

COUNCIL OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Topic: Council Salaries (Members, President & Clerk)
April 28, 2025

Council President Thad Eikenbary called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and noted the topic was on salaries of council members, council president and city council clerk.

Ringwald, Kallas, Bowers, Agler, Roberts, Moore, and Marshall were present.

President Eikenbary let Jeff Kallas take the lead on this discussion. Kallas made it apparent he is not running for council next term, so his opinions would not be swayed for himself.

Ringwald sent a proposal after some research that council referred to and discussed during the meeting.

3% “cost of living” increase was mentioned. Ringwald mentions doing research on history of pay for council members and describing responsibilities that a council member may take on.

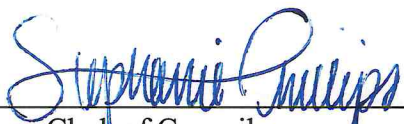
Ringwald also mentioned the raise should be meaningful, measurable and have an impact on the community. She mentioned using as a measurement system based on a figure in the US Census Average Household Income for Van Wert for now and into the future. An example Mrs. Ringwald threw out would be 10% of this figure that would be adjusted every other June (increase or decrease) which based on current figures, would put council’s salary at \$5360.

General consensus seems that council all agree with and favor Ringwald’s approach.

The mayor is proposing, a rule be added into Chapter 30 to say that this salary ordinance cannot be changed without rescission (which takes 6 votes).

Joe Jared, thinks salary should not be a consideration when a candidate was running, the person running should just be about the betterment of the citizens.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.



Clerk of Council
Stephanie R. Phillips



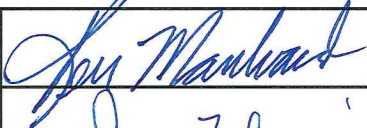
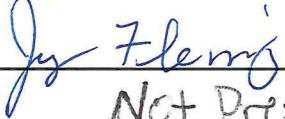
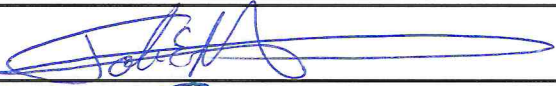

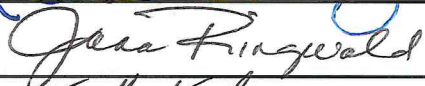


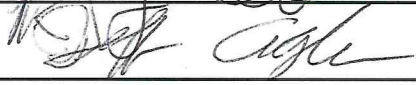


Council President
Thad R. Eikenbary

May 12, 2025
DATE

TOPIC: Council of the Whole Meeting for Salaries

Date: 04/28/2025

COUNCIL/CITY MEMBERS

Mayor Ken Markward	
Safety Service Director Jay Fleming	
Auditor Erika Blackmore	Not Present
Law Director John Hatcher	
President Thad Eikenbary	
Jana Ringwald	
Jeff Kallas	
Judy Bowers	
Jeff Agler	
Greg Roberts	
Julie Moore	
Bill Marshall	