really significant changes in leadership have occurred at the health department and we feel like we really have partners that are strategizing with us, working with us, engaging with us. Our public health funding in St. Joseph County is, according to my information, number fifty seven out of ninety-two counties and the State of Indiana is thirty six out of fifty states, so we are somewhere at the bottom. This is not just about lead but it's also about infant mortality, it's about obesity, suicide a whole host of public health issues. I just want to say thank you for the additional money. It seems like a very modest step and we certainly hope there will be further, more ambitious kind of steps that are taken.

Adjournment: Mr. Morton stated that the meeting was adjourned 6:38 p.m.


Auditor, St. Joseph County


President, St. Joseph County Council